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PERMANENT CLOSURE ON PORTION OF ROUTE 686 IN PAGE COUNTY

STAUNTON – The intersection of Route 686 (Smeltzer’s Road) and Route 340 (Stonewall Jackson Memorial Highway) is scheduled to close permanently on May 23. This portion of Route 686 is located 0.24 miles south of the intersection of Route 662 (Compton Hollow Road) at Route 340 in Page County. After the closure has been implemented, a cul-de-sac will be constructed at the west end of Route 686.

The closure is a result of the new alignment of Route 340 from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Compton Creek and Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge projects. These projects are currently under construction by Kanawha Stone Company, Inc., of Nitro, West Virginia.

The Compton Creek/Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge project limits extend from 3.48 miles south of the Page and Warren County line to 2.50 miles south of the Page and Warren County line. The project includes replacement of the Route 340 Bridge over Compton Creek and the Route 340 Bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad along with grading and storm drainage improvements.

Motorists wishing to access Route 686 will need to turn off of Route 340 onto Route 662 and travel 0.26 miles east on Route 662 to the intersection of Route 686. Signs will be posted.

Estimated completion for the cul-de-sac work on Route 686 is October 2011. Estimated completion for the entire Compton Creek/Norfolk Southern Railroad Bridge project is October 31, 2013.

The VDOT Staunton District serves Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke, Warren, Page, Rockingham, Augusta, Highland, Rockbridge, Alleghany and Bath counties.

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