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Feature Story

Route 36 Corridor Improvement Project, Hornell, New York

By Paul Sisco

LCW was awarded a $5.4 million subcontract from UCC in March 2026 for work on the Route 36 Corridor Improvement Project in Hornell, New York.

LCW's current work includes removing and replacing the bridge deck on the Route 36 bridge entering Hornell, as well as completing structural concrete repairs to improve the condition and extend the service life of the bridge. The crew is also constructing a permanent pedestrian bridge and extending an existing culvert to provide access for pedestrian traffic. Additional work includes repairing portions of the existing culvert and completing the concrete work required for the extension. With bridge, pedestrian bridge, and culvert work progressing at the same time, the crew continues to coordinate several active work areas while maintaining a strong focus on safety, quality, and production.

NYSDOT is considering expanding the project's scope to include replacement of the northbound bridge deck. If the additional work moves forward, LCW is expected to be a leading candidate based on our current involvement and experience on the project.

The crew's safe, high-quality work continues to strengthen LCW's position on the project and demonstrate our ability to take on additional work. We are proud of the progress being made and the professionalism shown by everyone involved.



Deck Pour 1



Deck Pour 3



Deck Pour 2



Deck Pour 4

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Equipment Update – Justin Snyder

The L.C.Whitford Equipment Co. sales team has been busy this quarter, with equipment deliveries to customers The L.C.Whitford Equipment Co. sales team has been busy this quarter, with equipment deliveries to customers throughout our territory. Our Pennsylvania salesman, Joe Catalone, recently completed the sale of a new TimberPro TL735D feller buncher paired with a Quadco 24C hot saw to Asel Enterprises. We appreciate their continued confidence in L.C.Whitford and look forward to supporting them in the field.

We also delivered a Serco 8500 loader along with a Serco SLG-46 log grapple to LVM Materials. These machines will provide the production and versatility needed for their material-handling operations, and our team is ready to provide the parts and service support to keep them working.

Our service department has also been keeping busy with repairs, routine maintenance, and PPMs (Post Product Modifications) on Morbark 6400 Wood Hogs. Our technicians have been working with customers at the Onida Herkimer Solid Waste, and Orchard Park's mulch facility, helping keep their equipment operating reliably and efficiently. From scheduled maintenance to larger repairs and modifications, our service team continues to be a key part of the support we provide to our customers.



Demo Set Up



Morbank 3800 XL demo

We also hosted two successful customer demonstrations at our yard featuring a Morbark 3800XL Wood Hog. These demonstrations gave customers an opportunity to see the grinder in operation and evaluate its performance firsthand. A special thank you to Phil and Jason for conducting the demonstrations and sharing their knowledge and expertise with our customers. We appreciate everyone who took the time to attend and look forward to continuing to provide hands-on equipment demonstrations that help our customers find the right machine for their operations.

Materials Company Update – Jessica LaFleur Hunt

Another great season is coming to an end for the Materials Company. Although this year consisted of much regular production, there were many first for some of us. From numerous box beams to AASHTO Type II beams that we only see every few years, a PennDOT culvert and multiple precast pieces, our team managed it all successfully with perfect on-time delivery.

To recap just production numbers, the Materials Company produced 137 beams this season, 1 culvert with wingwalls & aprons, a few precast jobs for the railroad, and fabricated multiple rebar orders. We shipped 14 jobs with 6 jobs left to ship in the weeks ahead and have begun drafting shop drawings for the 2027 season. This number is down slightly from last year, however, we are still profitable and we expect that to continuously increase in the years ahead.

Although the production season is winding down, that doesn't mean business isn't ramping up. We have numerous jobs to bid in the weeks ahead, drawings to complete, product to order, and conferences to attend. Recently we are already bidding 3-8 jobs per week with more and more jobs being released regularly and 14 jobs on the books. This is approximately 12 weeks' worth of work scheduled for the 2027 season thus far. This is more than we had this time last year, so we're confident we'll be successful in filling our schedule in the months ahead.

Additional highlights:

- A few months ago, we purchased much needed new forming from a former precasting facility in South Carolina. Some of these new forms (the AASHTO Type II forms) have already been put to use and proven to be a great investment.
- In the weeks ahead we will be installing a new batch plant which will help us to produce confidently and hopefully eliminate any chance of downtime do to failure.
- Upgrades to the rebar shop are underway and will make for a much safer environment during rebar production.
- The NYSDOT Prestress Team that our Company leads in Albany has already seen positive results from our efforts in terms of communication and drawing review, prestressed forming inquiries, and positive prestressed girder knowledge at the state engineering level. The meeting attendance is growing and the voluntary involvement from other firms is reassuring for our business. We are very thankful for all the involvement and support we've received thus far from both private entities and the NYSDOT.

(Pictured below) Lastly, the Materials Company delivered our first culvert in over 5 years to Cameron County PA last month. There were representatives present from the PennDOT Quality Group out of Harrisburg in addition to Region 2 personnel. To say we received some compliments from the contractor, inspectors, and numerous departments would be an understatement. Actually, the praise was overwhelming to say the least, but we soaked it in and left very proud of our crew's hard work and abilities to produce above and beyond what was expected. We look forward to producing more of these pieces in the future.





Georgia News – By Karl Young

Project #26017 – I-285 Signs and Sign Structures
LCW was selected as the subcontractor by C.W. Matthews & E.R. Snell to replace the signs and sign structures on this $155 Million I-285 GDOT paving project. Phase one will be median foundation work; phase two will be foundation work on the right shoulder, and phase three will be installing the new structures and signs. In total, there are twenty-three (23) new overhead sign structures to construct. Plan elevation errors have caused a major delay on this project. We anticipate survey work to be completed shortly. Once shop drawings are submitted and approved, we will be able to begin work. We are currently anticipating a January 2027 start date.

Project #26028 – ITB Sign Structure on I-85
GDOT requested LCW to replace a damaged sign structure on the I-85 corridor near the Atlanta-Hartsfield International Airport. Shop drawings have been approved, and we are currently awaiting anchor bolts. Work should take place in October/November.

Project #26033 – ITB Signs along I-95
LCW replaced flat sheet signs along the I-95 corridor between Florida and South Carolina in July.

Project #26052 – Old Alabama Rd Bridge Repair
Bartow County hired LCW to perform bridge repairs on Old Alabama Rd in Taylorsville, GA. The scope of work included: approach slab removal, concrete retaining wall at the end bent on south end of bridge, concrete header repair, curb & handrail repairs, flowable fill in voids at the north approach slab, backfill & grading along with GAB at the approaches. The County then paved the approach slabs and opened the roadway to traffic.

Project #26063 – All Way Stop Controls in District 4
LCW will be replacing signs and striping at 13 intersections in the southwest corner of Georgia.

Project #26064 – All Way Stop Controls in District 1
LCW will be replacing signs and striping at 27 intersections in the northeast corner of Georgia.

Project #26066 – ITB Sound Wall Repairs in District 1
LCW is currently replacing 190 linear feet of sound barrier wall in Gainesville, GA. Five posts will be replaced along with all panels and trim. Work will be finished shortly.

Project #26070 – ITB Sign Structure on I-285 CW Ramp to I-85
GDOT contracted LCW to replace a downed overhead sign structure near Atlanta-Hartsfield International Airport. Layout and survey will be done shortly. Actual work will begin in 2027, once shop drawings are approved and materials are delivered.

Project #26071 – ITB Sign Structure on I-285 Ramp to I-75 South
GDOT contracted LCW to replace another downed overhead sign structure near Atlanta-Hartsfield International Airport. Layout and survey will be done shortly. Actual work will begin in 2027, once shop drawings are approved and materials are delivered.

Project #26072 – ITB I-285 Overhead Sign Replacement
GDOT contracted LCW to replace two large overhead signs on a structure near Atlanta-Hartsfield International Airport. We hope to complete this work this fall once the sign hangers and signs are delivered.

Project #26073 – Bridge Rehab on SR 139 over I-85 Ramp
LCW was awarded this bridge rehab project from the September GDOT Letting. Scope of work includes polymer overlay, sealing bridge joints, bridge painting, and striping. Work will be completed this upcoming spring.


Job # 26028 – Damaged Sign Structure


Job # 26052 – Finished Wall

Employee Spotlight:



Early this year, long-time employee Kathy Winans retired after 4l years. Here's what she had to say about the company.

I started working for LCW in January 1985 & retired March 2026. I worked in Accounts Payable and helped with the payroll when needed. I have seen a lot of changes & growth during my 41 years. I enjoyed working with most of our vendors & my coworkers. It was hard to retire; I have so many great memories & great lifelong friendships. Thank you LCW, it's been a great ride!

Kathy started work at LCW about the same time that I started summer work for the company (1985ish..). Kathy was here when I graduated from UB, and I came to work full-time at LCW. I mean it when I say that Kathy has always been a friend of mine and a trusted confidant to boot! Don't ask her any stories.. She has a couple! In any event, what a testament to loyalty and commitment. Thank you!

PS – Enjoy your world which doesn't include "unapproved invoices". 😊

Much love and call me if you should need anything.

Brad

Presidents Corner – Brad Whitford

Seasons come and seasons go. This is the predictable mantra of a construction company working in the Northeast. As you may know, this newsletter comes out four times per year. It's almost mandatory that I mention spring, summer, fall, and winter. It's boring; I know. In any event, we have so many good things happening. We have huge opportunities down South, and we are lucky to have dedicated employees willing to promote our good name. We just opened our new shop in Fort Ashby, WV. It was a big move, and we are hopeful and confident that it will be instrumental in bigger and better things – if that's possible!!

Regards,

Brad

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Final Thought

"Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing."
- Theodore Roosevelt

Safety Update This Quarter

119,750

Man Hours With

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Lost Time Accident

Keep Up The Good Work!!!!!

Recent Contracts Awarded

Georgia:

- GADOT - Bridge Repair Old Alabama Rd, Bartow County
- GADOT – Signs & Sign Structure I285-I85 Clayton
- GADOT – Sign Project, District 1
- GADOT – Signs & Sign Structure District 7, I285-I85
- GADOT – Signs & Sign Structure District 7, I285-I75
- GADOT – Sign Replacement I285
- GADOT – Bridge Rehabilitation Clayton County
- GADOT – Sound Wall Repairs in Gainesville

New York:

- Seneca Falls - Bayard Street Culvert

Pennsylvania:

- PADOT, ECMS 85388, SR 1003 Bridge over Genesee, Ulysses, PA

Virginia:

- Norfolk Southern – Emergency Repair Pamplin VA
- Dominion – Clark Substation, Buttermilk TX4, TX1, Bunker Station, Global Plaza, Butts Farm, Pleasantview, Landstown, Centreport, Goose Glen, Williamsburg

Safety Update – Steve Austin



Martin Smith wearing new helmet

As we wrap up the third quarter of 2026, the Safety Department continues to focus on keeping our employees safe while supporting our crews and projects across all L.C. Whitford divisions.

Throughout the quarter, the Safety Department has been spending time in the field visiting several of our active job sites. These visits give us an opportunity to work directly with our crews, review site conditions, address safety concerns, and make sure our employees have the equipment and resources they need to perform their work safely.

We have also started introducing Type II (Level 2) safety helmets to some of our employees in the field. These helmets provide additional head protection compared with traditional hard hats, particularly for impacts that may occur from the front, back, or sides. We will continue evaluating this equipment and getting feedback from the employees using it in actual field conditions.

During the quarter, we met with Mark Flynn, a FallTech representative, to review some of the latest developments in fall protection equipment and harnesses. Fall protection continues to be an important focus for our operations, particularly with the bridge, railroad, and other elevated work our crews perform. Staying current with available equipment helps us determine what will work best for our employees and the conditions they encounter in the field.

Another positive development is that our 2026 accident, incident, and injury rates are down compared with last year across L.C. Whitford's divisions. This improvement reflects the continued effort being made by our employees, foremen, superintendents, project managers, and supervisors to recognize hazards and make safety part of the way we perform our work every day. We want to continue that progress through the remainder of the year.

The Safety Department has also been working closely with the Blue Ridge Safety Department in preparation for our Poly Division to begin work on site with them this month. This has included coordinating contractor safety requirements and making sure the Poly Division is prepared to meet site expectations before mobilization.

As we head into the final quarter of 2026, we ask everyone to continue looking out for one another, speaking up when something doesn't look right, and taking the time to perform each task safely.

Work Safe. Look Out for Each Other. Finish Strong.

Railroad Update – Marr Ingalls



Pottstown, PA Sidewalk Repair



Roxburg NJ, Ballast Retainer Replacement

The Railroad Division has been very busy this summer. We have been working continuously in Spartanburg, SC, and Pottstown, PA on bridge repair projects for Norfolk Southern. We have also completed several projects for the New York Susquehanna and Western Railway and the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad.

We are currently finishing a timber ballast retainer replacement project in Roxburg, NJ for Norfolk Southern. The project has gone from start to finish without a hiccup. This project was unique because the rail line the bridge is located on is currently out of service. That is a rare occurrence in railroad work, as we are typically required to work around active train traffic. On this project, however, we were able to work continuously each day without having to coordinate around trains.

With fall approaching, the bidding schedule is beginning to fill up as well. We already have six projects scheduled to bid in October, and we expect many more opportunities to follow.

I would like to thank all of the Railroad Division employees for their hard work throughout the summer. Many of them have spent lengthy periods away from their families and worked long hours to keep these projects moving forward. Without their dedication and commitment, we would not be able to continue doing what we do.

THANK YOU!

Chuck's Chuckle



Here is my pet hummingbird .
I named him FATTY
I don't know how he can fly back to South America.
FATTY is definitely overweight.
However, He does have a nice pecker.