



WEST RIVER ROAD BRIDGE OVER BLACK CREEK

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West River Road is now closed to allow for construction of a new bridge structure over the Black Creek. Detour routes are posted and in effect.

West River Road is the primary north-south route that serves the west side of Sanford Lake. Construction of the new Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil-Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS) structure was expedited due to the failure of the existing culverts under the roadway.

GRS-IBS bridges are supported by a reinforced soil foundation that is concealed by concrete block abutment walls. The bridge deck will be comprised of precast concrete panels made locally in Midland County. This construction method provides for reduced construction time and cost versus traditional bridge structures.

Location Map



The project was awarded to Gerace Construction at a special road commission board meeting on March 15, 2016.

Construction will be completed in weeks instead of months with the total roadway closure scheduled to last only 18 days. The road will then reopen to one lane of traffic using traffic control devices until project completion. The contractor will work 10 hour days - 7 days a week in order to accomplish our goal of minimizing the inconvenience caused to citizens.

This innovative bridge structure type is the first of its kind to be constructed in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

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