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Project Partners:

Glacier National Park

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Notice to Proceed:

June 10, 2022

Fixed Completion Date: TBD 2024



U.S. Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

Rehab 9.3 miles of GTSR and Replace Bridge over McDonald Creek Construction Activities & Upcoming Work

Project Description:

This project is being administered by the Federal Highway Administration's Western Federal Lands Highway Division, in partnership with Glacier National Park. The project will replace the current two span Upper McDonald Creek Bridge with a clear span bridge. The project also includes curve widening, milling, and repaving the 9.3 miles of the Going-to-the-Sun Road (GTSR) from Apgar to Upper McDonald along with installing conduit for future fiber lines from Grinnell Drive to Apgar and Apgar to the new Camas Entrance Station.

Surface Conditions:

A strip of pavement of each lane on the GTSR has been milled between Apgar and Lake McDonald Lodge. Remaining surface to also include Upper McDonald Road consist of asphalt pavement.

Current and Upcoming Work:

The contractor is mobilizing a 400 Ton crane to the site at North McDonald road to install the piles for the working bridge. Erosion control and associated work items will be occurring along with importing of embankment material to construct the access to the working bridge. Once the piles and embankment have been installed, the working bridge will be erected to help facilitate the construction of the new bridge.

The contractor plans to start milling the existing asphalt on the GTSR between Apgar and Lake McDonald next week. This operation will continue through June. The contractor will also start installing conduit starting at Grinnell Drive working toward Apgar starting next week.

Traffic Delays:

The road is closed at Apgar to the general public until May 5th and then the closure will be at the Lake McDonald Lodge gate. There will be a full public access closure at North McDonald including hikers and bikers. Anticipate 30 minute delays on sections open to the general public.

*The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for this project is available for viewing at the Project Office of the Contractor at the West Ballfield. See SWPPP information posted at the Construction Info Turnout past the West Entrance Station.

Project Website: Rehabilitate Final 9.3 miles of the Going-to-the-Sun Road & Replace Bridge

Western Federal Lands Highway Division



440 Ton Manitowoc crane 30' wide from track to track 175' boom length



West end of the new Upper McDonald Bridge alignment looking East.



East end of the new Upper McDonald Bridge alignment looking west along