



MD 24 (Rocks Road) – Section G Slope Protection Project

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PROJECT DESIGN INITIATED, PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) has initiated design activities for the MD 24 (Rocks Road) – Section G project in Harford County. Section G, one of seven sections of MD 24 that require repair, extends approximately 700 to 2,200 feet south of Sharon Road. The purpose of this project is to remediate the slopes that support MD 24 and to repair the roadway and associated features.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at North Harford High School. (See back of newsletter for meeting details.) The public meeting will acquaint attendees with the project and provide an opportunity to discuss project details. Maps and displays will provide project information, and SHA and other agency representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

MD 24, a major rural roadway in Harford County that provides a link to Pennsylvania, is traveled mainly by commuters, school buses, delivery trucks, and park-users. Portions of MD 24 parallel Deer Creek, a Maryland scenic river that causes considerable erosion and movement of the earth beneath the roadway.

In 2003, SHA completed a study along MD 24 from south of Stirrup Run Culvert to Deer Creek Bridge that identified seven distinct sections of the roadway that need slope repairs. Two of those seven sections were identified as priorities: (1) Section A, the northern section, located 1,200 feet south of Deer Creek Bridge, and (2) Section G, the southern section, that extends from approximately 700 feet to 2,200 feet south of Sharon Road.

Construction on Section A was completed in spring 2015. Section G will require the reconstruction of MD 24 while minimizing impacts on Deer Creek. The proposed design for this section of MD 24 includes a two-lane roadway and new traffic barriers along northbound MD 24. Several options, including roadway alignments and slope treatments, will be presented during the public meeting.

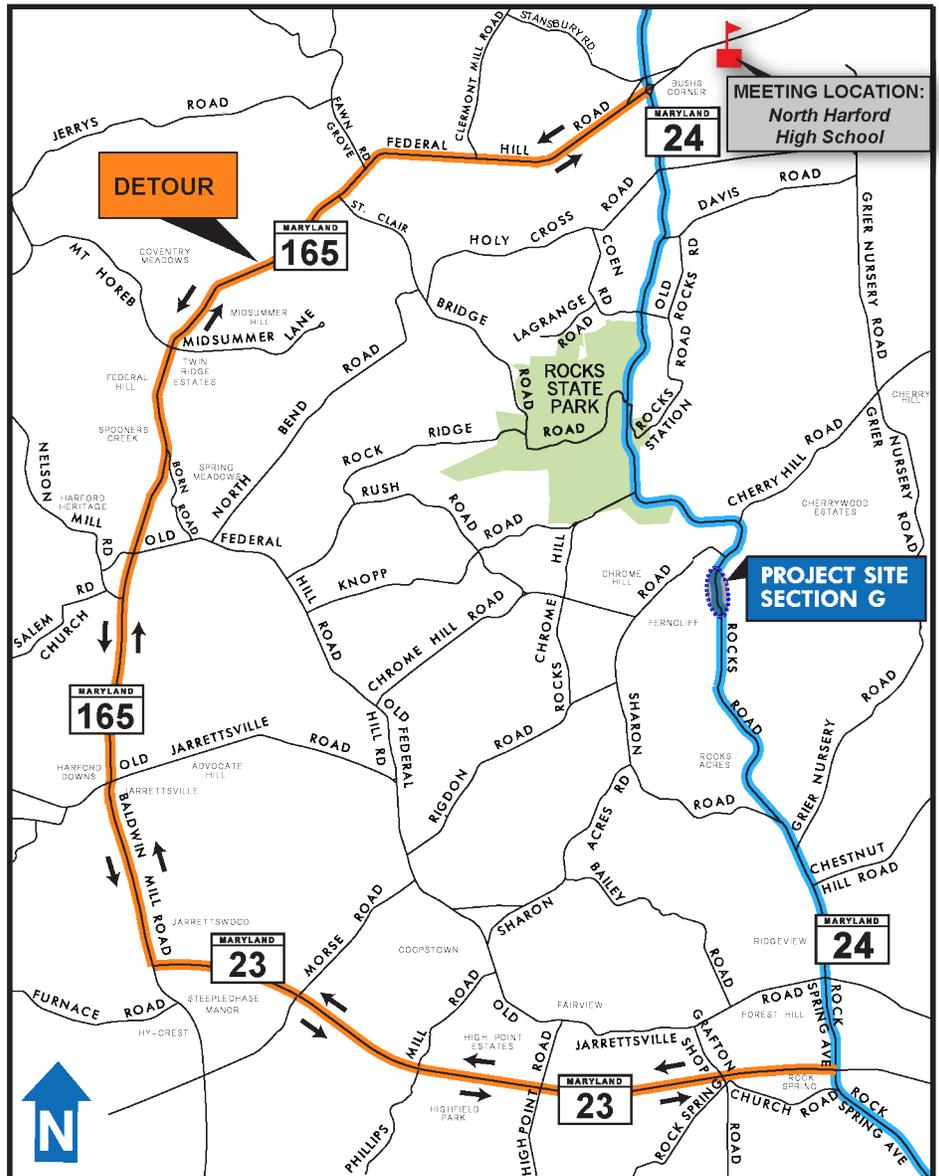
HOW WILL TRAFFIC BE IMPACTED DURING CONSTRUCTION?

Pending the availability of funds, SHA expects construction to begin in summer 2018. To maintain traffic during construction, a full road closure will be necessary and traffic will be detoured to MD 23 (East-West Highway) and MD 165 (Federal Hill Road). Access to Rocks State Park and adjacent properties will be maintained.

DESIGN SCHEDULE

Complete 30 Percent DesignSpring 2016
Begin Right-of-Way AcquisitionWinter 2016/2017*
Begin Utility RelocationWinter 2017/2018*
Begin ConstructionSummer 2018*

* The project is funded for preliminary engineering only. It is not currently funded for right-of way acquisition, utility relocation, or 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 Ms. Deliallisi by November 24, 2015.



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| WHEN: | WHERE: |
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| <p>Tuesday, December 1, 2015 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM</p> | <p>North Harford High School-cafeteria</p> <p>211 Pylesville Road Pylesville, MD 21132</p> |
| <p>*SNOW DATE: December 8, 2015</p> <p>*Meeting will be held on snow date if county public schools are closed or if the county's snow emergency plan is in effect.</p> | |

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information about this project, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects, SHA Projects Page, Harford County, MD 24, Rocks Road, SECTION G: 700 FT SOUTH OF SHARON ROAD TO 2150 FT SOUTH OF SHARON ROAD**, or use the QR Code.

You may also contact:

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Attend the Public Meeting!

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.

Larry Hogan, Governor | Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor | Pete K. Rahn, Secretary | Gregory C. Johnson, P.E., Administrator