



Oakland Bypass



PROJECT NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2005

Public Informational Meeting Scheduled

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) invites interested people to attend an informational public meeting regarding the US 219 – Oakland Bypass Project. Several new detailed design elements of the new two-lane roadway will be discussed. This meeting follows up the previous public hearing on December 7, 1999.

WHAT: Informational Public Meeting

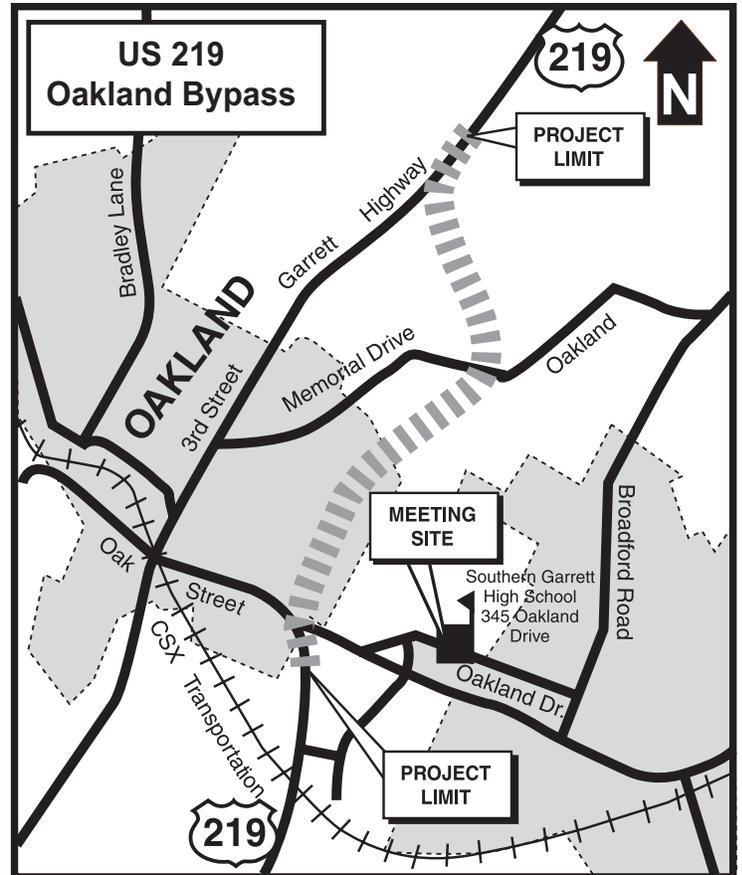
Learn first-hand about the current progress and design developments of the US 219 Oakland Bypass on June 27, 2005. Attend a formal presentation regarding the design features and view wall displays showing the proposed improvements. Representatives of the State Highway Administration will be available to receive your comments and answer questions. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

WHEN:

JUNE 27, 2005
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

WHERE:

Southern Garrett High School
345 Oakland Dr.
Oakland, MD 21550



During the beginning of the preliminary engineering phase there have been several suggestions from SHA's designers on how to be more cost-effective, minimize environmental impacts, allow for future expansion, and ensure a safe roadway for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. The following detailed proposals are:

- **Dennett Road Roundabout** - A roundabout at this intersection will serve as a way to calm southbound traffic approaching the residential area between Dennett Road and the existing US 219.
- **Oak Street Intersection Reconfiguration** – The “urban section” of the Oakland Bypass will be extended to the south of Oak Street. The extension of this curbed section will provided a traffic calming measure for northbound motorists approaching Oakland. Along with this extension, in order to make this intersection operate in

NEW Design Details Developed

SHA has completed 30% of the preliminary engineering phase of the bypass which will be a new two-lane roadway starting 1-1/4 miles north of the city of Oakland. The bypass will go past the existing US 219 (3rd Street) and end at MD 135. The purpose of preliminary engineering is to review roadway geometry and operations in more detail. The end product will be a set of plans and specifications that a contractor will be able to use to construct the roadway.

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a safe, efficient manner, the nearby MD 825A intersection will be removed. This will greatly reduce potential safety concerns from weaving traffic, which would occur because of the close proximity of the existing MD 825A intersection and the proposed US 219 intersection.

■ Northern Connector Road - The previous plan provided a T-intersection to existing US 219, where the bypass alignment began. The new alignment eliminates this T-intersection and provides a connector road between the Oakland Bypass and existing US 219 (near the Wal-Mart entrance). This alignment provides a much safer and efficient intersection configuration between the Wal-Mart entrance and the bypass intersection.

Additionally, the design team is investigating the need for a mid-block crossing between Dennett Road and Oak Street. In the planning phase, several comments were received in support of a crossing in this vicinity. The SHA design team is revisiting this concept to insure that a safe condition is provided for both pedestrians and motorists. Your input on these issues will help SHA deliver a high-quality project.

Current Project Schedule

30% Design Completion (Summer 2005)
100% Design Completion (Fall 2007)
Construction Begins (Spring 2010)

Questions?

If you have any questions or comments regarding the US 219 – Oakland Bypass project, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Sean C. Johnson, the SHA Project Manager at 410.545.8813 or toll free at 1.888.228.5003. Mr. Johnson may also be reached via e-mail at sjohnson@sha.state.md.us.

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