PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

MAJOR BRIDGE WORK

MARYLAND 7

MD 7 (Philadelphia Road) over James Run

BRIDGE WORK TO SUPPORT SAFETY AND MOBILITY

The MD 7 (Philadelphia Road) Bridge over James Run in Harford County is scheduled for replacement starting in Summer 2014. SHA will replace the deteriorating bridge, improve stream flow through the bridge, and increase the width of the bridge to provide a safer traveled area. The new structure provides 5' shoulders on both sides of the roadway and meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and SHA's bicycle requirements, supporting safety and mobility as part of SHA's bridge system preservation program.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on July 18, 2013.

MD 7 (Philadelphia Road) over James Run Informational Workshop	
WHEN:	**WHERE:**
Thursday, July 18, 2013	**Abingdon Fire Company Hall**
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.	3306 Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD 21009
Arrive at any time. There is no formal presentation.	

The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide the public an opportunity to inform SHA of any special concerns they may have. Display areas will be set up depicting operational and safety improvements, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss project issues and answer questions concerning the proposed construction. No formal presentation will be given. Feel free to arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is the work necessary?
While the bridge is structurally safe, MD 7 (Philadelphia Road) over James Run, constructed in 1925, is showing signs of deterioration. The project is part of SHA's bridge system preservation program aimed at providing reliable facilities in a timely manner while saving money on future maintenance spending.

How will traffic be impacted by construction activities?
Both lanes of traffic along MD 7 will be detoured during construction, as replacement of the bridge will be completed in a single stage during the summer months when schools are closed. This will limit traffic impacts to a period of ten weeks and prevent impacts to school bus traffic.

Have any other alternatives been considered?
Alternatives for maintaining traffic along MD 7 during construction included alternating one lane of traffic across the bridge with temporary traffic signals, but this was not feasible due to the high traffic volume on this roadway and the back-ups a signal would create. It was determined that a complete traffic detour would provide the least long-term disruption to travelers.

What is the project schedule?
Pending acquisition of required environmental permits and the relocation of impacted utilities, construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2014. SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists. Based on the nature of the work and experience on similar projects, it is anticipated that full traffic capacity will be restored before the start of school.

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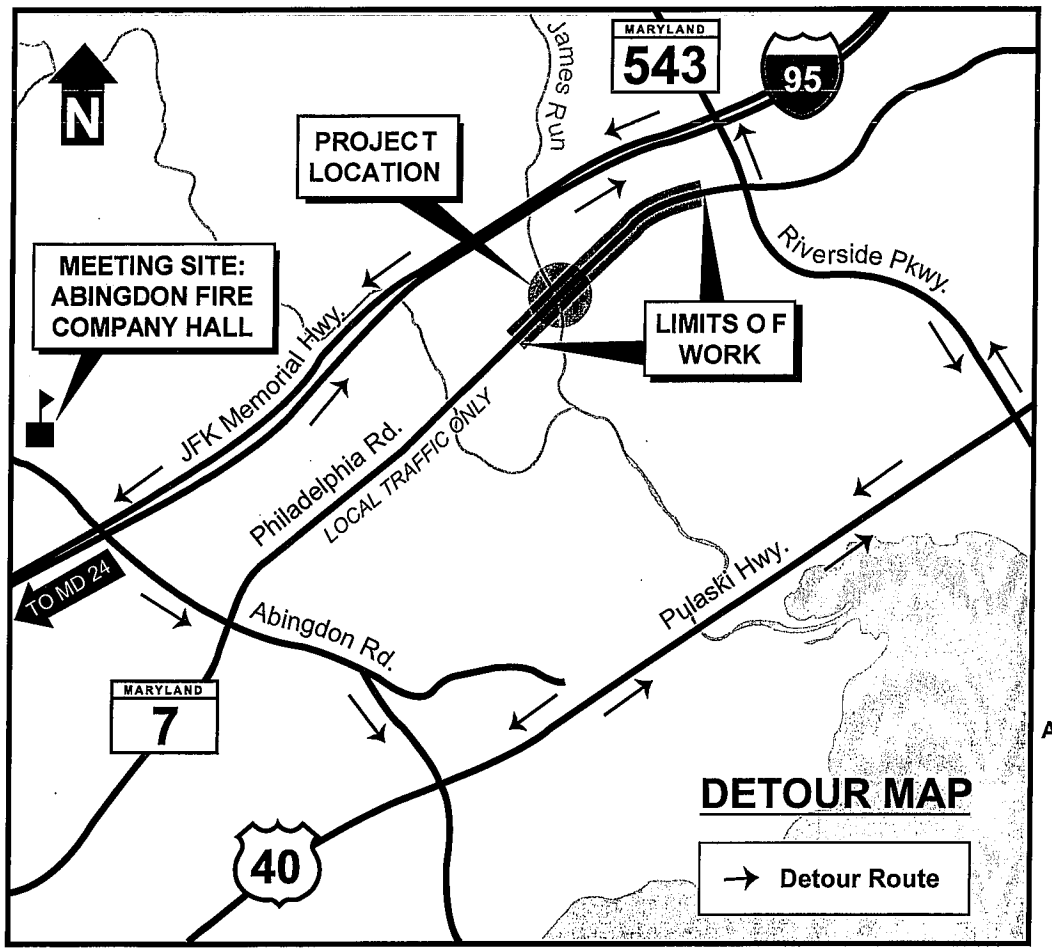
For more information on Harford County projects, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on Projects and Studies/ Transportation Projects Page/ Harford County.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language, should contact Mr. Peake by July 11, 2012.

SHA appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community and apologizes in advance for any inconvenience. SHA reminds motorist to "think orange" when driving though work zones by staying alert and slowing down. Always buckle up, and please drive safely.



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