



# Route 301 Bridge Rehabilitation Project Caroline County and King George County

*Pardon Our Dust Meeting April 6, 2016*

## Project Fast Facts

**Project Location:** James Madison Memorial Bridge on Route 301 at the Rappahannock River, between Caroline and King George counties

**Start date:** April 11, 2016

**Completion date:** October 2017

**Cost:** \$6.7 million

**Contractor:** Freyssinet, Inc.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What does this project involve, and what area does it cover?**

This project will rehabilitate the James Madison Memorial Bridge on Route 301 over the Rappahannock River. Concrete repairs will be underway below the bridge deck. The project will also replace bearings, shore up rip-rap on the river slope, and replace navigation lights on the fender system.

### **How will construction affect vehicle traffic?**

During construction, Route 301 will be reduced to a single lane in each direction on the bridge.

### **Will construction affect marine traffic?**

No. Boats can proceed under the bridge 24 hours a day throughout the project.

### **What is the condition of the existing bridge?**

The existing bridge was built in 1980. It is currently structurally deficient. These repairs were scheduled to improve the bridge and remove its classification as structurally deficient.

The James Madison Memorial Bridge is 1,483 feet long and 74 feet wide. When it opened in 1980, it replaced an existing swing span bridge built in 1934.

### **When will the project start and finish?**

The contractor will start to stage equipment and materials in the work zone the week of April 11, 2016. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction on the bridge through October 2017.

### **A construction project was completed on this bridge in 2013. Why is more work needed so soon?**

A \$6.4 million project was underway on the bridge from March 2012 to June 2013 to rehabilitate the bridge deck and add a new concrete overlay. The project also replaced expansion joints and the bridge railing. The current project will focus on repairs below deck. Both maintenance projects were required to rehabilitate the bridge and remove the structurally deficient classification. Funding was not available to complete all repairs at the same time.

### **Who can I contact if I have a question or concern?**

You can reach a VDOT representative 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling VDOT's Customer Service Center at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623). You can also contact VDOT's Communications Office, Fredericksburg District, at (540) 899-4288 or [fredericksburginfo@VDOT.Virginia.Gov](mailto:fredericksburginfo@VDOT.Virginia.Gov).