



SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

What's happening on the job?

Well we finished the first layer of rock from M.P. 1.05 to McConkey Bridge this week. Along with the rock placement the contractor's crew has been busy dressing up the side slopes with topsoil and shaping the ditches by hand. You may have also seen the new stream channel being formed and rock lined. Although the channel is dry its not long before we have water flowing through the new concrete box culvert and down the new channel, we just need to build the concrete headwall at the inlet. The contractor also started opening a new section of work, that from M.P. 3.5 to 3.9.

Last week you may have heard or seen the ambulances on our job. On Monday July 19, 2004 about 2:00 pm one of the subcontractors fence employees was seriously injured on the job. He was putting out fence material from his pickup truck when he pulled up into the area the grader was working. Knowing the grader was working this area, everyone knew to stay clear, but for some reason perhaps to save time, thinking it would only take a minute or so to toss off a few fence posts the pickup pulled up and parked in the grading zone. What happened next, when backing up, the grader bumped the pickup and with the fence employee behind it, he was knocked down with the pickup stopping with the rear tire on top of him. It was one of those accidents that you could call very unusual and points out that even for those that know to be cautious in a construction area the risk is real. That equipment moving around the construction zone is not like a car they have blind spots to the operator, they need extra room around them to be safe and everyone works with the knowledge that we watch for others and always maintain a safe zone around ourselves. That's why we don't want anyone riding horses, bicycles, cars, or walking through an active work zone unescorted. So next time you drive through just note that when those pilot lines move past construction the construction is nearly stopped, everyone is aware that you the traveler is moving through their work area and they are watching out for you.

Next week expect work zones and traffic control in two segments M.P. 1.00 to 1.8 and 3.3 to 4.0.

*** * EXPECT 30-MINUTE DELAYS DAWN TO DUSK * ***
Monday thru Thursday next week & Friday till Noon