



PRE-CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP

MAJOR BRIDGE WORK

I-695 Inner Loop Bridge over MD 372 (Wilkens Avenue)



BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TO SUPPORT SAFETY AND MOBILITY

The I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) Inner Loop Bridge over MD 372 (Wilkens Avenue) is scheduled to be replaced starting in summer 2011. Additional work includes upgrading roadway lighting in the interchange area to enhance safety, adding lighting under the bridge, and widening a small portion of MD 372 for bicycle compatibility. During construction, SHA will close and detour ramps from the Inner Loop of I-695 to Wilkens Avenue. Street parking on MD 372 should not be affected by this project. *See map on reverse side.*

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on July 13, 2011.

The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the project and displays will be set up showing the operational and safety improvements. SHA representatives will be available to discuss the project issues and answer questions concerning construction. **No formal presentation will be given. Feel free to arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace.**

I-695 over 372 (Wilkens Avenue) Informational Workshop

WHEN:

**Wednesday,
July 13, 2011**

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Arrive at any time.
There is no formal
presentation.

WHERE:

**Halethorpe
Elementary School
Cafeteria**

4300 Maple Avenue,
Baltimore, MD
21227

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is the work necessary?

Originally constructed in 1956 and widened in 1963, the I-695 Inner Loop bridge has outlived its useful service life. Replacing the structurally deficient bridge will save on future maintenance spending and support safety and mobility as part of SHA's bridge system preservation program.

How will traffic be impacted?

During construction, all four existing through lanes on the I-695 Inner Loop, two existing through lanes on MD 372, and access from I-695 to MD 372 within the interchange will be maintained at peak travel times. The ramps from I-695 Northbound (Inner Loop) to MD 372 will be closed to ensure the safety of workers and the traveling public, and a temporary signal will be installed at the intersection of Kenwood Avenue and MD 372 to assist with turning and to minimize traffic congestion. Closures will take effect as follows:

Stage 1:

The ramp from I-695 Northbound (Inner Loop) to MD 372 Eastbound will be closed for approximately three months.

Drivers on I-695 Northbound (Inner Loop) wishing to travel to MD 372 Eastbound will be directed to exit I-695 on the ramp toward MD 372 Westbound, and make a left turn onto MD 372 Eastbound.

Stages 2&3:

After the ramp from I-695 Northbound (Inner Loop) to MD 372 Eastbound is reopened to traffic, the ramp from I-695 Northbound (Inner loop) to MD 372 Westbound will be closed for approximately eighteen months.

Drivers on I-695 Northbound (Inner Loop) wishing to travel to MD 372 Westbound will be directed to exit I-695 from the ramp toward MD 372 Eastbound, and make a left turn onto MD 372 Westbound. Motorists wishing to travel Northbound on Kenwood Avenue will be able to continue straight at the temporary signal.

What is the project schedule?

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer. SHA will make every effort to complete the project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists. Based on the scope of work and experience on similar projects, it is anticipated the project will take up to two years to complete, weather permitting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

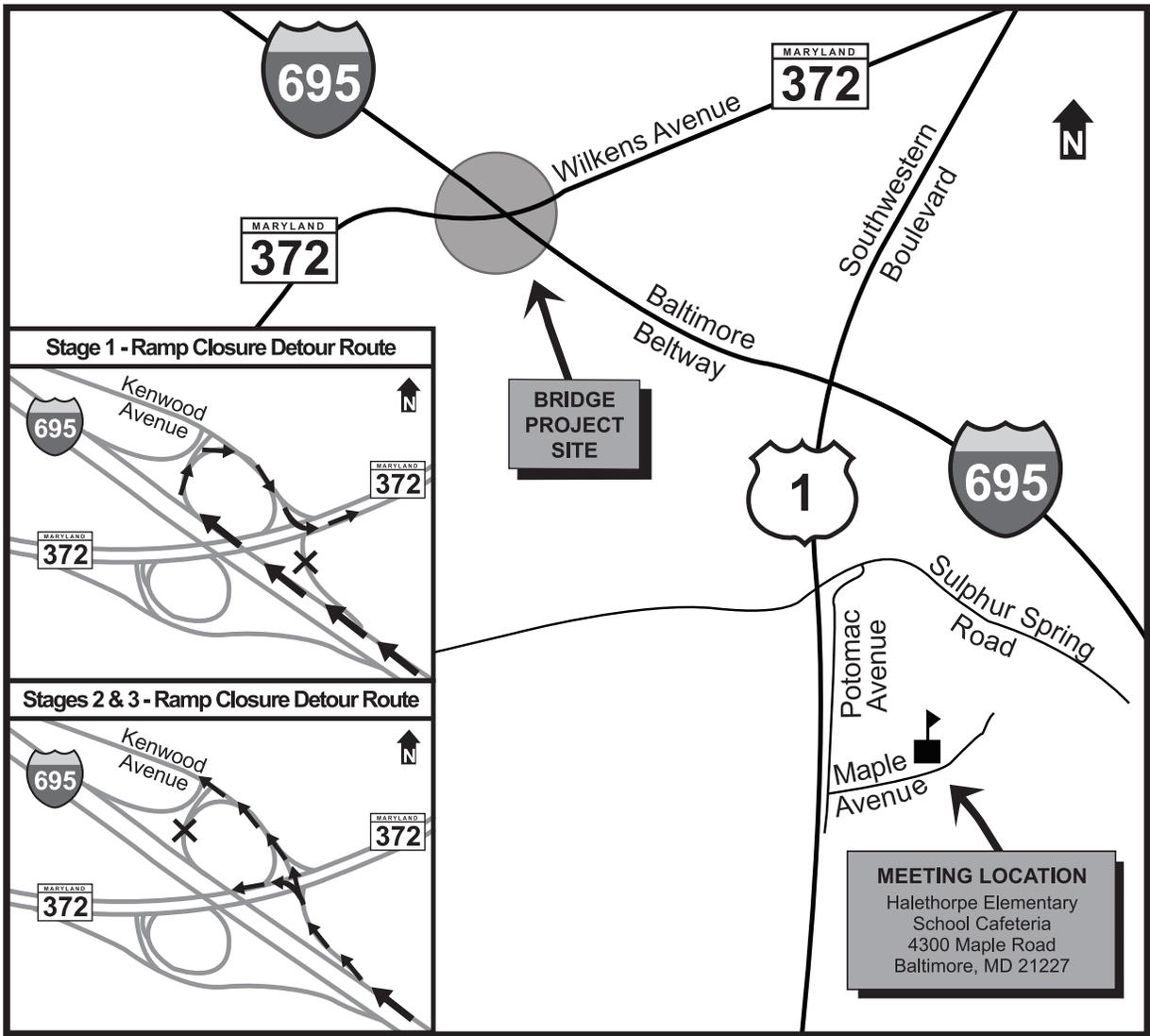
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REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or who need assistance with the English language) should contact Mr. Navarra by July 1, 2011.

SHA appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community and apologizes for any inconvenience. SHA reminds motorists to "think orange" when driving through work zones by staying alert and slowing down. Always buckle up, and please drive safely.



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