

Construction Hours *(continued)*

Construction-related noise is unavoidable, but SHA will work with the contractor to limit noise-intensive construction work between the hours of midnight and 7:00 a.m. More information on the construction schedule will be provided to the public prior to the start of the construction in Spring 2011.

Project Schedule

- Design Complete - *Fall 2010*
- Anticipated Construction Start - *Early Spring 2011*
- Anticipated Construction Finish - *Fall 2013*

Questions?

For additional information about the I-695/ Frederick Road Project including maps and illustrations, please visit SHA's project website www.roads.maryland.gov. **Click on Projects & Studies/SHA Projects Page/ Baltimore County-City/TC-Frederick Road (MD 144) Interchange Southwest Outer Loop Phase 2-A.** You may also contact:

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Save the Date!

I-695 (Baltimore Beltway)/ MD 144 (Frederick Road) Interchange Project Public Informational Meeting

Thursday, December 16, 2010
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM



I-695 (Baltimore Beltway)/ MD 144 (Frederick Road) Interchange Project



SHA to Host Public Meeting December 16th on Upcoming Bridge and Interchange Improvements in 2011

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) recently completed the engineering phase of the I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) / MD 144 (Frederick Road) Interchange Project, which will include replacement of the Frederick Road bridge over I-695. Construction is scheduled to begin early Spring 2011. SHA will hold a Public Informational Meeting on Thursday, December 16, 2010 to provide area residents and business owners with information about the project and what to expect during construction.

Attend the Public Meeting!

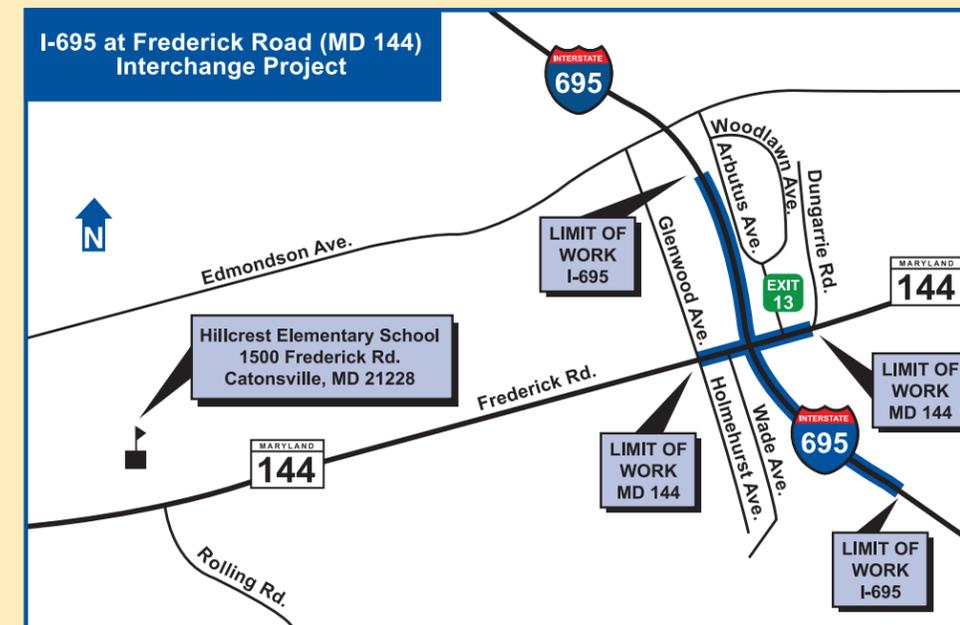
The Informational Public Meeting will allow you to view interchange displays and learn more about the project schedule, traffic pattern changes, and what to expect during construction. Displays will depict anticipated operational and safety improvements, as well as a new bridge design that complements local architecture. SHA representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer questions concerning the construction. No formal presentation will be given. Please feel free to arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace.

WHEN:	WHERE:
Thursday, December 16, 2010 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM *Snow Date - January 6, 2011	Hillcrest Elementary School - Cafeteria 1500 Frederick Road Catonsville, MD 21228

Project Background

This project is part of SHA's long-term planning study to improve and widen I-695 from I-70 to MD 170, and MD 295 (Baltimore-Washington Parkway) from I-195 to the Baltimore City Line. The study was done under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) project planning process, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Section 4(f) Evaluation (FEIS) on September 9, 1991.

SHA has completed previous phases of this original study including the I-695 Outer Loop widening from I-95 to Frederick Road, and is now widening MD 295 (Baltimore-Washington Parkway) from I-195 to I-695, to be completed in Fall 2011. SHA's long-term plan also includes widening the outer loop of I-695 from Frederick Road to south of US 40 (Baltimore National Pike), which will improve mobility and safety along I-695 by providing a fourth travel lane on the outer loop of I-695.



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Project Background *(continued)*

The I-695/Frederick Road Interchange Project is part of this proposed work, and while there is no funding available for the widening project, SHA has determined that the Frederick Road bridge over I-695 must be replaced. While it is currently safe to drive, SHA must continue to ensure long-term safety for travelers and provide reliable facilities in a timely manner. The current bridge and interchange design are consistent with the original NEPA study document.

As funding becomes available in the future, the widening of I-695 will occur separately from the I-695/Frederick Road interchange improvements.

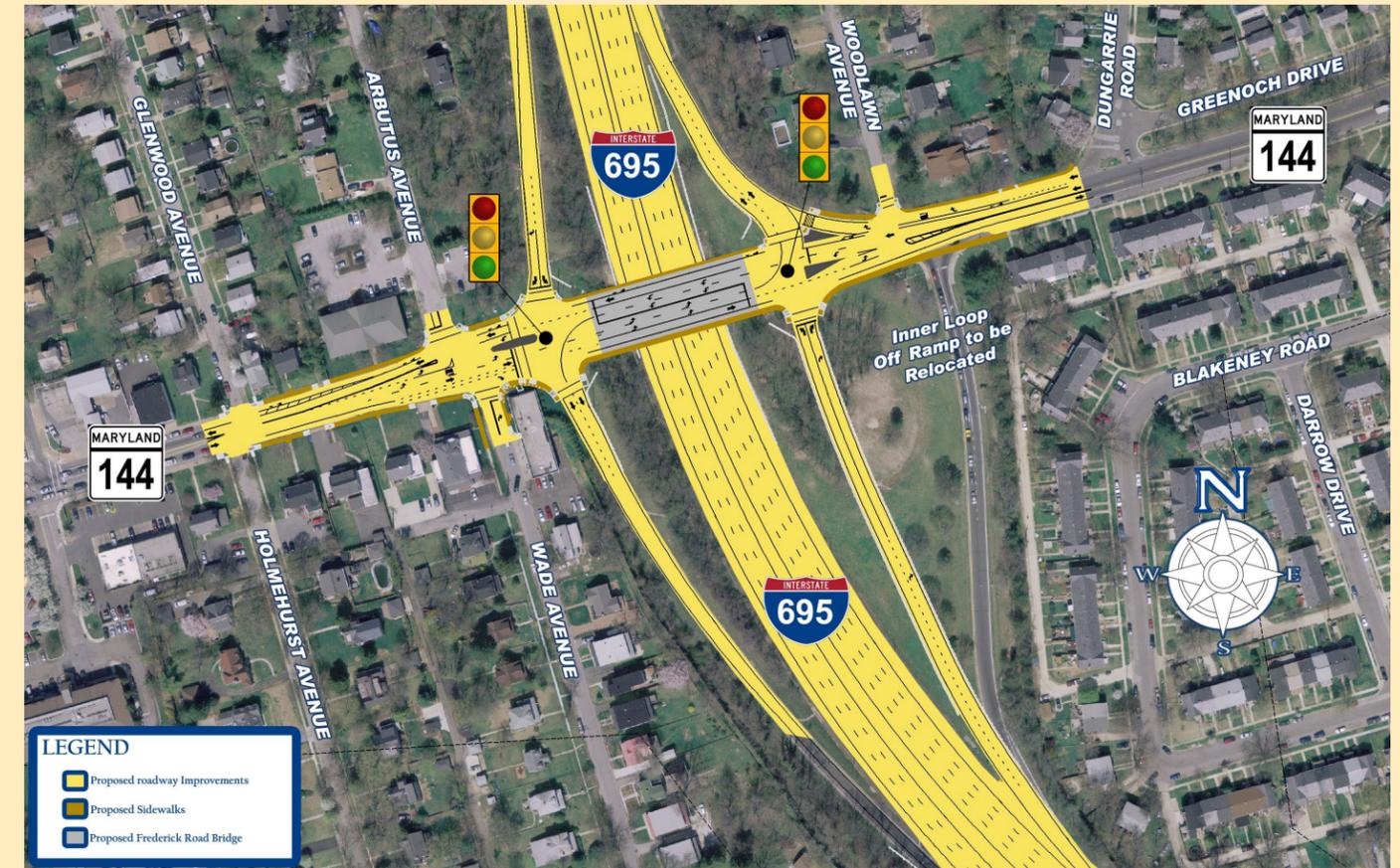
Proposed Improvements

Similar to recent bridge projects along I-695 at Reisterstown Road, York Road, Dulaney Valley Road, and Charles Street, the new Frederick Road bridge over I-695 will have an architectural finish, ornamental lighting, and decorative fencing that will provide a “gateway” to communities on each side of the bridge and the Historic National Road Scenic Byway. It will be three lanes wider than the existing bridge and provide one through lane and two left turn lanes in each direction. The new Frederick Road bridge will also be long enough to accommodate the future widening of the Baltimore Beltway.

Safety and operational improvements include:

- Relocating the off-ramp from the inner loop of I-695 to Frederick Road
- Reconstructing the traffic signal at the intersection of the I-695 outer loop ramps with Frederick Road, including a new audible/countdown pedestrian signal crossing Frederick Road
- Constructing bicycle-compatible outside shoulders on Frederick Road between Holmehurst Avenue and Dunganrie Road
- Constructing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks and pedestrian accommodations in the vicinity of the interchange

I-695 (Baltimore Beltway)/ MD 144 (Frederick Road) Interchange Project Proposed Improvements



Changing Traffic Patterns

SHA and the contractor will shift traffic lanes and ramps along I-695 and Frederick Road to create safe work zones for construction crews and travelers. On the Frederick Road bridge, for example, traffic initially will be moved to the south side of the existing bridge while the north side is demolished and reconstructed. Lanes will be narrowed, but the single through lanes in each direction and the left turn lane will be maintained. Following construction of the north side, traffic will be moved to the new portion of the bridge while the existing south side is demolished and reconstructed.

Travel Delays

Motorists should expect delays when traveling through the project work zone. Please plan for extra travel time and look ahead for work zone signs, workers, and construction equipment.

Speed Limits

The speed limit on I-695 will be reduced from 55 mph to 50 mph within the interchange work zone, as part of the Maryland Safe Zones program. Automated Speed

Enforcement (Speed Cameras) may be used within work zones along I-695. For more information about work zone speed enforcement, log on to: www.safezones.maryland.gov

Access to Residences and Businesses

SHA and the contractor will maintain access to residences and businesses during construction. The project team will work with home and business owners to coordinate construction activities at driveways and entrances, ensuring the least possible impact. Travelers wishing to access the Spring Grove Hospital Center from I-695 are encouraged to use Wilkens Avenue instead of Frederick Road.

Construction Hours

Most construction work will be performed on weekdays. However, some work may take place on weekends or evenings. Major construction operations such as bridge demolition work and removal or installation of steel beams across I-695 will take place at night when there is less traffic moving through the work zone.

	Existing	Proposed
View of Frederick Road bridge over I-695		
View approaching Frederick Road bridge traveling southbound along Outer Loop of I-695		
View of Frederick Road looking east toward I-695		