

Bridge Replacement Planned For Next Year

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (MDOT/SHA) is scheduled to replace the structure that carries MD 381 over Timothy Branch near Brandywine in Prince George's County. The proposed bridge will be a 25-foot long single-span bridge and will provide for two 12-foot lanes and two 6-foot shoulders. The main objectives of this project are to improve water flow at the roadway crossing and increase the width of the bridge to provide a safer travel area.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on September 6, 2016. The informational meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide attendees an opportunity to discuss project details. Display areas will depict the proposed construction, and MDOT/SHA representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. **There will be no formal presentation.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace.

Questions and Answers

Why is the work necessary?

The existing structure consists of four 60-inch diameter corrugated metal pipes placed as a temporary measure in 2011 when the previous bridge was severely damaged by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Pipes were installed at this location because they were readily available and allowed MDOT/SHA to get the roadway open quickly following the storm. The pipes were a temporary measure and were not sized to adequately handle high water volumes from future severe storms. This project will replace the temporary pipe structure with a permanent bridge that will improve the hydraulic flow and adequately handle large storms. The new bridge will also provide shoulders for walkers and bicyclists.

How will traffic be impacted by construction activities?

The proposed method for maintaining traffic involves closing the bridge and detouring traffic. Based on past experience, it is anticipated that the bridge will reopen to traffic after three months of construction, weather permitting.

Where will traffic be detoured?

Motorists traveling west on MD 381 (Brandywine Road) will be directed to:

- Turn right on Cherry Tree Crossing Road
- Turn left on Dyson Road
- Turn left on US 301 (Crain Highway) to arrive at MD 381, west of the bridge

Motorists traveling east on Brandywine Road will be directed to:

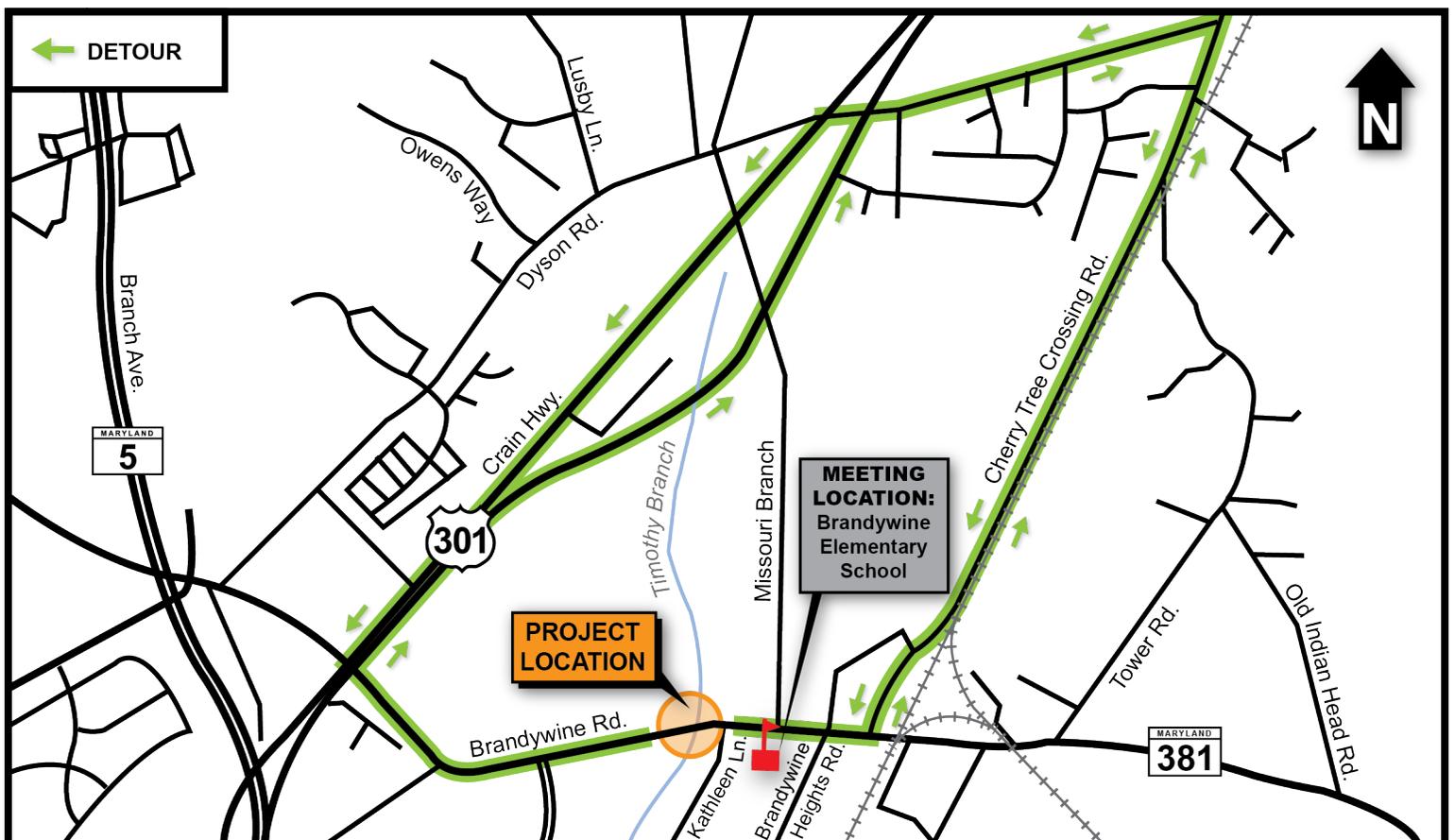
- Turn left on US 301 (Crain Highway)
- Turn right on Dyson Road
- Turn right on Cherry Tree Crossing Road to arrive at MD 381, east of the bridge

Have other alternatives been considered?

Several options to rehabilitate the bridge while minimizing impacts to the public have been considered. The option of maintaining one alternating lane of traffic with temporary signals during construction was not feasible. This option would increase the duration of the project and create unsafe conditions for both motorists and construction workers. A complete closure of the roadway and a traffic detour will allow the project to be completed in the shortest time period and in a safe manner.

When will work be completed?

MDOT/SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts on local residents and motorists. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2017. It is anticipated that construction will be completed by early fall 2017, weather permitting.





MDOT/SHA appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community and apologizes for any inconvenience. MDOT/SHA reminds motorists to "Think Orange" when driving through work zones by staying alert and slowing down. Always buckle up, and please drive safely.



For project details, please visit MDOT/SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on Projects, SHA Projects Page. Type MD 381 in the lower search box, select MD 5, Branch Avenue AT BRANDYWINE ROAD (MD 373/MD 381) - (ROUNDABOUT) from the dropdown menu, then click on the Additional Project Information link in the callout box. You may also use the QR code.

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For More Information



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<p>Brandywine Elementary School 14101 Brandywine Road Brandywine, MD 20613</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 6, 2016 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be no formal presentation.</p>
<p>WHERE:</p>	<p>WHEN:</p>

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language) should contact Mr. Robert by August 30, 2016.

Request for Assistance

Attend the Public Meeting!

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