



# I-695 Ramp and Bridge Replacement Projects in Arbutus



## SHA Continues Design of Ramp and Bridge Replacement Projects, Schedules Public Meeting

The Maryland State Highway Administration continues design work on the relocated I-695 Inner Loop ramp from US 1 over Leeds Avenue, and replacement of two I-695 Inner Loop bridges over Benson Avenue, Amtrak, US 1 and Leeds Avenue in Baltimore County. The two projects are in the early stage of design. This newsletter summarizes the design and provides project background, a schedule, and information on the upcoming Public Informational Meeting at which the projects will be presented to the community.

### Attend the Public Meeting!

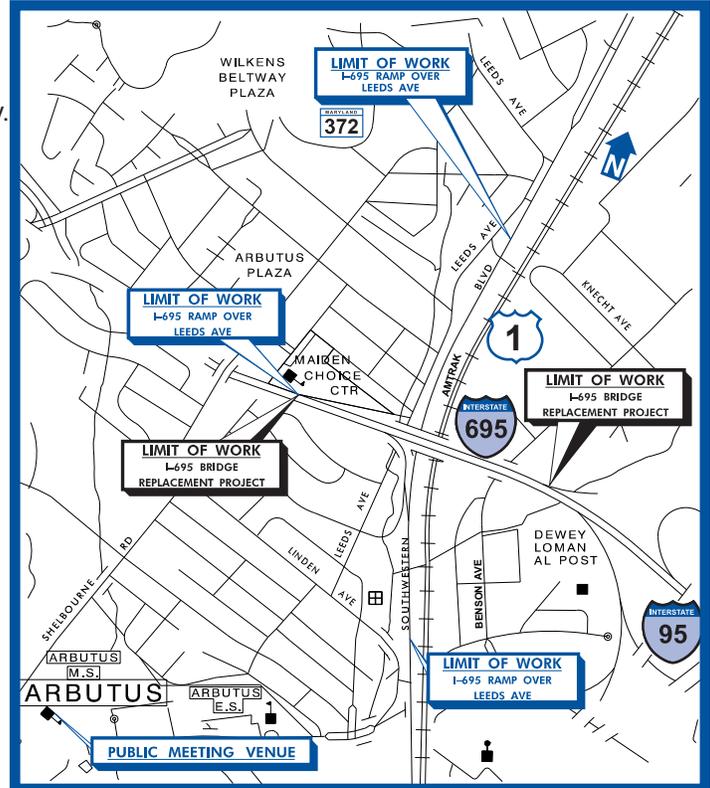
For additional information, you are invited to attend an Informational Public Meeting on **Wednesday, May 23, 2012**. Displays will be set up showing the anticipated project work, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss project issues and answer questions concerning the proposed improvements. *No formal presentation will be given.* Feel free to arrive at anytime and walk through at your own pace.

#### WHEN

**Wednesday, May 23, 2011**  
**6:00PM - 8:00PM**  
Arrive at any time.  
*There is no formal presentation*

#### WHERE

**Arbutus Middle School Cafeteria**  
**5525 Shelbourne Road,**  
**Arbutus, Maryland**  
**21227**



## Project Background, Purpose, and Need

### I-695 INNER LOOP RAMP FROM US 1 OVER LEEDS AVENUE

A new ramp is proposed to provide a direct connection between US 1 and the Inner Loop of I-695. The new ramp will replace an existing ramp from Leeds Avenue to the Inner Loop of I-695, reducing commuter traffic on local roads by providing direct access from the Halethorpe MARC station (located on US 1, south of I-695) and improving emergency response access to I-695. The new ramp will generally be located along the same alignment as the existing ramp and will span over Leeds Avenue, creating 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 current bicycle and pedestrian access policies. As part of these improvements, and consistent with current traffic counts and future traffic projections, the number of through lanes will be reduced from two to one in each direction, similar to the area along US 1 near the Halethorpe MARC station.

### I-695 INNER LOOP BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER BENSON AVENUE, AMTRAK, US 1, AND LEEDS AVENUE

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

## Traffic Impacts

### I-695 RAMP FROM US 1 OVER LEEDS AVE

During a segment of construction, the existing ramp from Leeds Avenue to the Inner Loop of I-695 will be closed, and traffic detoured. The closure is necessary because of the change in elevation created when connecting the ramp to US 1, which is approximately 25 feet higher than Leeds Avenue. SHA is currently evaluating the ramp closure and detour, including options to minimize closure duration.

### I-695 INNER LOOP OVER BENSON AVE, AMTRAK, US 1, AND LEEDS AVE. BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

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 SHA to close the right ramp lane approximately 1,000 feet prior its current ending point. This will have minimal impact on current traffic patterns.

## Schedule

The project schedules are contingent on receipt of right-of-way and construction funding:

### I-695 RAMP FROM US 1 OVER LEEDS AVENUE

Complete Final Design	Spring 2013
Begin Construction	Summer 2014
Open to Traffic	Fall 2015

### I-695 INNER LOOP BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER BENSON AVENUE, AMTRAK, US 1, AND LEEDS AVENUE

Complete Final Design	Fall 2013
Begin Construction	Spring 2014
Open to Traffic	Fall 2015

## Questions

For additional information about this project, please visit SHA's website [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on **Projects & Studies/SHA Projects Page/ Baltimore County/ I-695, Baltimore Beltway - I-95 TO CROSBY ROAD - INNER LOOP**. You may also contact the following project managers:

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## Request for Assistance

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