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ROUTE 602 BRIDGE REHABILITATION BEGINS APRIL 23 AT ROCKINGHAM-PAGE COUNTY LINE

STAUNTON – The Virginia Department of Transportation is about to begin rehabilitation of the Route 602 (East Point Road/Maryland Avenue) truss bridge over the South Fork Shenandoah River. This bridge is at the Rockingham-Page county line near the town of Shenandoah.

Starting Monday, April 23, motorists should expect flagger traffic control on weekdays as contractors start moving equipment and installing temporary traffic signals on both sides of the bridge. The signals are scheduled to be activated in early May 2018 and will control traffic 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

During later phases of the project (September-November 2018), the Route 602 bridge will be closed to all traffic during overnight hours and weekends. A detour route will be posted. VDOT has been coordinating with Page and Rockingham counties to ensure all residents have access to emergency services when the bridge is closed.

Portions of the bridge date back to the 1920s, and vehicle weight limits were put in place in 2016. Rehabilitation will allow weight restrictions to be lifted and for the bridge to accommodate all legal loads. Additional information about the Route 602 bridge rehabilitation project is at http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/staunton/rockingham_county_8211_route_602_south_fork_shenandoah_river_bridge.asp.

On April 10, 2018, VDOT awarded a \$1,739,233.00 contract to Lanford Brothers Co. Inc. of Roanoke, Virginia. The project has a contract completion date of November 30, 2018. All work is weather permitting.

Virginia traffic alerts and traveler information can be obtained by dialing 511. Traffic alerts and traveler information also are available at <http://www.511Virginia.org>.

The VDOT Customer Service Center can assist with reporting road hazards, asking transportation questions, or getting information related to Virginia's roads. Call 800-FOR-

ROAD (800-367-7623) or use its mobile friendly website at <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/>. Agents are available 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week.

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