



TRAFFIC ALERT

VirginiaDOT.org

RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

Feb. 23, 2021

CONTACT: Nina Ullrich 757-409-4376

Nina.Ullrich@VDOT.Virginia.gov

After Hours Media Line: 757-956-3032

HamptonRoadsPublicInfo@VDOT.Virginia.gov

PORTION OF ROUTE 189 TO CLOSE OVER BLACKWATER RIVER AS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT BEGINS

Closure with signed detour in place to begin as early as March 1

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY / SUFFOLK – A Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) project to replace the Route 189 (South Quay Road) bridge over Blackwater River is estimated to begin next week. Starting as early as March 1, Route 189 (South Quay Road) will be closed in both directions between Route 58 (Southampton Parkway) and Route 714 (Pretlow Road).

During this closure, the existing bridge on Route 189 (South Quay Road) over the Blackwater River will be replaced with a fixed span structure that will have a 35-foot vertical clearance. The improved roadway will consist of two 11-foot lanes and 6-foot shoulders. Due to the higher elevation of the new bridge, improvement of 1,006 feet of approach roadway will also be completed.

Signed detours are in place and will be directing travel as follows:

Traveling Route 189 (South Quay Road) north, west of Blackwater River:

- Follow Route 189 north to Route 714 (Pretlow Road).
- Turn left onto Route 714 (Pretlow Road).
- Turn left onto Route 58 (Southampton Parkway) east.
- Follow to Route 189 (South Quay Road).

Traveling Route 189 (South Quay Road) south, east of Blackwater River:

- Follow Route 189 (South Quay Road) south to Route 58 (Southampton Parkway) west.
- Follow to Route 714 (Pretlow Road) south to Route 189 (South Quay Road).

From Route 58 (Southampton Parkway) west:

- Take the Route 714 (Pretlow Road) exit and follow south to Route 189 (South

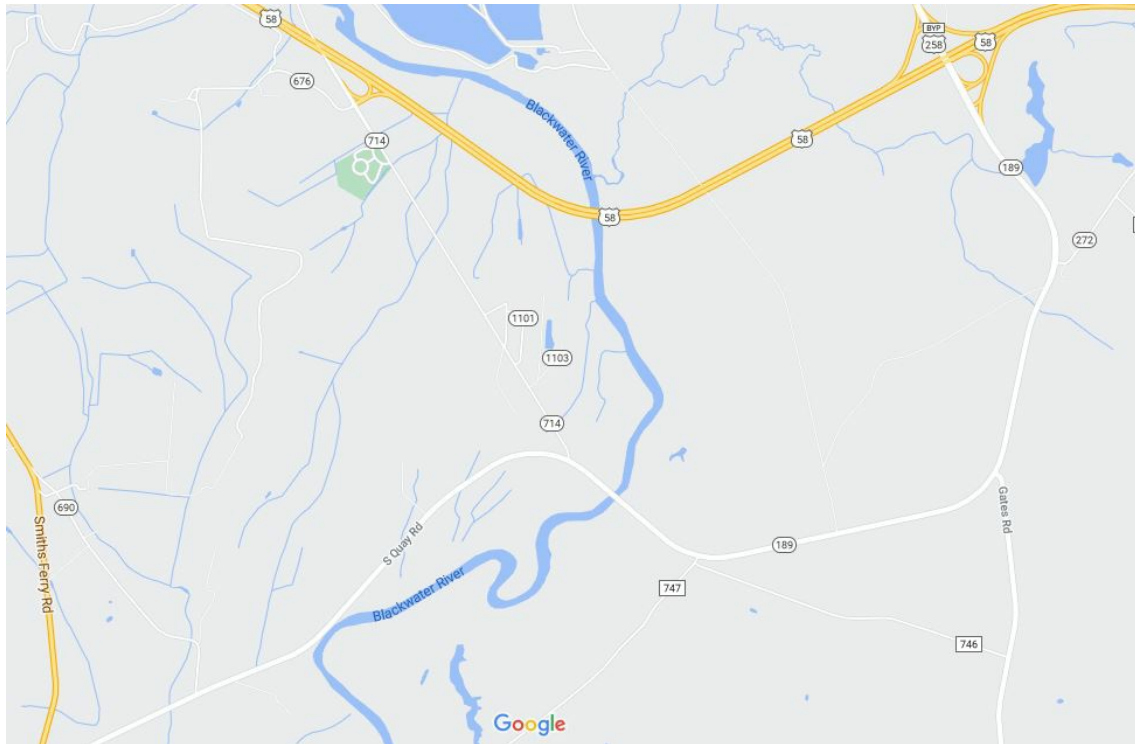
Quay Road).

Byant Structures, Inc. was awarded the \$11.3 million construction contract and will begin work on the project as early as March 1, 2021. The bridge replacement project is estimated to be complete in summer 2023. All construction work is dependent upon weather conditions.

To learn more about this project, visit

https://www.virginiadot.org/projects/hamptonroads/south_quay_bridge.asp

For additional travel alerts, motorists are encouraged to follow [@VaDOTHR](https://twitter.com/VaDOTHR) on Twitter, visit [511virginia.org](https://www.511virginia.org), call 511, or download the free Virginia 511 mobile app.



Route 189 (South Quay Road) will be closed in in both directions between Route 58 (Southampton Parkway) and Route 714 (Pretlow Road) to replace the bridge over Blackwater River starting as early as March 1, 2021.

(END)

[Click Here to View as Webpage](#)

