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Bridge being replaced

Above, Diego Ortiz, left, and Frank Fonseca, contractors with Anchor Construction, take measurements on Feb. 12 in preparation for placing new concrete beams for a new bridge at Route 5 near Willows Road in Lexington Park. The original bridge was built in 1936 and is the only structurally deficient state-maintained span in St. Mary's County. Anchor was awarded the \$3.4 million job, which could be completed this year. Below, two large cranes installed seven concrete beams on Friday, Feb. 19, to support the span. Each beam was 56 feet long, 4 feet wide and 2 feet thick, contractors with Anchor said.

