

I-68 Crosstown Bridge and MD 51 Bridge over CSX / Canal Parkway

SHA BEGINS TWO-YEAR BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and its contractor are beginning a two-year project to repair, paint, and perform other improvements to two bridges in Cumberland:

- The I-68 Bridge over Wills Creek, CSX Railroad, and municipal streets in Cumberland (known as the Cumberland Viaduct or Crosstown Bridge)
- The MD 51 (Industrial Boulevard) Bridge over CSX Railroad and Canal Parkway

The bridges are structurally safe, but showing signs of deterioration. This major rehabilitation will extend their lifespan while improving the safety and attractiveness of the downtown streets and parking below. SHA will:

- Repair bridge concrete and steel, and paint the steel
- Wrap the piers (support columns) in a protective fiber material
- Replace roadway joint seals on I-68 and MD 51
- Repair curb and bridge walls

- Patch the driving surfaces
- Clean and repair the drainage system on the Crosstown Bridge
- Improve pavement on the MD 51 Bridge and the approaches to the Crosstown Bridge
- Replace the roadway lighting on the Crosstown Bridge

I-68 Crosstown Bridge and MD 51 Bridge over CSX / Canal Parkway Informational Meeting

WHEN:	WHERE:
Thursday, February 7, 2013 <i>*Snow Date: February 19, 2013</i> 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. <i>Presentation begins at 6:30 P.M.</i>	Allegany Museum Grand Courtroom 3 Pershing Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

**Meeting will be held on snow date if county public schools are closed or if the county's Snow Emergency Plan is in effect.*

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Construction began in January 2013 with installation of construction fencing near the MD 51 Bridge. Work will begin for the Crosstown Bridge on or around January 22, 2013 in the area over Canal Place. Construction is expected to continue in phases until early 2015.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING IMPACTS

Motorists should expect the following impacts during construction:

- Periodic, single-lane closures and traffic shifts on I-68 and under the Crosstown Bridge
- Temporary, overnight detours for the I-68 ramps at exits 43B and 43C
- Temporary closures on Centre Street between Wendy's and Harrison Street during one stage of work
- An overnight detour on Canal Parkway during a portion of the project
- Some areas under the Crosstown Bridge will be closed to parking while work is being performed. With parking considerations in mind, SHA will complete construction in seven sections and may close only two non-adjacent parking sections at a time.

Detour signs and portable message signs will be used to notify motorists in advance of upcoming traffic changes. SHA is committed to minimizing impacts and will work with area businesses and others that use parking spaces to find the best solution.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the I-68 Crosstown Bridge and MD 51 Bridge Rehabilitation Project, please visit the SHA website at www.roads.maryland.gov and go to **Projects and Studies, Transportation Projects Page**, select **Allegany County**, and **I-68/National Freeway** under Construction Projects.

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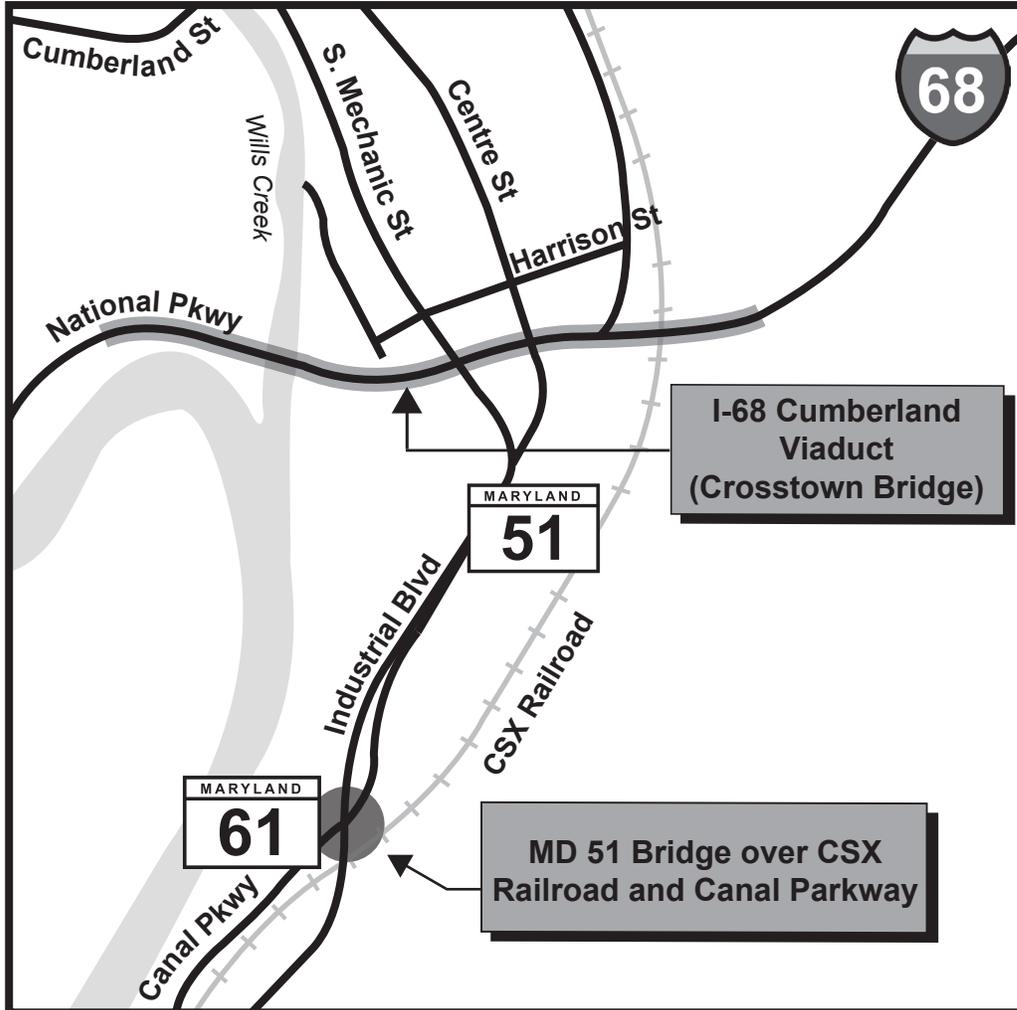
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While SHA and its transportation partners work hard to maintain safe traffic mobility in work zones, each driver should stay alert—look for reduced speed limits, narrow driving lanes, and highway workers. Safer Driving. Safer Work Zones. For everyone.

SHA is making it easy to get safety tips and information on the go through Twitter @MDSHA and on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/MarylandStateHighwayAdministration>



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