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GC completes construction of new Cochran Town Bridge

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The new Cochran Town Bridge is reopened almost a month ahead of schedule for all through traffic. The new concrete bridges replaces and old wooden piling bridge.

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Construction for the new Cochran Town Bridge began today with the closure of the old bridge in the Crossroads Community of George County.

The bridge is on Cochran Town Road approximately three-quarters of a mile north of Highway 26.

Demolition of the current wood piling bridge is expected to take two weeks. Once complete, construction of the new bridge is expected to take two months, weather permitting.

The new bridge will have all concrete pilings, decking, and spans. Total estimated cost for the project is \$197,000 with all funding coming through the Office of State Aid.

Supervisor Larry Havard explains that residents will still have road access to



their homes from Hwy. 26, Frank Murphy Road, or Merrill Road during the construction process.

"This temporary bridge closure will mainly affect cross-through traffic on Cochran Town Road. Once this improvement project is complete, drivers will have a safer bridge to use for years to come," Havard said.

The County is asking all drivers to use caution around this construction site. Pay special attention to traffic signs, road workers, and movement of heavy equipment.

The George County Board of Supervisors selected and approved the construction bid for the bridge and approaches at the July 27 Board meeting. For updates during the construction of the Cochran Town Bridge, visit the County's website at <u>www.georgecountyms.com</u>.

For additional information, call District 4 Supervisor Larry Havard at 601-947-7506.

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