



I-70 Frederick Area Improvements Project

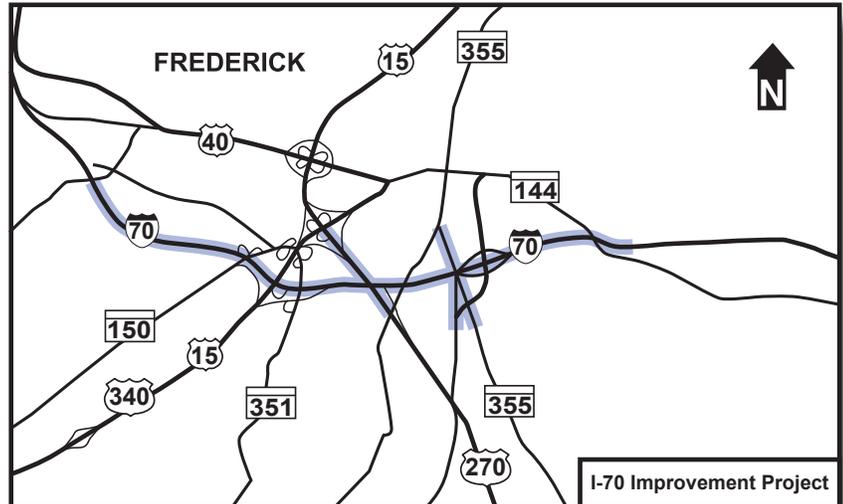


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Construction Continues this Spring

As progress continues on improvements to I-70, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is pleased to bring you this project update.

The I-70 Improvements Project involves upgrading I-70 from Mt. Phillip Road west of the City of Frederick eastward to MD 144 (East Patrick Street), a distance of approximately 5.3 miles. This project is being undertaken in several phases. The improvements include widening I-70 from four-lanes to six lanes, adding ramps to provide new connections between various roadways, and reconstructing several interchanges, including those with US 15/340, I-270, US 40, MD 85/355, MD 144, MD 351, Monocacy Boulevard, and Reich's Ford Road.



When the project is completed, SHA will have widened I-70 and improved substandard interchanges, removing unnecessary traffic from local roads and relieving drivers of the need to follow circuitous routes to reach their destinations. This improved roadway will more effectively accommodate Frederick area traffic, which is projected to increase by as much as 60 percent by the year 2020.

Current Status

Improvements under construction include:

- MD 85 Urban Diamond Interchange and ramps
- Monocacy Boulevard and East Street Extended
- Stormwater management ponds, pumping station, and force main
- MD 355 from just south of Monocacy Boulevard to the northern project limit
- Necessary widening of I-70 associated with the above-listed improvements
- Park and Ride Lot in northeast quadrant of I-70/ MD 355
- New MD 355 bridge over I-70
- Widening of MD 355 from north of Monocacy Boulevard to north of the new structure

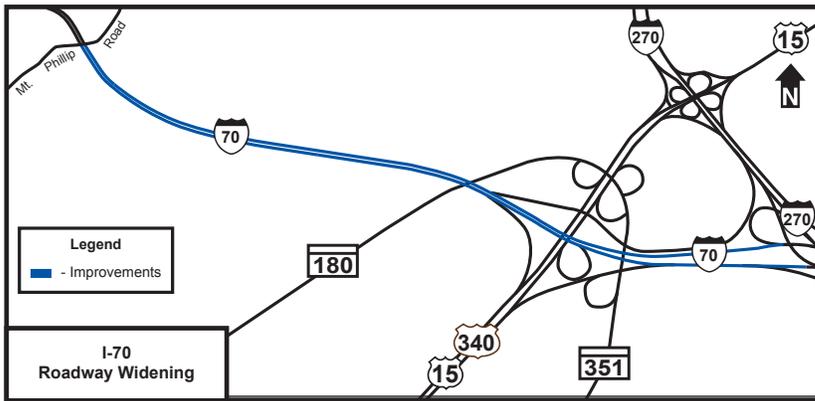
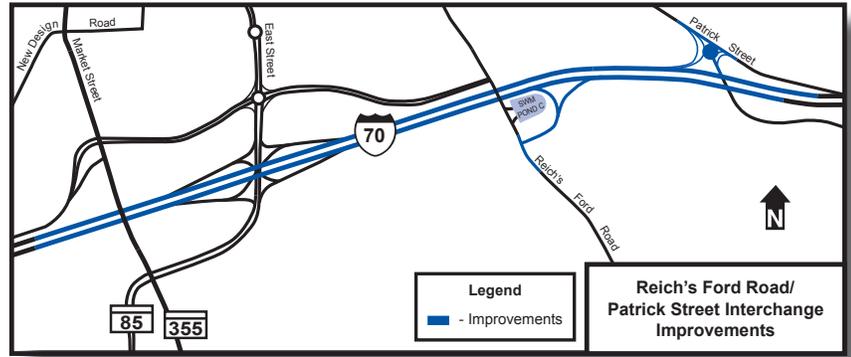
The estimated date of completion for construction of these improvements is Fall 2009.

Completed Improvements

- New ramp movements at the I-70/US 15/US 340 Interchange - [Opened to traffic October 1997](#)
- New ramp movements at the I-70/I-270 Interchange, and reconstruction of the New Design Road bridge over I-70 - [Opened to traffic October 2002](#)
- New ramps to/from eastbound I-70 to MD 355, MD 85 at the MD 355 intersection, widening of MD 355 from south of I-70 for approximately 2000 feet - [Opened to traffic Fall 2004](#)

Future Improvements

The Reich's Ford Road and Patrick Street Interchanges – This segment of the project is currently under design, with an estimated design completion date of Fall 2008. This project is not funded for construction and only partially funded for right-of-way. Improvements include: Patrick Street Roundabout, westbound ramp, and widening of I-70 at westbound ramp, Reich's Ford Road and eastbound ramps, I-70 bridges over South Street, and ultimate eastbound and westbound widening on I-70 from west of MD 144 to MD 355.



I-70 Widening from west of I-270 to Mt. Phillip Road – SHA is initiating concept-level design on this part of the project, which will include the construction of a third travel lane in both the westbound and eastbound directions on I-70 from Mt. Phillip Road to just west of I-270. This phase of the I-70 projects is not funded for construction, design, or right-of-way. The I-70 project team is working with teams for the MD 180/MD 351 Planning Study, I-270/US15 Multimodal Study, and US15/Monocacy Boulevard Planning Study to coordinate roadway designs.

Questions?

To speak to a member of the construction team, please call toll-free 1-800-635-5119, or email DACEO@sha.state.md.us. To speak to a member of the design team working on the future improvements, please call 1-888-228-5003, or email DACEPE@sha.state.md.us.

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