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Weisenberger Road Improvements

Project Status Report

January 15, 2026

Date of Contract: December 4, 2024

Value of Contract: \$1,428,952

Billed to Date: \$321,258.81

Project Schedule: See Attachment

Accomplished to date:

- Field survey and hydraulic survey is complete;
- Environmental assessment
 - Wetland Delineation is complete
 - Phase 1 field work is complete
 - Hydraulic analysis is ongoing
- Conceptual Design is complete pending Bridge recommendations
- Coordination ongoing with Canadian National RR regarding impacts to rail crossing; Met with MDOT in regards to RR. CN will be more engaged as progress develops.
- Purpose and Need Statement approved by MDOT and FHWA
- Public Meeting was held on October in the process of being scheduled. Will most likely utilized City of Gluckstadt PD facility.
- Phase 1 ESA report submitted to MDOT
- Final Report for Wetlands complete

Project Challenges

- **10 utilities impacted** (1 power, 5 gas companies, 3 telecommunications, 1 water) – it's a busy corridor – not just above ground with the traffic but what lies underground as well
- **Bear Creek** – will prepare a hydraulic model of Bear Creek to combine two floodplains into 1 thereby minimizing as much as possible the new length and height required of the new bridge – requires extensive coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in the review process; will prepare a conditional letter of map revision followed by a Letter of Map Revision
- **Canadian National Railroad** – even though a crossing exists, the railroad sometimes wants a nearby crossing closed....will have to go through that process
- **Environmental Assessment** Scheduled for completion by June 2026

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- Hydraulic modeling/FEMA coordination to determine bridge length, height, floodplain impacts
- EA study efforts, report and coordination – impacts on environment
- Railroad coordination
- Topographic survey and 30% set of design plans

Schedule

- Environmental Assessment complete by June 2026 – **currently on schedule**
- Design Complete by September 2027 – **currently on schedule**
- Right-of-Way (12 parcels) acquisition complete by January 2028
- Utility Relocations begin September 2027 and complete by March 2029 – 18 months
- Bid, advertise and award March 2029 to June 2029
- Construction – begin June 2029 and complete June 2030

Project Items to be Accomplished by 4/1/26:

- Final Technical Reports
- Draft EA to be submitted to MDOT
- Approved Draft EA from MDOT and FHWA
- Public Hearing in April/May 2026
- Continued progress on Environmental Assessment
 - Continue hydrologic/hydraulic study of Bear Creek to determine bridge length, height and alignment and floodway/floodplain impacts based on FEMA requirements
- Continue CNRR coordination

Incidentals

- Parcels Required for Acquisition (12 months)
 - 12 permanent easements
 - 5 temporary construction easements
- Utility Companies
 - Entergy
 - Gulf South Pipeline Company
 - Enmark Energy
 - Texas Eastern Transmission
 - Atmos Energy

- Centerpoint Energy
 - Comcast
 - C-Spire
 - AT&T
 - Bear Creek Water Association
- 12,000 vehicles per day