

DOT is planning to move ahead with temporary work at the retaining wall along Route 44 to aid in both protecting the roadway and to provide some additional support for the wall. The work will entail placing a row of concrete blocks in front of the wall and backfilling between the blocks and the wall with stone. The work is thought to possibly start as early as Wednesday (January 9) with moving blocks to the site, but could be affected by upcoming weather events and staff availability following the storm. The roadway centerline will be shifted slightly, however the road will be able to handle two way traffic after the blocks are placed. We are planning for 11 foot lanes and 2 foot shoulders.

During the placement of the blocks, DOT will be implementing an alternating one way traffic pattern and likely stopping traffic for short periods to move equipment and materials. The work is expected to take two to three days to complete (including moving blocks to the site). The road will remain open during the work, however there will be delays. The work significantly affecting traffic will likely be on Thursday or Friday this week.