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ROUTE 624 BRIDGE IN WARREN COUNTY OPENS JANUARY 22 *Project Continues Through Spring 2018*

STAUNTON – The new Route 624 (Morgan Ford Road) bridge over the Shenandoah River in Warren County is scheduled to open Monday, January 22. Traffic using Route 624 between Route 643 (Howellsville Road) and Route 661 (Fairgrounds Road) has been detoured since April 2016 due to bridge construction. Those detours will be lifted mid-morning on January 22.

The new two-lane bridge over the Shenandoah River will be open to traffic, but contractors continue work on the Route 624 project through late spring. This includes a final layer of asphalt on the bridge approaches, installation of final pavement markings, aesthetic treatments on the bridge railings, grading and seeding on both sides of the bridge, and construction of a parking area on the south side of the river.

Motorists can expect single-lane traffic and flagging operations as needed during the final months of the project. Work will generally occur Monday thru Friday. Motorists should plan for potential delays and remain alert as they travel through the work zone.

This section of Route 624 has a restriction on trucks exceeding 30 feet in total length. This will remain in place even after the construction project is complete. Truck drivers should continue to use alternate routes.

On January 29, 2016, the Virginia Department of Transportation awarded a \$4,886,508.07 contract to Orders Construction Company Inc. of Saint Albans, West Virginia. The project has a fixed completion date of June 1, 2018.

Additional information about the Route 624 bridge replacement project can be found at http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/staunton/warren_county_8211_route_624.asp.

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