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<p>Tuesday, September 29, 2015</p> <p>6:00 PM to 8:00 PM</p> <p><i>There will be no presentation.</i></p>	<p>Longwood Community Recreation Center</p> <p>19300 Georgia Avenue Brookeville, MD 20833</p>

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. Huqin (Aimee) Zhang by September 22, 2015.

Attend the Public Meeting!

See Inside for More Details

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.



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PROJECT MOVES FORWARD; PUBLIC MEETING PLANNED

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) is moving forward with the design of the MD 97 South of Brookeville to North of Brookeville Project in Montgomery County. The project limits extend approximately 0.72 mile along MD 97 from south of Gold Mine Road to north of Holiday Drive. SHA has refined the previously selected alternative that will reduce the steadily increasing traffic in the Town of Brookeville, improve traffic operations and safety on MD 97, and preserve the Town's historic character.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a **Public Meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2015**. The informational meeting will reacquaint the public with the project background and the purpose and need. Members of the project team will explain why the previously selected alternative has been refined. Maps and other displays will be available for review, and SHA representatives will answer project-related questions and address comments and concerns. **No formal presentation will be given.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace.

CURRENT DESIGN

SHA has refined Alternative 7 Modified to reduce the project's environmental impacts. The box culvert originally proposed at Meadow Branch stream has been changed to a bridge to reduce direct impacts on the stream. The current design is shown inside.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The MD 97 South of Brookeville to North of Brookeville Project was initiated in January 1995 to improve safety and traffic operations on MD 97. The project was placed on hold in 1998 when it became incompatible with Maryland's new Smart Growth legislation. The project was reinitiated in 1999 after Montgomery County and the Governor's Office agreed on the specific criteria the project would have to meet to satisfy the Smart Growth requirements. In 2004, SHA prepared the Final Environmental Impact Statement, which recommended Alternative 7 Modified as the preferred alternative. The Federal Highway Administration issued a Record of Decision and granted Location Approval in October 2004. The project is supported by the *Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Brookeville* (October 2010) and the *Olny Master Plan*, which was approved and adopted by the Montgomery County Council in April 2005.

NEXT STEPS

SHA has completed 30 percent of the project design. We will continue to refine the design and coordinate with the environmental agencies involved in the project. The MD 97 South of Brookeville to North of Brookeville Project is funded for construction. The project team expects to complete the project design and begin construction by summer 2016.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects and Studies, SHA Projects Page, Montgomery County/MD 97, Georgia Avenue South of Brookeville to MD 97 North of Brookeville**, or use the QR Code.



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