



# PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT SMALL STRUCTURE (BRIDGE) REPLACEMENT

## US 50 over a Branch of the Youghiogheny River

### PROJECT UPDATE • SUMMER 2016

#### Design Continues; Public Meeting Planned

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) invites you to attend an informational public meeting about the replacement of a small structure that bridges US 50 (George Washington Highway) over a branch of the Youghiogheny River in Garrett County. It is located just over a mile west of the US 50 and US 219 intersection. The main objectives of this project are to replace the deteriorating structure and increase the width of the bridge to provide a safer travel area. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2017.

**For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on Thursday, July 14, 2016.** The informational meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide attendees an opportunity to discuss project details. Display areas will depict the proposed improvements, and SHA representatives 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 existing structure utilizes a culvert that channels a branch of the Youghiogheny River under US 50. Originally constructed in 1927, it is structurally safe but is showing signs of deterioration. The proposed replacement bridge will be 23 feet long, and will include two 11-foot lanes and two 5-foot shoulders.

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

The proposed method for maintaining traffic is to detour traffic for a period of 10 weeks during the summer months to complete the construction in a single stage. This method of maintaining traffic has been used successfully on many other SHA projects and allows for the structure to be replaced in the quickest and safest manner.

##### Have other alternatives been considered?

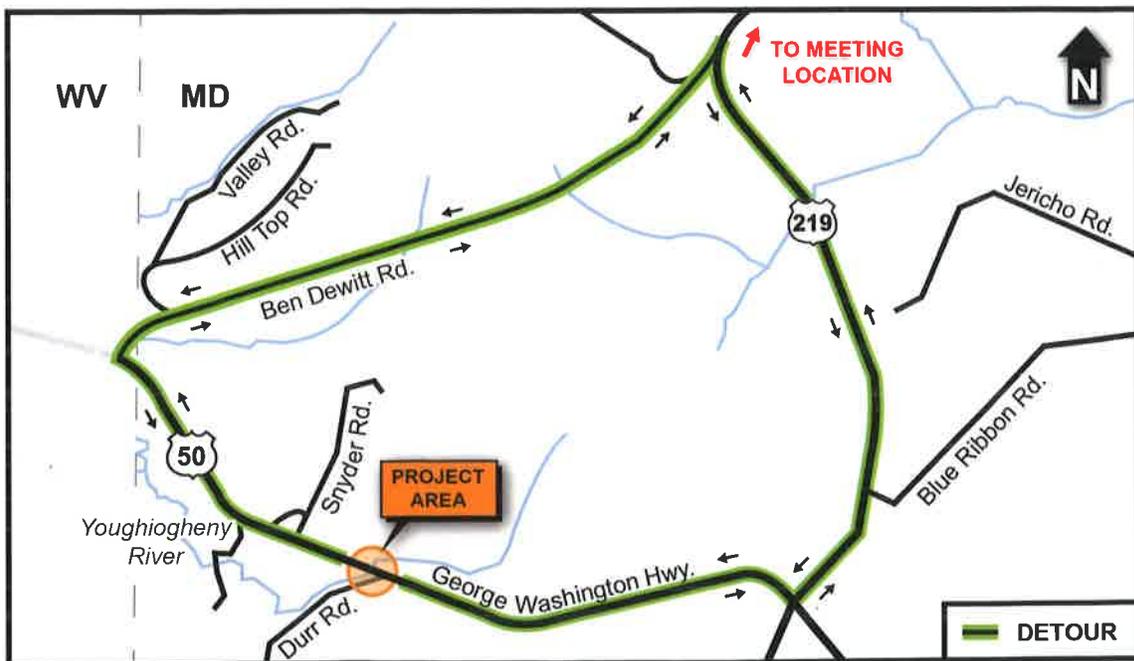
Several options to replace the bridge while minimizing impacts to the public have been considered. Maintaining both lanes of traffic during construction was not an option because the existing bridge is too narrow to maintain both lanes and perform replacement work. Widening the bridge to maintain traffic would increase costs and impacts to sensitive environmental areas adjacent to the bridge. Another option for maintaining traffic is to maintain two-way traffic in one travel lane through a system of traffic signals located at each end of the project. This was not a desirable option since it prolongs the construction.

##### When will work be completed?

SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2017. It is anticipated that construction will be completed by August 2017, weather permitting.



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.





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For More Information

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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. Crawford by July 7, 2016

Table with 2 columns: WHEN: Thursday, July 14, 2016, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be no formal presentation. WHERE: Southern Garrett High School (Library/Media Center), 345 Oakland Drive, Oakland, MD 21550

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