



MD 22 BRAC Intersection Improvement Project



PROJECT NEWSLETTER - SUMMER 2012

SHA Continues Work on 3 BRAC-related Intersection Improvement Projects, Schedules Public Meeting

SHA continues work on its BRAC-related intersection projects with roadway improvements at three intersections along MD 22 in Aberdeen, MD. This newsletter provides project descriptions, a schedule, and information on the upcoming Public Informational Meeting at which project displays and other information will be available for viewing.

Project Overview

Base Realignment and Closure or "BRAC", is the congressionally authorized process used by the US Department of Defense to reorganize and consolidate its military bases nationwide. In preparation for the 40,000 to 60,000 direct and indirect jobs coming to Maryland over the next six to ten years due to this initiative, SHA is designing short-term intersection improvements at 8 intersections in the Aberdeen Proving Ground area. This newsletter and public meeting will focus on improvements along MD 22 at Beards Hill Road, MD 462 (Paradise Road), and Old Post Road.

Attend the Public Meeting!

SHA invites you to attend an Informational Public Meeting at which project-related displays will be set up showing the proposed improvements. The open house forum will allow attendees to review the project design, and project representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. Feel free to arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace.

WHEN
Wednesday, June 27, 2012 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
WHERE
Aberdeen High School - Cafeteria 251 Paradise Road, Aberdeen, Maryland 21001



Project Descriptions and Schedule

Project improvements include widening at various points at and along three intersections as described below. SHA will also grind and overlay Beards Hill Road, MD 462, and Old Post Road within the project limits, widen outside lanes of all three roadways to accommodate bicycles, add and/or extend sidewalks along the roadways, construct curb and gutter, and upgrade traffic signals at the three intersections with MD 22. SHA proposes the following intersection-specific widening:

MD 22 at Beards Hill Road

At the intersection of MD 22 at Beards Hill Road:

- Add a third through-lane to both eastbound and westbound MD 22 by widening to the outside.
- Add an additional left-turn lane from MD 22 eastbound to Beards Hill Road by widening northbound into the median and shifting the eastbound lanes.
- Widen the existing MD 22 median, east of the intersection, to account for opposing eastbound double left-turn lanes.

On Beards Hill Road:

- Widen the existing single left-turn lanes to double left-turn lanes on each approach to MD 22. Minimal pavement widening is required.
- Construct a raised concrete median.

Schedule

- Complete Design - **Winter 2013 - 2014**
- Begin Construction - **Spring 2014**
- Open to Traffic - **Spring 2016**

MD 22 at MD 462 (Paradise Road)

At the intersection of MD 22 and MD 462:

- Add a third through-lane to MD 22 in the eastbound and westbound directions by widening to the outside.
- Lengthen the right-turn lane on MD 22 from MD 22 westbound to MD 462 northbound.

On MD 462:

- Widen the existing shared through/right-turn lane and left-turn lane to two double left-turn lanes, a through-lane, and separate right-turn lanes on the southbound approach to MD 22.
- Add a new right-turn lane to the existing single left-turn lane and shared through/right turn lane on the MD 462 northbound approach to MD 22.
- Widen pavement on both sides of MD 462 to accommodate the additional lanes.

Schedule

- Complete Design - **Fall 2014**
- Begin Construction - **Spring 2015**
- Open to Traffic - **Spring 2017**

MD 22 at Old Post Road

At the intersection of MD 22 and Old Post Road:

- Add a third through-lane to both eastbound and westbound MD 22 by widening to the outside.
- Add an additional left-turn lane from MD 22 eastbound to Old Post Road northbound by shifting the eastbound lanes.
- Widen the existing MD 22 median east of the intersection to accommodate the shifted MD 22 eastbound lanes.

On Old Post Road:

Widen to provide for an additional northbound through-lane and extend the southbound left-turn lane. The majority of the roadway widening is proposed on the east side of Old Post Road, with minimal widening on the west side.

Schedule

- Complete Design - **Winter 2012 - 2013**
- Begin Construction - **Spring 2013**
- Open to Traffic - **Spring 2015**

Minor Impacts to Parkland

In order to complete the improvements as proposed, minor right-of-way and easements are required along the frontage of DeMarco Park. In accordance with 23 CFR 774, SHA is currently coordinating with the City of Aberdeen and intends to seek a *de minimis* impact determination from the Federal Highway Administration regarding the minor permanent impacts to DeMarco Park. *De minimis* impacts are those that do not adversely affect the features, attributes or activities of the park property. SHA is seeking public comments concerning the effects the proposed project would have on DeMarco Park.

Questions?

For more information on this project, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on Projects and Studies, SHA Projects Page, Advanced Search, and type MD 22 in the search box. The project is listed under Statewide Projects. You may also contact:

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