



Robert O. Norris Bridge Painting Project

Route 3, Lancaster and Middlesex counties

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting on upcoming maintenance work to paint the Robert O. Norris Bridge on Route 3 over the Rappahannock River.

Fast Facts

Contractor: M&J Painting Company, Inc.

Award amount: \$8.8 million

Project start: October 2016

Project completion (incentivized):
January 2018



What will be done during this project?

The three center spans of Norris Bridge will be cleaned and painted. Earlier sections of the bridge were painted in 2009-2012. This project will clean and paint approximately 335,000 square feet of structural steel. The steel will be painted an identical shade of blue to match the previously painted spans on the bridge.

Why is this project needed?

Cleaning the structural steel removes debris that can corrode it over time, causing it to deteriorate. Painting the steel adds a protective layer. It makes the steel more resistant to rust and shields it from corrosive substances such as saltwater, salt from snow removal operations, and bird droppings.

What can drivers and residents expect during the project?

During October 2016 to December 2016, the contractor will install platforms and stage equipment needed to clean and paint the steel. Motorists will encounter intermittent single lane closures Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Lane closures will be limited to the immediate area of the bridge where work is underway. No work will occur over the year end holidays in December 2016 and early January 2017.

Starting in mid-January 2017, temporary traffic signals will be installed on each side of the center spans. Traffic will alternate crossing the center portion of the bridge controlled by these signals. The signals will remain in place until January 2018, when work is anticipated to be complete. Emergency service providers will have the ability to control the signals.

Will marine traffic be affected?

The 110 ft. vertical clearance under the bridge's channel span will be reduced only by several feet, allowing nearly all marine traffic to continue passage during the project.

How can I stay informed during the project?

Before you start a trip, find real-time information on lane closures, work zones and traffic at the Norris Bridge on 511Virginia. Visit www.511virginia.org, call 511 from any phone in Virginia, or download the free mobile 511Virginia app for iPhone and Android devices.

Questions during the project?

Please call VDOT Communications Manager Kelly Hannon at (540) 374-3344 (office), (540) 656-0321 (cell) or email her at Kelly.Hannon@VDOT.Virginia.Gov.