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ROUTE 638 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BEGINS IN ALLEGHANY COUNTY *Road Closure Scheduled for March 12*

STAUNTON – Replacement of the Jackson River truss bridge has begun on Route 638 (Natural Well Road) in Alleghany County just south of Lake Moomaw. Flagger traffic control is possible from February 26 to March 9, 2018, during the initial stages of the project.

Beginning Monday, March 12, Route 638 is scheduled to close between Route 687 (Jackson River Road) and Route 666 (East Morris Hill Road). During the scheduled 15-month closure, motorists can access homes, businesses and visitor attractions on Route 638 by approaching from the appropriate side of the work zone.

Through traffic will follow a roughly eight-mile detour as follows:

- Westbound motorists will go south on Route 687, west on Route 641 (Indian Draft Road) and north on Route 666 to the end of the detour.
- Eastbound motorists will go south on Route 666, east on Route 641 and north on Route 687 to the end of the detour.

The existing Jackson River bridge dates back to 1913 and has a single travel lane. It will be replaced by a structure with two travel lanes and three-foot shoulders to better accommodate bicycle traffic. The Virginia Department of Transportation awarded a \$2,093,660 construction contract to Hammond-Mitchell Inc. of Covington, Virginia. The contract completion date is June 28, 2019.

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

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