

Attend the Public Meeting!

WHEN:	WHERE:
<p>Thursday, July 24, 2014 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM</p> <p><i>You may arrive at any time during meeting hours. There will be no formal presentation.</i></p>	<p>Arbutus Town Hall</p> <p>1349 Stevens Avenue Arbutus, MD 21227</p>

Request for Assistance

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate in the Informational Public Meeting (an interpreter for hearing/speech difficulties or assistance with the English language) should contact Ms. Stacey Tesch by July 17, 2014.

Martin O'Malley, Governor | James T. Smith, Jr., Secretary
Anthony G. Brown, Lieutenant Governor | Melinda B. Peters, Administrator



Project Schedules

Project schedules are contingent upon the receipt of funding for right-of-way acquisition and construction.

I-695 Inner Loop Ramp and Bridge Replacement

Complete Final Design.....Summer 2014
Acquire Right-of-Way.....Spring 2014
Begin Construction.....Fall 2014
Open to Traffic.....Spring 2017

I-695 Median Barrier Replacement from I-895 to I-95

Complete Final Design.....Fall 2014
Begin Construction.....Spring 2015
Open to Traffic.....Fall 2015

US 1 Lane Reconfiguration

Complete Final Design.....Summer 2014
Begin Construction.....Spring 2015
Open to Traffic.....Spring 2016

I-695 Beltway Projects and US 1 Lane Reconfiguration Project Move Forward in Design Process; Public Meeting Scheduled

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is finalizing design work for three projects on I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) and one project on US 1 (Southwestern Boulevard) in Baltimore County:

1. The replacement of two I-695 Inner Loop bridges over Benson Avenue, Amtrak, US 1, and Leeds Avenue, a total distance of approximately 1 mile;
2. The relocation of the I-695 Inner Loop ramp from US 1 over Leeds Avenue;
3. The median barrier replacement from south of the I-895 bridge to the I-95 northbound-lane bridge, a distance of approximately 1.2 miles; and
4. The retrofitting of US 1 with bicycle lanes from the Baltimore City Line to US 1 Alternate, a distance of approximately 2 miles.

An Informational Public Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2014, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, at Arbutus Town Hall to acquaint the public with the projects. Display areas will show current designs and SHA representatives will be available to address your project-related comments and concerns. **No formal presentation will be given.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through at your own pace. **See back page for additional meeting details.**



Project Background, Purpose, and Need

I-695 Inner Loop Bridge Replacement over Benson Avenue, AMTRAK, US 1, and Leeds Avenue

Originally constructed in 1957 and widened in 1970, the two bridges are nearing the end of their useful service life. Replacing the structurally deficient bridges will reduce maintenance costs and support safety and mobility as part of SHA's bridge system preservation program. The Outer Loop bridges were replaced approximately 10 years ago.

When the bridges are completed, an additional through lane along I-695 will open to traffic, starting from the I-95 ramps and continuing across both bridges. Three lanes from the I-95 ramps and three lanes from I-695 will eventually merge into four lanes of traffic at the Westland Boulevard overpass bridge.

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Project Background, Purpose, and Need (continued)

I-695 Inner Loop Ramp from US 1 over Leeds Avenue

The proposed ramp will provide a direct connection between US 1 and the Inner Loop of I-695. This new ramp, which will replace an existing ramp from Leeds Avenue to the Inner Loop of I-695, will reduce commuter traffic on local roads by providing direct access from the Halethorpe MARC Station (located on US 1, south of I-695) and improve access to I-695 for emergency response vehicles. Located along the same alignment as the existing ramp, the new ramp will span over Leeds Avenue to create the connection to US 1.

Proposed improvements along US 1 from Linden Avenue to Knecht Avenue include turn lanes at the new ramp access, and roadway shoulders and sidewalks that are compatible with SHA's bicycle- and pedestrian-access policies and the *Americans with Disabilities Act* (ADA) standards. As part of these improvements and consistent with current traffic counts and future traffic projections, US 1 will be reduced from two lanes to one lane in each direction, similar to the area along US 1 near the Halethorpe MARC Station.

I-695 Median Barrier Replacement from I-895 to I-95

SHA will replace the existing concrete barrier between the northbound and southbound lanes of I-695 and upgrade all steel barriers (guardrails) along I-695 to meet current standards. SHA will replace and upgrade drainage pipes and inlets under I-695, grind and resurface the pavement along all lanes of I-695, and install new reflective pavement markings.

US 1 Lane Reconfiguration

Additional segments of US 1 will be improved as part of a separate project to increase multi-modal access on US 1 and to the Halethorpe MARC Station. This project has two segments: a northern section from the Baltimore City Line to Knecht Avenue, and a southern section from the Linden Avenue Spur to US 1 Alternate (Washington Boulevard). SHA will retrofit US 1 with bicycle lanes and upgrade existing sidewalks to meet current ADA standards. New sidewalk is proposed along northbound US 1 between the Halethorpe MARC Station and the I-95 overpass. As in the I-695 Inner Loop Ramp project, US 1 will be reduced from two lanes to one lane in each direction to maintain roadway consistency.

Work for both projects along US 1 will include patching, grinding, and resurfacing the existing roadway pavement; reconstructing pedestrian curb ramps, sidewalks, and driveways to meet ADA standards; replacing and installing new curb, gutter, and sidewalk; making traffic barrier and drainage improvements; installing pavement markings, raised pavement markers, signs, and supports; and landscaping.

Traffic Impacts/Detour

I-695 Inner Loop Ramp from Leeds Avenue Closure

During construction, SHA will permanently close the existing ramp from Leeds Avenue to I-695 North/Inner Loop. Motorists traveling from the MARC station and other points along US 1 to I-695 North/Inner Loop will be detoured until the new ramp from US 1 to I-695 North/Inner Loop is complete. The detour will direct Leeds Avenue traffic onto US 1 southbound via Knecht or Linden Avenue, then onto to I-195 westbound. From I-195, traffic will be directed to take I-95 northbound to the I-695 Inner Loop. As an alternate route to the detour, motorists traveling northbound on US 1 can bear left onto Washington Boulevard (US 1 Alternate) to get to I-695.

I-695 Inner Loop from I-95 to Westland Boulevard

During construction, the two existing through lanes from the I-695 Inner Loop and two existing lanes from the I-95 ramps will be maintained during peak travel times. The construction of the bridge over Benson Avenue will require closure of the I-95 ramp's right lane approximately 1,000 feet short of its current end point. This lane closure should have minimal impact on traffic patterns.

US 1, Leeds Avenue, and Benson Avenue

For both projects, traffic on US 1 will be reduced to one through lane in each direction for the duration of construction. The lanes will not be restored when the project is completed, since the final lane configuration for US 1 will have only one through lane in each direction. Both lanes on Leeds Avenue and Benson Avenue will be maintained during peak travel times. Additional temporary lane closures, with single lanes of traffic maintained with flagging operations, may be required during non-peak hours for US 1, Leeds Avenue, and Benson Avenue.

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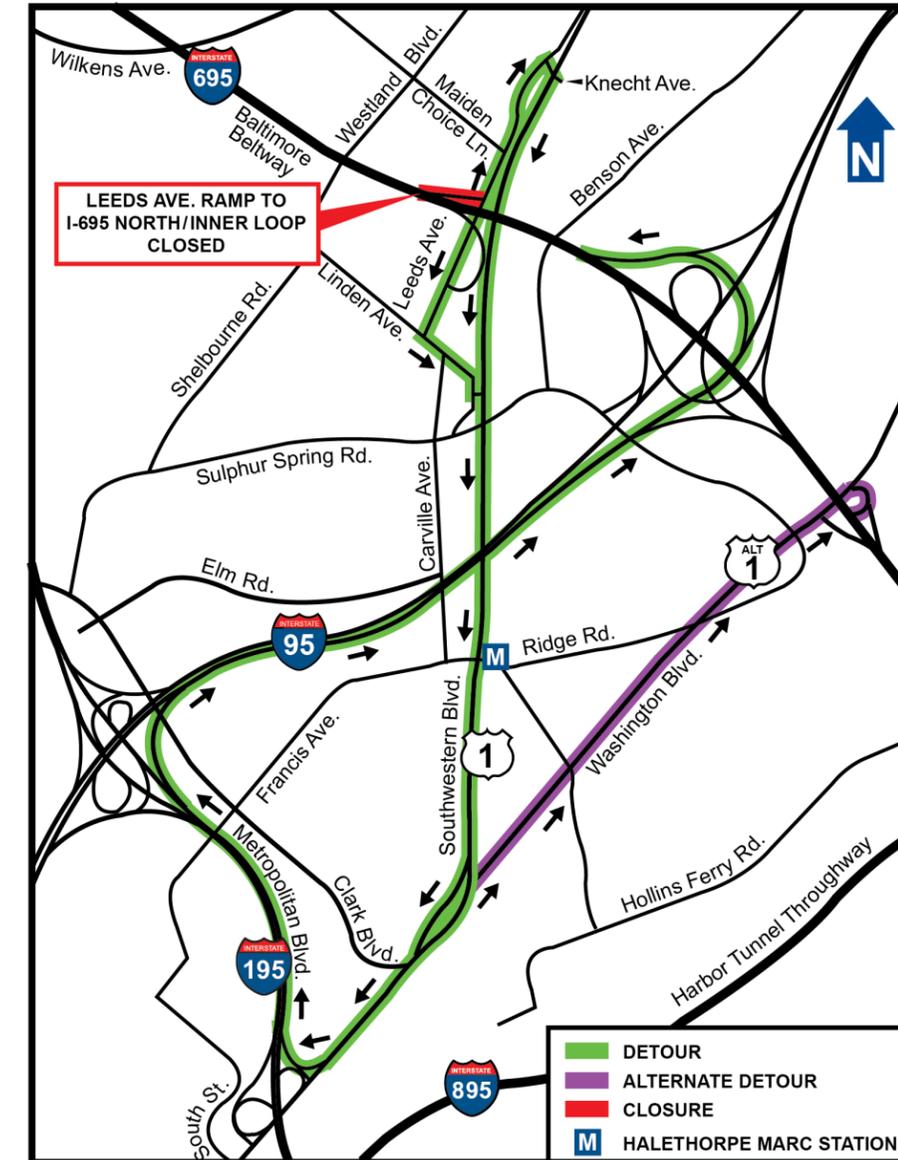
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For more information, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects and Studies, SHA Projects Page, Baltimore County, Preconstruction, I-695, Baltimore Beltway Over Benson Avenue and Leeds Avenue, US 1 and AMTRAK**, or use the QR Code.

