



# Weisenberger Road Improvements Project Status Report April 20, 2026

**Date of Contract:** December 4, 2024

**Value of Contract:** \$1,428,952

**Billed to Date:** \$426,515

**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 2025.
- Draft EA submitted to MDOT/FHWA on January 30, 2026.
- Transportation Commission authorized to forward Draft EA to FHWA on April 14, 2026.

## 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



- 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 7/1/25:**

- Public Hearing to be held on FHWA authorizes.
- Continued progress on Environmental Assessment
  - Continue with Preliminary Plans
  - Continue with utility coordination
  - 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



