



# PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

## MAJOR BRIDGE WORK

### MD 193 (University Boulevard) over I-495



#### BRIDGE WORK TO SUPPORT SAFETY AND MOBILITY

The MD 193 (University Boulevard) bridge over I-495 (Capital Beltway) in Montgomery County is scheduled for major rehabilitation starting in Fall 2012. The State Highway Administration (SHA) will replace the bridge deck, supporting steel beams, and concrete pier caps. Work will also include widening sidewalks and roadway shoulders, and upgrading roadway lighting on and under the bridge to enhance safety. *During construction, SHA will reduce the number of through lanes on MD 193 from three lanes to two in each direction. SHA will also close the I-495 Outer Loop off-ramp to eastbound MD 193 and detour traffic. (See detour map on reverse)*

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on February 28, 2011.

The informational meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide them 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 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?

Originally constructed in 1958, the bridge deck is nearing the end of its useful service life. Replacing the bridge deck and supporting steel beams will save money on future maintenance and support safety and mobility as part of SHA's bridge system preservation program.

##### How will traffic be impacted?

While the number of lanes on MD 193 will be reduced to two lanes in each direction, the four existing through lanes on each loop of I-495 will be maintained during peak travel times. Traffic traveling eastbound onto MD 193 from the I-495 Outer Loop off-ramp will be detoured to ensure a safe environment for the workers and traveling public. The detour is approximately two miles long and will utilize US 29 and MD 516 (Franklin Avenue).

##### Have any other alternatives been considered?

Several alternatives to maintain traffic during construction were considered. Maintaining all three through lanes on MD 193 while performing construction work was not feasible due to the narrow width of the bridge. Consideration was also given to closing the roadway and detouring traffic to adjacent highways, but while this had the advantage of allowing the project to be done in the shortest time, it was not ideal due to the large volume of traffic on MD 193.

##### What is the project schedule?

Construction is scheduled to begin in Fall 2012 and will take up to two years to complete, weather permitting. SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information on this project please visit SHA's website at [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on **Projects and Studies/ SHA Projects Page/ Montgomery County/ Bridge 1513600 on MD 193 over I-495**. You may also contact:

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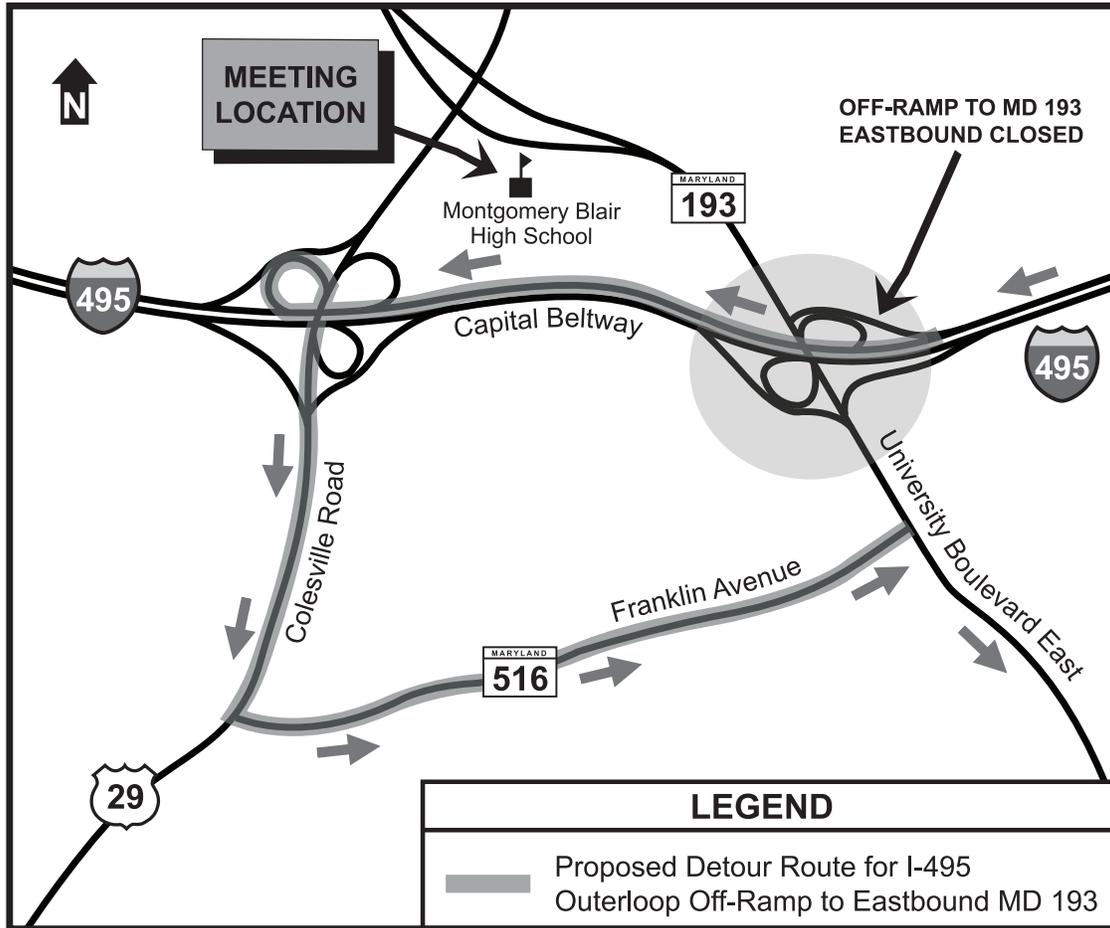
#### REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/ speech disabilities or who need assistance with the English language) should contact Mr. Hokuf by February 22, 2012.

| MD 193 (University Boulevard) over I-495 Informational Workshop  |   |
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| <b>WHEN:</b><br><b>Tuesday, February 28, 2012</b><br><b>5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.</b><br><i>*Snow Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2012</i><br>Arrive at any time. There is no formal presentation. | <b>WHERE:</b><br><b>Montgomery Blair High School Cafeteria</b><br>51 University Boulevard East<br>Silver Spring, MD 20901 |

SHA appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community and apologizes in advance 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.

## Proposed Detour Route for I-495 Outerloop Off-Ramp to Eastbound MD 193



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