

## When will that construction be done? Here's a list of current projects in Columbus

After a rainy fall and winter that considerably delayed many local construction projects, roadwork is kicking back up again in Columbus with several roundabouts, major intersection changes and work on local bridges and trails coming.

Earlier this month, Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge presented council with a list of all roads projects the city has recently completed or is currently working on.

Those completed or in the final stages include the Riverwalk to Bibb Mill and City Mills, the Wynnton Road streetscape, the Martin Luther King Jr. trail and road resurfacing and the Follow Me Trail bridge, Hodge said.

Here's a look at the many projects coming in the weeks and months ahead.

### **Hwy. 27/Ga. 1 rehabilitation**

GDOT will hold a public open house from 4:30 to 7 p.m. July 8 at the Pierce Chapel Methodist Church in Midland regarding a proposed project that spans northern Muscogee County into Harris County.

The proposal would widen the two-lane and three-lane U.S. 27 and Ga. 1 to a four-lane section with a four-foot flush median from Turnberry Lane in Muscogee County to just north of East Bonacre Road in Harris County, and then overlay the existing roadway to Ga. 315 in Catuala, according to a GDOT press release. The Ga.

315 intersection with U.S. 17/Ga. 1 is proposed to be a new roundabout.

### **Fort Benning Road — Roundabout and streetscape**

Roundabout construction is underway at Fort Benning, Cusseta and Brennan Roads.

Sidewalks have also been added along Fort Benning Road near the Fort Benning gate and the road has been resurfaced. A connection from Fort Benning Road to Shelby Street will give pedestrians access to the Follow Me Trail. Estimated completion date: End of summer 2020

### **River Road — Roundabout**

A section of Bradley Park Drive between State Route 219/River Road and Brookstone Boulevard is currently closed as city-hired contractors work to complete the roundabout.

In July 2018, Columbus Council approved a \$4.5 million contract for Southeastern Site Development to build the five-point roundabout. Estimated completion date: April 2020

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- 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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The Construction Estimating Institute (CEI) works with GDOT as the statewide provider of the federally funded Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Supportive Services Program. We want to increase the number of certified DBEs participating in highway and bridge construction, as well as assist DBEs in growing and eventually becoming self-sufficient. Additionally, CEI provides supportive services by assisting prime contractors and consultants with identifying DBEs for subcontracting opportunities on priority projects.

# Learn the 7 Basics of Construction Contracts

Creating a good construction contract is a skill that every builder should know inside and out, whether he or she is a solo owner-builder or the head of a large construction firm. Although various contractors use different checklists when creating a contract, there are commonalities that should be followed no matter what form the printed contract takes. In most good contracts, the builder starts with the most basic of line items, adapting the contract to the complexity of the project.

Aside from the construction work itself, creating the contract is one of the most important parts of the project. The more detailed the contract the better; even items considered common sense shouldn't be overlooked.

There are seven major areas to consider when developing your skills at creating successful contracts for your construction business.

## 01 Contract Documents

A so-called "construction contract" is often a combination of individual documents detailing different aspect of the project, or it can be a complex, multi-page document with many sections that offer details on different aspects of the agreement.. Learn about all ten different documents or clauses that can be included in a good construction contract. No matter what you are building, having a solid contract represents

one of the first steps toward the success of the project.

## 02 Contract Types

Different types of construction contracts are used within the building industry, but professionals generally prefer certain ones. Construction contract types are usually defined by the manner in which the disbursement is going to be made, but they may also specify other terms, such as duration, quality, specifications, and other issues of similar importance. Learn about the four different types of contracts used in the building industry, and how to pick the right one for your purposes.

## 03 Successful Contract Negotiations

When the time comes for a builder to sit down with union representatives or project stakeholders, he or she needs to be prepared. A good negotiator should have the characteristics and skills that allow for the right deal to be struck—one that achieves set goals while leaving both parties satisfied. Face-to-face negotiations, although rare, can sometimes make things even worse. Certain tricks and methods can ensure that everyone leaves the table feeling that they have a good deal.

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