



SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

What's happening on the job?

With fall rains showing up the amount of roadway under construction is limited. Hopes are high that we can get at least over the hill with new pavement before our winter rains begin. The contractor is working the segment on the east side of the hill and over the top. The large side hill fills started last year are nearly complete. We are close to tearing out the old road adjacent to these fills but when that happens is weather dependent. It might mean a day-by-day shift of the roadway in order to avoid a clay roadway.

On the east side of the hill, adjacent to the slide, we moved the roadway away from the hill and realigned this section in order to construct the roadway this year. As it was, the roadway would not have been built this year due to the slide. The slide repair as it now stands includes a drainage system about mid point on the hill, removal of the loose material, reshaping the bank to flatten out the slope, and a drainage system along the bottom of hill, a French drain. A French drain is nothing more than open graded rock that provides a path for the water to follow. We are wrapping the rock with a synthetic fabric to separate the dirt from the rock yet allow water passage. As a further measure of drainage, a pipe with drain holes is being install within the rock. With the drainpipes drilled into the hillside, a mid hill drain system and the French drain at the base, water coming from the hill and cause for the initial slide is contained.

On Friday of this week if weather permits, you could see asphalt work on Galloway Road and some on Sandlake Road. This is minor asphalt paving in preparation to placing the final asphalt lift later this month. Next week expect pilot cars running from M.P. 0.80 to M.P. 4.0 Monday through Friday. The contractor has said that with restrictions lifted to what days he can work, they might try to capitalize on remaining sunshine by working on Saturdays if it allows them to finish work started or continuing from Friday. We know this cuts into the weekend but the dry days are getting fewer and farther apart in the coming months.

*** * EXPECT 30-MINUTE DELAYS DAWN TO DUSK ****

Friday thru Friday and possibly Saturday weather permitting

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