Route 624 (Morgan Ford Road) - Bridge over Shenandoah River

Contract Value:
$4,886,508

Completion Date:
May 30, 2018

Project Manager:
Robert Good, P.E., 540-743-1420

The low-water bridge over the Shenandoah River on Route 624 (Morgan Ford Road) is being replaced with a new two-lane bridge in the vicinity of Route 643 (Howellsville Road). This project in Warren County is located approximately 0.3 mile north of Route 643. At the existing bridge site there are easements with the Virginia Outdoor Foundation (VOF) on the north side and Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) property on the south side. Morgan Ford Boat Landing is on the southeastern side of the existing bridge. The environmental process in the project design phase reviewed the historic and cultural resources of the area. During design development VDOT incorporated elements to have the bridge blend with the aesthetic nature of the surrounding environment and rural community.

The existing multi-span bridge is a single-lane structure built in 1925 and is 321-feet long with a single 11-foot wide lane. The existing bridge does not meet the current design standards and is in poor condition. During the design process the existing bridge was evaluated for repair and rehabilitation, but it was not economically feasible to pursue this course of action due to safety issues and economic reasons. A public hearing was held in February 2013 and the design was accelerated to accommodate advertisement in late 2015. This project was advertised for construction in November 2015. On January 29, 2016 a $4,886,508 contract was awarded to Orders Construction Company Inc. of Saint Albans, West Virginia.

Route 624 (Happy Creek Road)

SMART SCALE Applicant:
Warren County

SMART SCALE Funding:
$9,959,052

Estimated Cost:
$10,487,052

Estimated Ad Date:
Early 2021

Project Manager:
Charles Gardner, 540-332-7893

The Route 624 (Happy Creek Road) project provides safety improvements from the Town of Front Royal Eastern Corporate limits to Route 645 (Manassas Run Road). Route 624 is a two-lane road with 10-foot wide travel lanes. Work includes widening the lanes to 11 feet, reducing fixed object hazards, increasing intersection capacity and improving drainage.

On a portion of Route 624 is a wooded area with a curve, which currently limits drivers’ sight views. This area will be cleared and the curve reduced to improve visibility.

In the middle of the project, near the Town limits is an at-grade crossing for the Norfolk Southern Railroad. Trains at this crossing serve the Virginia Inland port which is located north of Front Royal. Route 624 has a curve at the crossing, which will be reduced with a slight roadway realignment. Reflective signs and chevrons will be posted to help drivers see the road particularly during night and low light conditions.

Turn lanes will be constructed on Route 624 at Route 647 (Dismal Hollow Road) and Route 645 (Manassas Run Road).
Locally Administered - Town of Front Royal
Criser Road - Happy Creek Bridge Replacement

**Estimated Cost:**
$450,000

This project will replace the single span cast-in-place concrete slab span bridge. The new structure will have two travel lanes with space for bike and pedestrian travel.

**Estimated Ad Date:**
Early 2019

This is a revenue sharing project with the Town of Front Royal.

**Project Manager:**
Steven Damron, 540-332-7389
Rural Rustic Roads and Rural Addition Roads

The Rural Rustic Road program provides paving to qualifying secondary roads. All work to be completed within the existing right of way. The road surface is generally widened to 16 to 18 feet, drainage is improved and the road receives a surface treatment pavement.

The Rural Addition Road program reconstructs non-state maintained roads to meet state standards.

Road Name: Lake Front Road  UPC: 108674
Revenue Sharing Project - Reconstruction of Lake Front Road to meet state standards.
This 0.14-mile long project reconstructs Lake Front Road from Route 522 (Remount Road) to Creek Road.
Under Construction: $700,000
Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2019
Project Manager: Steve Damron, 540-332-7389

Road Name: Shangri-La Road  UPC: 107245
Revenue Sharing Project - Reconstruction of Shangri-La Road to meet state standards.
This 0.15-mile long project reconstructs Shangri-La Road from the end of state maintenance to 0.15 miles south of the end of state maintenance.
Under Construction: 236,918
Estimated Completion Date: Spring 2019
Project Manager: Steve Damron, 540-332-7389

Road Name: Farm View Road  UPC: 108676
Revenue Sharing Project - Reconstruction of Farm View Road to meet state standards.
This 0.31-mile long project reconstructs Farm View Road from Route 638 (Howellsville Road) to 0.31-mile west of Route 638.
Under Construction: $286,000
Estimated Completion Date: Mid 2018
Project Manager: Steve Damron, 540-332-7389

Road Name: Tomahawk Way  UPC: 108675
Revenue Sharing Project - Reconstruction of Tomahawk Way to meet state standards.
This 0.25-mile long project reconstructs Tomahawk Way from end of current pavement at Route 875 to Old Linden Road.
Estimated Cost: $280,000
Estimated Construction Date: Spring 2019
Project Manager: Steve Damron, 540-332-7389