

UPDATE: Shoulder widening work on Route 652 (Signboard Road) in Caroline County has been postponed to begin **Monday, March 29.**



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SHOULDER WIDENING TO IMPROVE SAFETY ON SEVERAL ROUTES IN SPOTSYLVANIA AND CAROLINE COUNTIES

Slight widening of road shoulder seeks to reduce crash risk

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. – Next week, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will start a project to improve safety by expanding the road shoulders on several routes in Spotsylvania and Caroline counties.

Widening the shoulders will provide more recovery space for drivers if their vehicle strays from the travel lanes. The project is intended to reduce the risk of crashes and injuries that can result from vehicles running off the road.

The project will widen the road shoulder by 2-3 feet. The travel lane will remain the same width. The precise widening width will vary along each road based on the location of adjacent utilities and drainage facilities.

Weather permitting, widening work is scheduled to begin the week of Monday, March 22 on Route 652 (Signboard Road) in Caroline County.

Once work is complete on Signboard Road, crews will widen the road shoulders along sections of the following routes in Spotsylvania County:

- Route 606 (Post Oak Road)
- Route 610 (Elys Ford Road)
- Route 648 (Block House Road)

When widening work begins, motorists can expect brief delays and one-way, alternating traffic directed by a flagging crew. Crews will work between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Updated work schedules will be shared in the [weekly lane closure list](#), Hot Spots, which is posted on Friday afternoons to [VDOT's Travel Center page](#) and through VDOT's [Fredericksburg District Twitter account](#) and VDOT's [Fredericksburg District Facebook Group](#).

The widening project contractor is S.L. Williamson Company., Inc. of Charlottesville, Va.

All work is expected to be complete by July 2021.

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