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BRIDGE PROGRESS

Highway 52 Bridge Construction Moving Along

Shelby County's Buck Creek Bridge project on County Road 52 is well underway, with work estimated at 60-percent complete. Shelby County Engineer Randy Cole said the old bridge, built in 1948, was long due for replacement. "The structure was getting in bad shape and too narrow for traffic. It was time to replace it." This section of roadway is one of the main thoroughfares between Pelham and Helena.

The new bridge is being built with pre-cast arch structures. Although construction began in summer 2021, the project was on hold for almost a year due to a delay in relocating some utilities. Cole also acknowledged the weather has not given the crews any favors. "We've lost a lot of days due to weather. We hope to have the project complete in September of this year."

As construction continues, Cole said crews strive to keep traffic delays to a minimum, although some are inevitable. "We try to limit any necessary closures to one lane at a time. Crews try to build off to the side as much as possible. When necessary closures do occur, we notify the Pelham Police Department, the Shelby County Sheriff Department, and 9-1-1. The closures are kept to as short of a period as possible."

The 4.1-million dollar project was designed with current and future traffic patterns in mind. "In 2019, the traffic count was 13,000 vehicles per day. By 2039, which is 20 years from now, the traffic count is expected to be at least 19,000 vehicles per day," Cole stated.