

# PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

## BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT

### MD 6 OVER ZEKIAH SWAMP

#### PROJECT UPDATE • FALL 2016

#### Construction Scheduled; Public Meeting Planned

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (MDOT/SHA) is scheduled to replace the deck of the two-lane MD 6 (Charles Street) bridge over Zekiah Swamp in Charles County. The bridge, located southeast of La Plata, was built in 1933 and later widened in 1970. The planned improvements will replace the existing concrete bridge deck as well as perform repairs to the concrete bridge supports and resurface roadway approaches to the bridge. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2017 and last approximately a year.

**For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on September 26, 2016 at the Charlotte Hall Library from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** The informational meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide attendees an opportunity to discuss project details. Maps and other displays will provide project information. Representatives from MDOT/SHA will be available to answer project-related questions. **There will be no formal presentation.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace. (See back of newsletter for meeting details.)

#### Questions and Answers

##### Why is the work necessary?

The MD 6 (Charles Street) bridge over Zekiah Swamp is structurally safe but showing signs of significant deck deterioration and needs to be rehabilitated.

##### How will traffic be impacted during construction?

The preferred alternative maintains traffic in a single lane with the use of a system of temporary traffic signals to alternate traffic through the work zone at the bridge while completing the bridge work in two stages. This method of maintaining traffic has been used successfully on many other MDOT/SHA projects. Variable message signs will be used to alert motorists of the upcoming lane closures.

##### Have other alternatives been considered?

Several options have been considered to replace the bridge deck while minimizing impacts on the public. Maintaining both lanes of traffic

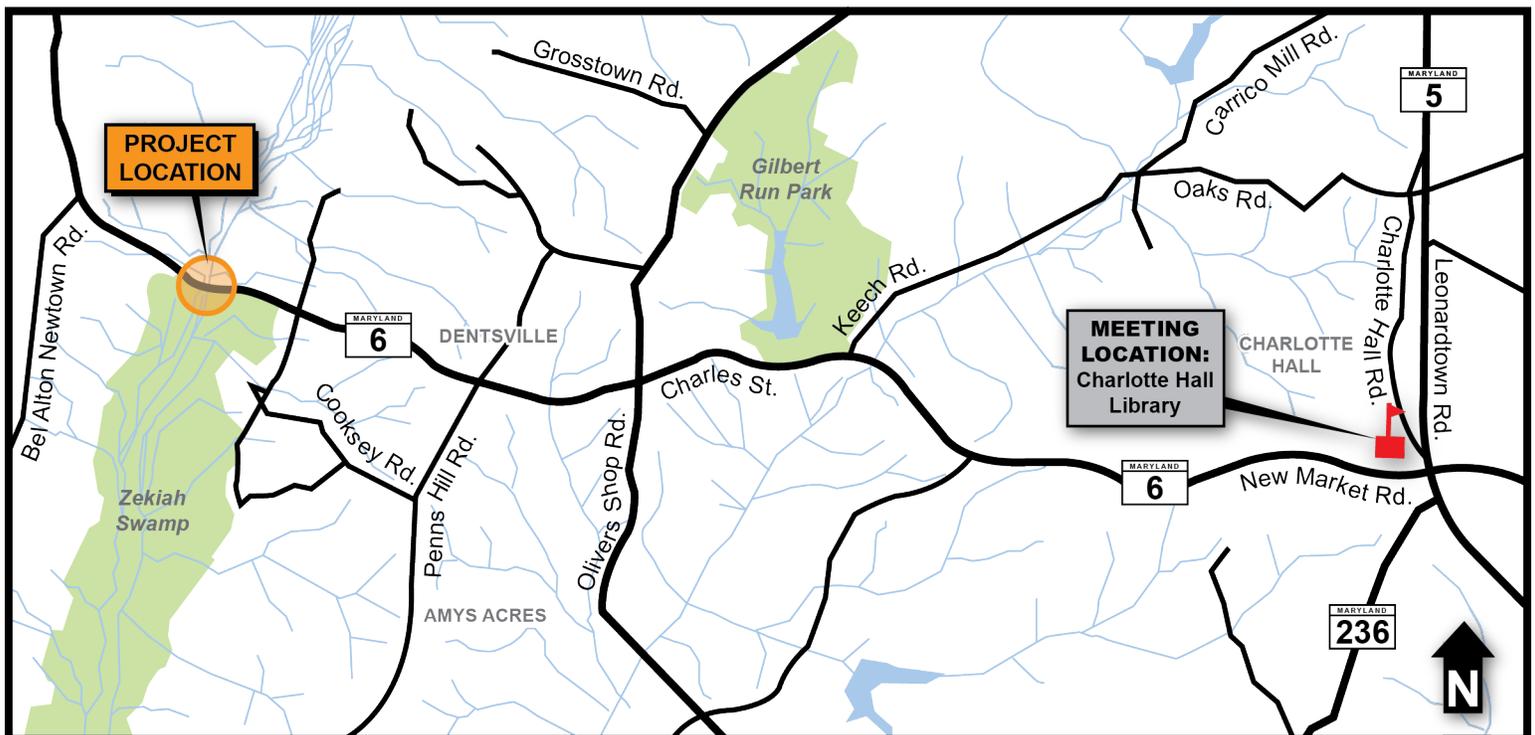
during construction was considered, yet the bridge is too narrow to maintain both lanes and perform replacement work. Widening the bridge to maintain traffic would increase costs and have impacts to this environmentally sensitive area. Rerouting all traffic was also deemed unacceptable since it would require an extensive detour.

##### When will work be completed?

MDOT/SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts on local residents and motorists. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2017. It is anticipated that construction will last for approximately one year, weather permitting.

#### Estimated Project Schedule

Begin Construction. . . . . Spring 2017  
 End Construction. . . . . Spring 2018





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**For More Information**

For questions regarding the MD 6 Bridge Deck Replacement over Zekiah Swamp, please contact:

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**Request for Assistance**

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech/ difficulties or assistance with the English language) should contact Mr. Dana Morse by September 19, 2016.

**Larry Hogan, Governor** | **Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor** | **Pete K. Rahn, Secretary** | **Gregory C. Johnson, P.E., Administrator**

WHEN:	WHERE:
<p><b>Monday, September 26, 2016</b> 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>There will be no formal presentation.</i></p>	<p><b>Charlotte Hall Library (Meeting Room)</b></p> <p>37600 New Market Road Charlotte Hall, MD 20622</p>

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For project details, please visit MDOT/SHA's website at [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on **Projects, SHA Projects Page**. Type **CH216218** in the lower search box, select **MD 6, BRIDGE 0800700 over Zekiah Swamp** from the dropdown menu, then click on the **Additional Project Information** link in the callout box. You may also use the QR Code below.

