

UPDATE

Wimer Road Bridge Replacement Project

The existing Wimer Road Bridge over North Branch Indian Creek was built in 1956. It is a narrow two-lane, three-span bridge constructed of timber structural members. The existing bridge piers reduce the hydraulic performance of North Branch Indian Creek. The roadway immediately north of the bridge includes a very tight curve.

The County is planning to replace the aging timber structure with a new concrete structure that will span North Branch Indian Creek. The new structure will improve hydraulic performance of the creek and allow for the realignment of the roadway to soften the northerly curve.



4. When will the work occur? Construction is anticipated to begin in the **late spring of 2022** and is scheduled for completion before the end of the year.

5. Why can't you do the work at some other time of the year? The County will perform the work as required by permitting agencies and during the periods with the least impact to the environment.

6. Will farm-to-market transportation be disrupted? Very minimal disruptions are expected since the portion of Wimer Road to be closed is limited to an area immediately adjacent to the existing bridge. The proposed detour route is less than 3 miles.

7. Is the bridge safe to drive over now? Yes, the County continues to maintain the existing bridge and it is safe for the traveling public. The new bridge will be wider and will improve the roadway curve north of the bridge to make it safer for the public.

8. Can I access my driveway when the road is closed? Yes, access will be provided for local traffic.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the source of project funding?** The project is being funded by the Federal Highway Bridge Program, a federal grant program that provides funding for repair and replacement of aging bridges.
- 2. Why is this work required?** The work is needed to ensure safe crossing over North Branch Indian Creek for the traveling public. The condition of the existing timber bridge results in costly and extensive maintenance. Maintenance costs have increased over time and it is more cost-effective to replace the bridge with a concrete structure.
- 3. Will the work impact traffic?** Yes, in order to complete construction within the allowable environmental windows, a section of the roadway must be closed during construction. Traffic will be detoured onto Shelton Road, east of Wimer Road throughout the duration of the work. Access for local residents will be maintained throughout construction.

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