

July 21, 2009

GILBERT'S CORNER:

The second detour route has been in place for three weeks now and people are getting more comfortable maneuvering through Roundabout #4. The rains that delayed the project during the first detour have disappeared and the contractor has been busy working at various locations.

At Roundabout #1 (Routes 15/50 intersection) the contractor is working on the northwest corner where a slip lane is being constructed. Two sections of the southern portion of the roundabout are complete.

The contractor has begun milling the old pavement to the east of Roundabout #1 and will be installing drainage, cutting down the hump on existing Route 50 while raising the roadway over the existing box culvert. This will greatly improve the sight distance as Westbound traffic approaches the Gilberts Corner intersection.

At Roundabout #3 (Watson Road) the contractor has completed about 80 percent of the roundabout and is working on the new realignment of Watson Road. Watch for the signs and message boards as Watson Road will be closed for two weeks beginning in the near future to complete the new roadway tie-in and demolish the old roadway.

At Roundabout #4 (Route 15/ Howsers Branch Connector Road intersection) is open and the contractor still has to complete the eastern and southern splitter islands.

At Roundabout #2 (Route 50/Howser Branch Connector Road intersection) the contractor has closed the western entrance/exit during this phase while that section Route 50 is reconstructed.

Upperville

The landscaping contractor recently worked on the plants within Upperville and will be back in the fall to replace some plants that had to be removed.

ROUTE 50 TASK FORCE:

The next Task Force meeting will be held July 28th at the Middleburg Town Hall starting at 4:30 p.m.

That's all for this week. Feel free to stop by the Aldie office or contact us by phone or e-mail.

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July 31, 2009

GILBERT'S CORNER:

Watson Road to be closed beginning Monday August 3rd till Monday August 17th.

At Roundabout #3 (Watson Road) the contractor has completed about 85 percent of the roundabout and is working on the new realignment of Watson Road. This week the contractor has been working on paving the roadway and installing curbing.

The signs and message boards have been up all week in preparation for the road closing when the contractor will demolish existing Watson Road and complete the tie-in of the new Watson Road into Roundabout #3.

The contractor will be coordinating with Aldie Fire and Rescue to provide emergency access. Loudoun County 911 has also been notified of the road closure. It was very important to get this road closure phase completed during summer to not conflict with school bus routes.

At Roundabout #1 (Routes 15/50 intersection) the contractor is working both the slip lane in the northwest quadrant and on reconstruction of existing Route 50 east of the intersection. Drainage items are being installed and sight distance will be improved.

At Roundabout #4 (Route 15/ Howsers Branch Connector Road intersection) is open and the contractor still has to complete the eastern and southern splitter islands.

At Roundabout #2 (Route 50/Howser Branch Connector Road intersection)
the contractor has closed the western entrance/exit during this phase while that section Route 50 is reconstructed. The contractor was installing roadway lighting items this week.

Aldie

The design team has submitted some design waivers and exception requests for review prior to submitting the right of way plans for approval. Hopefully the right of way phase will have the notice to proceed soon and VDOT will be contacting the impacted property owners to begin negotiations.

ROUTE 50 TASK FORCE:

The July meeting was held Tuesday in Middleburg and the next Task Force meeting will be held September 8th at the Middleburg Town Hall starting at 4:30 p.m.

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