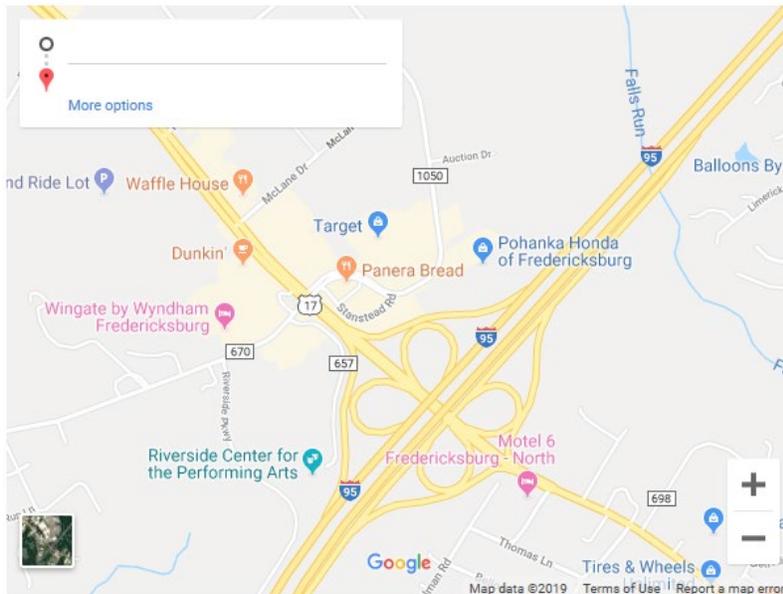


# Overpass demolition to close U.S. 17 lanes in Stafford

- [Scott Shenk](#)



Expect intermittent, full traffic stops on U.S. 17 at the Interstate 95 interchange in Stafford County for the first half of October while crews demolish the northbound overpass.

All U.S. 17 traffic, each way, will be stopped for periods of 30 minutes between midnight and 3 a.m. on weekdays through Oct. 18, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation. There also will be single-lane closures leading up to and following the intermittent traffic stops.

The work is part of the southbound Rappahannock River crossing project, which will add lanes to the interstate between U.S. 17 and State Route 3.

The I-95 overpasses in each direction at the U.S. 17 interchange are being replaced as part of the crossing project.

Traffic will be shifted to the new bridge in summer 2020, VDOT said.

The southbound crossing project is slated to be finished in May 2022.

# Brooke Road opening delayed again

- [By SCOTT SHENK THE FREE LANCE-STAR](#)

The Brooke Road project in Stafford County has hit yet another snag that will delay its completion.

The 1.8-mile section of road, which is closed to through traffic, was set to reopen Tuesday, but the county said in a news release that during a Virginia Department of Transportation safety inspection “some deficiencies were uncovered ... prompting Stafford County and the project contractor to address the issues immediately to provide the level of safety Stafford County desires for motorists.”

The road upgrade is a Stafford project, with county officials overseeing the construction company. VDOT, which must approve the finished project, asked the contractor to take care of several issues.

“Crews have been asked to finish installing guardrail at several locations, and to complete the installation of signs and striping,” said local VDOT spokeswoman Kelly Hannon. “Crews were also asked to address an open excavated area near a travel lane, either by filling in the area or securing it with a barrier.”

Stafford County Administrator Thomas Foley said at Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting that the road should open within a month.

The project is expected to be completed in March.

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The road has been closed since September 2018 in the area of Eskimo Hill Road.

The newest delay is the third for the \$5.2 million project, which involves such improvements as widening the lanes and shoulders, realigning the road and enhancing stormwater drainage with new culverts.

Work was supposed to wrap up in January, but record-setting rain caused delays. Another delay was announced in June. The county cited unsatisfactory materials and problems with power line relocation plans as the issues that led to that delay.

The Brooke Road work is one of several safety projects suggested by what was known as the Youth Driver Task Force. That group was formed in 2004 following crashes that killed Stafford County high school students.

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