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Bids Are Being Accepted for Comprehensive Reconstruction Project on MacCorkle Avenue in Kanawha City

Another section of an aggressive reconstruction and repaving project on MacCorkle Avenue in Kanawha City is currently out for bid, with the 33rd Street to 40th Street section scheduled for a bid letting on October 19.

This project is one in a series of projects to renovate the heavily travelled stretch of roadway. Once the series of projects is complete, motorists will be able to drive on smooth new pavement all the way from 33rd Street to 58th Street.

"This is going to be a completely new road surface, we're not going to go out there and just paint it black with a thin overlay of asphalt that would last a season or two and then be back to square one," said WVDOH Chief Engineer of Development Jason Foster, P.E. Contractors will tear up MacCorkle Avenue all the way down to the ground before completely rebuilding the road from the ground up. "This is intended to be a quality fix that with last, not a band-aid approach."

The new road surface will be rebuilt from curb to curb, with Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks, and proper drainage to keep the new pavement in good condition for years. The series of projects will require a substantial amount of coordination; from moving utilities to ensuring as little disruption as possible for area businesses while the work is completed.

West Virginia Division of Highways has been in planning stages on major renovations for MacCorkle Avenue for more than two years.

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3 Modern Solutions To Help Your Business Tackle Challenges

In early 2020, the construction industry was experiencing levels of growth not seen since the Great Recession, while also navigating obstacles that have plagued the industry for years, including a qualified worker shortage and slower rates of adopting new technologies.

With the COVID-19 pandemic came a host of other challenges that have forced many to adjust their day-to-day workflows to keep their construction companies in business — and technology has played an integral role in this process.

Mobile and cloud-based technologies have kept teams connected and projects moving throughout this period of disruption and uncertainty. Some businesses used the downtime to overhaul their technology solutions, and others sought temporary fixes to quickly increase mobility among their teams.

While most agree that technology is an important part of a construction business, with so many competing priorities and so little time, technology often gets put on the back burner.

However, technology should become a top priority for construction firms and throughout the industry. Its benefits and efficiency gains are countless, including increased mobility, better business visibility and greater collaboration.

1. Increased Mobility

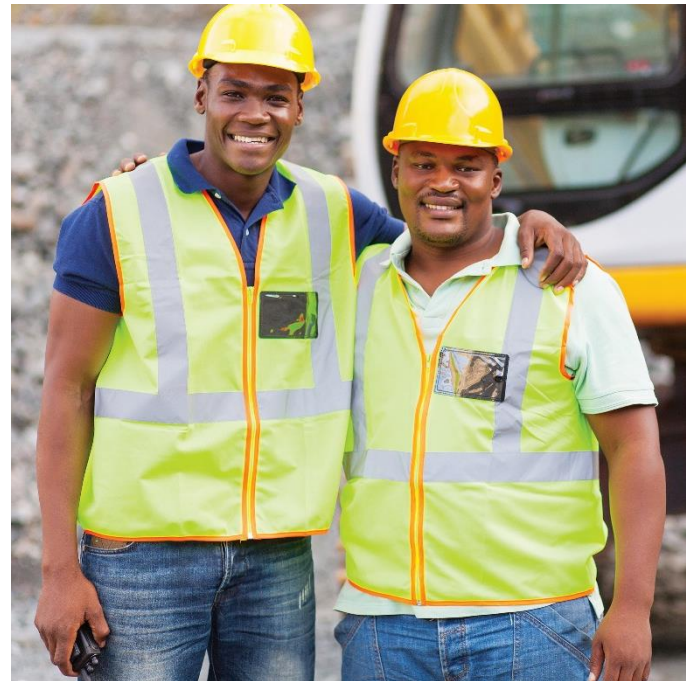
In recent years, mobile solutions have gained popularity in the industry, especially on the jobsite. The 2021 Construction Hiring and Business Outlook report, conducted by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and Sage, found that 68% of contractors surveyed are using mobile software for daily field reports, 60% are using mobile technology for employee time-tracking and approval, 56% are using it for field access to customer and job information and 55% are using mobile technology for the sharing of drawings, photos and documents.

These apps help simplify workflows and free up employee time. Cloud adoption rates have been lower when it comes to project management and accounting solutions but, with more back-office teams working remotely, there has been greater interest in cloud-based solutions.

About The WVDOT

The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on WVDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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