

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)**  
**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (SHA)**



**HAS INITIATED PROJECT PLANNING FOR**  
**US 15 PROJECT PLANNING STUDY FROM I-270 TO MD 26 IN**  
**FREDERICK COUNTY**

Project Planning and Preliminary Engineering activities are being conducted to evaluate possible improvements to US 15/ US 40, locally referred to as **US 15 (Frederick Freeway)**, from I-270 to MD 26.

The Project Planning efforts will assess the need for, develop, and evaluate possible improvements to this portion of the Frederick Freeway. These efforts are part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, and include agency and public involvement; the development and review of all reasonable alternatives (including the No-Build Alternative); the evaluation of social, economic, cultural, and natural environmental impacts; and conclude with location and design approvals, if a build alternative is selected. Provided a build alternative is selected, MDOT/SHA will progress with Preliminary Engineering to further refine design elements so that the project is a viable candidate for future construction funding consideration.



The MDOT/SHA has performed initial traffic assessments and believes that the project is needed to address **safety and operations along mainline US 15 from I-270 to MD 26**. The **Purpose and Need Statement is currently being drafted and will be available on MDOT/SHA's website once completed and approved**.

As part of the public involvement activities, and consistent with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, MDOT/SHA requests public comments regarding historic properties, including standing structures and archeological resources. MDOT/SHA will be coordinating with the Maryland Historical Trust. Any organization that desires to be a consulting party should contact the Consultant Project Manager.

Citizen involvement throughout the Project Planning process is encouraged. Written comments and requests to be included on the project mailing or email lists may be submitted to **Mr. Leo Sawada, Consultant Project Manager, Project Management Division, Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering**, Maryland State Highway Administration, 707 N. Calvert Street, MS C-301, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, or by calling **(410) 545-8051** or toll-free at **(1-800-548-5026)**, or by email at **lsawada@sha.state.md.us**. The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons on the project mailing/email lists will be kept informed of project developments and opportunities for public involvement as the study progresses. For project details, please visit MDOT/SHA's website at **www.roads.maryland.gov** and click on **Projects, SHA Projects Page**. Type **FR1881110** in the lower search box, click on the project and then choose the **Additional Project Information** link in the callout box.