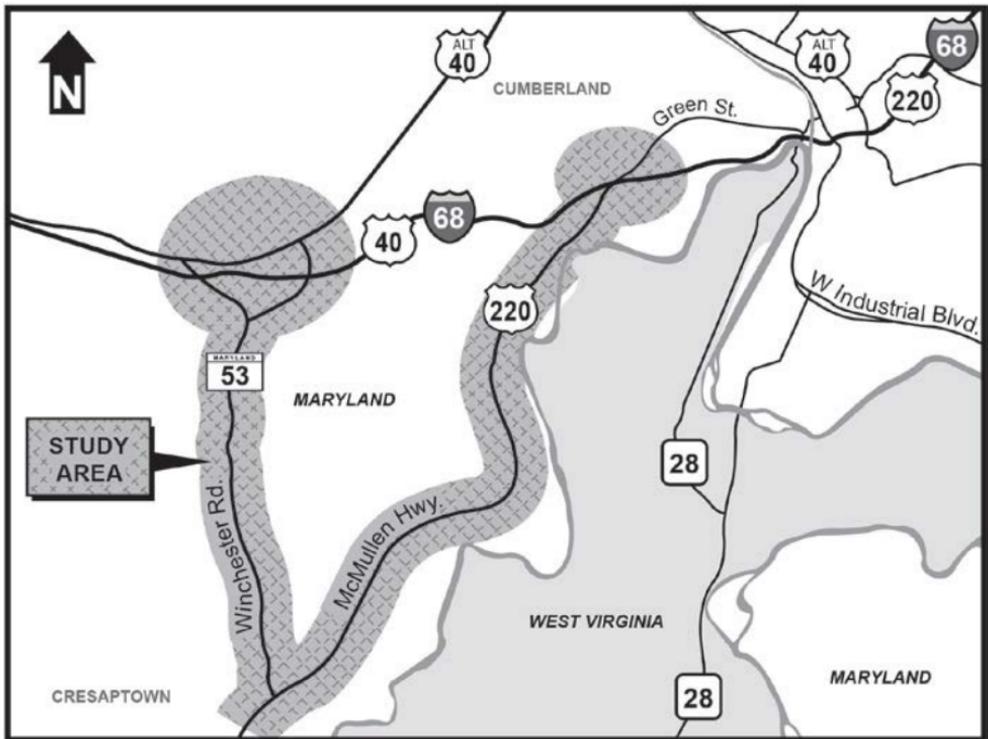


**HAS INITIATED PROJECT PLANNING FOR**

**I-68 (National Freeway) to Cresaptown, MD, via US 220 and MD 53  
In Allegany County (Tier Two)**



The purpose of the Tier Two Project Planning Study is to assess the need for, and develop and evaluate possible transportation improvements between I-68 and Cresaptown via US 220 and MD 53. The Tier Two Project Planning process includes agency and public involvement; the development and review of all reasonable alternatives (including the No-Build Alternative); the evaluation of social, economic, cultural, and natural environmental impacts; and concludes with location and design approvals, if a build alternative is selected. These portions of US 220 and MD 53 are part of the selected corridor in Maryland identified in the Tier One US 220 Project Planning Study, which received Federal Highway Administration approval on July 21, 2014.

SHA believes the project is needed to improve the existing transportation system from I-68 to Cresaptown via US 220 and MD 53. The development of transportation improvements through this area will support efforts to increase mobility and regional commerce for residents, businesses, and visitors, particularly within the region's developed areas and existing commercial centers.

As part of the public involvement activities and consistent with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, SHA requests public comments regarding historic properties, including standing structures and archeological resources. SHA will be coordinating with the Maryland Historical Trust. Any organization that desires to be a consulting party should contact the Project Manager.

Citizen involvement throughout the Project Planning process is encouraged. Written comments and requests to be included on the project mailing or email lists may be submitted to Ms. Danielle Black, Project Management Division, Maryland State Highway Administration, 707 N. Calvert Street, MS C-301, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, or by calling 410-545-8516, or toll-free at 1-800-548-5026, or by email at [dblack@sha.state.md.us](mailto:dblack@sha.state.md.us). The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons on the project mailing/email lists will be kept informed of project developments and opportunities for public involvement as the study progresses. For more information on this and other SHA projects, visit [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on Projects and Studies/Allegany County/US 220 (McMullen Highway).