



# MD 546 over I-68 Bridge Rehabilitation



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this project, please visit SHA's website at [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on **Projects and Studies, SHA Projects Page, Garrett County**, and **MD 546, Finzel Road** or use the QR code below.

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WHEN:	WHERE:
<p><b>Monday, October 26, 2015</b> 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM</p> <p><i>There will be no formal presentation.</i></p>	<p><b>The Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County Grantsville Branch</b></p> <p>102 Parkview Drive Grantsville, MD 21536</p>

*For questions about other highway and drainage-related issues in the area, please contact:*

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# PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT BRIDGE REHABILITATION Bridge on MD 546 over I-68

## BRIDGE REHABILITATION PLANNED; PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) has scheduled the rehabilitation of the bridge on MD 546 (Finzel Road) over I-68 in Garrett County during summer 2016. The project will replace the riding surface and make structural repairs to improve safety. **All traffic will be detoured during construction.**

**For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on Monday, October 26, 2015.** The informational meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide attendees an opportunity to discuss project details. Display areas will depict the expected traffic impacts and the proposed improvements to the bridge, and SHA representatives will be available to answer questions. **No formal presentation will be given.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace. (See back of flier for meeting details.)

## WHY IS THE WORK NECESSARY?

The bridge over I-68, constructed in 1973, is structurally safe for travel but in need of repairs to extend its service life. The work to be performed will include:

- Replacement of the concrete riding surface
- Repair and painting of the bridge's steel girders.
- Strengthening of concrete bridge supports

Rehabilitating the bridge will reduce maintenance costs and support the safety and mobility of motorists. The project is part of SHA's bridge system preservation program, which provides reliable bridges in a timely manner.

*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.*

## HOW WILL TRAFFIC BE IMPACTED DURING CONSTRUCTION?

SHA will close the bridge on MD 546 across I-68 and detour traffic for about 10 weeks during construction. Work will be scheduled during the summer months to minimize impacts on school buses that travel along MD 546. All ramps to-and-from the interchange will remain open; only traffic crossing the bridge will be detoured. Through traffic on I-68 will not be impacted by this project.

## WHEN WILL WORK BE COMPLETED?

Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2016, after the school year has ended. SHA will make every effort to complete the project as quickly as possible, while minimizing impacts on local residents and motorists. Weather permitting, SHA expects to allow traffic back on the bridge in August 2016, before schools reopen.

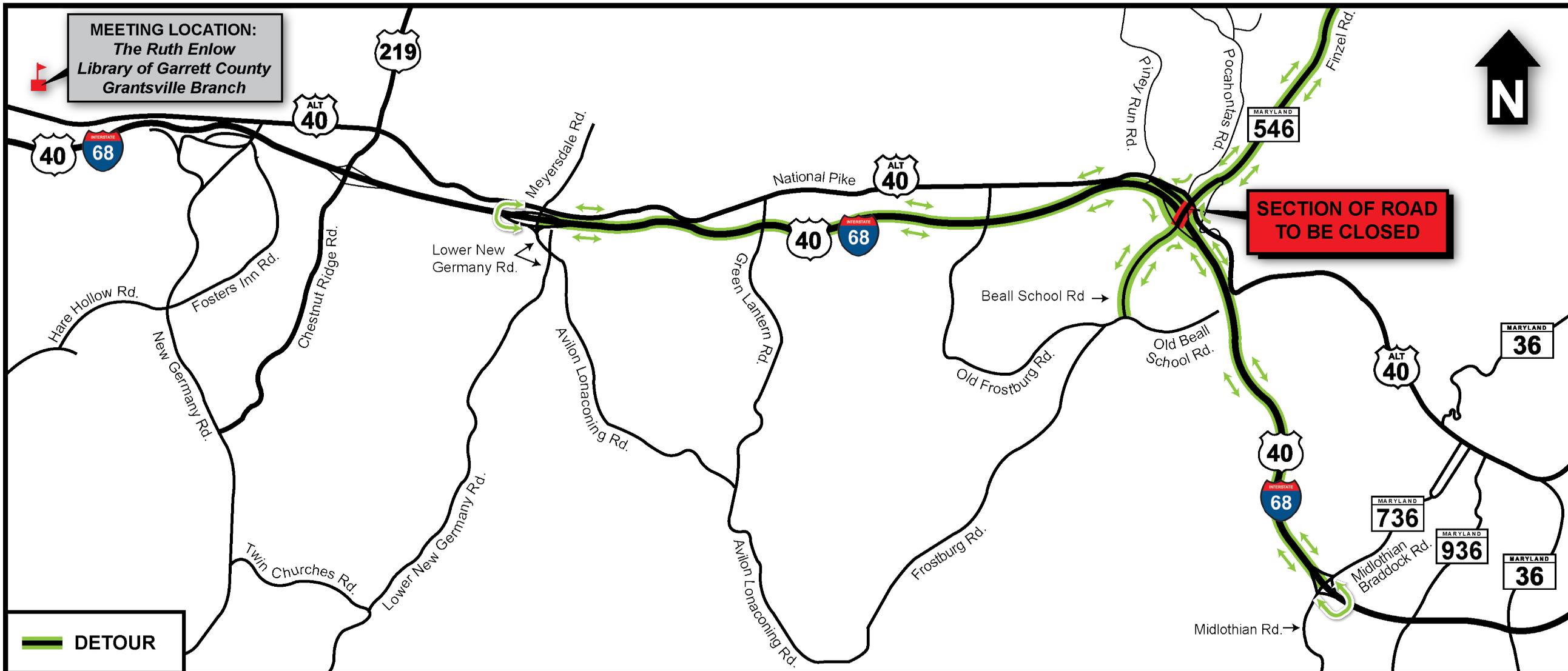
## WHAT OTHER ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED?

SHA considered maintaining two lanes of traffic on the bridge at all times. This option was dismissed because of the extra time and cost associated with staged construction. Detouring traffic is the safest alternative, as it prevents motorists and construction workers from being on the bridge at the same time. SHA has included local emergency response agencies in the planning process and will continue to coordinate with them to minimize response-time delays during construction.

## 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 Dipa Patel by October 19, 2015.





**WHAT ARE THE PROPOSED DETOUR ROUTES?**

**Traffic traveling on I-68 Eastbound to MD 546 Northbound:**

- Stay on I-68 Eastbound to the Midlothian Road Interchange
- Make a U-turn to get onto I-68 Westbound
- Proceed to MD 546 Northbound

**Traffic traveling on MD 546 Northbound to stay on MD 546 Northbound:**

- Turn onto I-68 Eastbound to the Midlothian Road Interchange
- Make a U-turn to get onto I-68 Westbound
- Proceed to MD 546 Northbound

**Traffic traveling on MD 546 Southbound to stay on MD 546 Southbound:**

- Turn onto I-68 Westbound to the Lower New Germany Road Interchange
- Make a U-turn to get onto I-68 Eastbound
- Proceed to MD 546 Southbound

**Traffic traveling on I-68 Westbound to MD 546 Southbound:**

- Stay on I-68 Westbound to the Lower New Germany Road Interchange
- Make a U-turn to get onto I-68 Eastbound
- Proceed to MD 546 Southbound

**Traffic traveling on MD 546 Northbound to I-68 Westbound:**

- Turn onto I-68 Eastbound to the Midlothian Road Interchange
- Make a U-turn to get onto I-68 Westbound

**Traffic traveling on MD 546 Southbound to I-68 Eastbound:**

- Turn onto I-68 Westbound to the Lower New Germany Road Interchange
- Make a U-turn to get onto I-68 Eastbound