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NEW BRIDGE ON ROUTE 646 (FORK BRIDGE ROAD) OPENS IN CAROLINE COUNTY

*VDOT replaced a structurally deficient bridge with a new structure over
Maracossic Creek*



FREDERICKSBURG, Va. – Route 646 (Fork Bridge Road) in Caroline County has re-opened to traffic after the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) bridge crew completed installation of a new bridge over Maracossic Creek.

The bridge is located between Mattaponi Trail and Sorrell Lane.

VDOT closed Fork Bridge Road in early September 2019.

The nearly seven-mile detour has been lifted after crews replaced the 1967 structurally deficient bridge.

The new structure is a 55-foot long concrete single slab bridge with new concrete abutments compared to the former 41-foot long steel beam structure with a timber deck.

The prior bridge had a weight restriction of 3 tons for all vehicle types.

Following final inspection, the weight limit posting has been removed.

Fork Bridge Road carries an average of 20 vehicles a day, according to a 2018 VDOT traffic count.

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