



MD 223 Corridor Planning Study from MD 4 to Steed Road



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STUDY COMPLETE

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA), in cooperation with the Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T), and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), has completed the MD 223 Corridor Planning Study. The study area extends approximately 7.7 miles along MD 223, from MD 4 to Steed Road in Prince George's County.

The study focused on identifying a long-term vision for the corridor. To achieve that vision, the study team developed a series of recommendations to create better access to community resources throughout the study area and improve transportation network connectivity for pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit users. The team also considered the corridor's historic, environmental, economic, and residential context.

STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

SHA has developed recommended actions and improvements, and identified the partnerships needed to accomplish those actions. Study improvements include:

- Improving left-turn safety at access points and local streets by adding separate left-turn lanes and signals, and relocating access points;
- Improving pedestrian safety and sidewalk connectivity, especially for seniors walking to area services and children walking to school and play, by adding continuous and fully accessible sidewalks and enhanced pedestrian street crossings;
- Preserving community history, character, and natural features while accommodating planned growth by enhancing access to resources and minimizing direct impacts from roadway improvements; and
- Addressing congestion, particularly at intersections that cause excessive delays during peak travel times, by adding traffic-volume capacity and providing alternative routes.

ABOUT THE STUDY

The study was conducted in accordance with the Federal Highway Administration's Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) guidelines. The PEL guidelines allow the use of information from this study (including public outreach efforts) to develop the Purpose and Need Statement as part of the National Environmental Policy Act requirements. **PEL represents a collaborative and integrated approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process. PEL uses the information, analysis, and products developed during the planning process to inform the environmental review process as the roadway improvements advance through project development.**

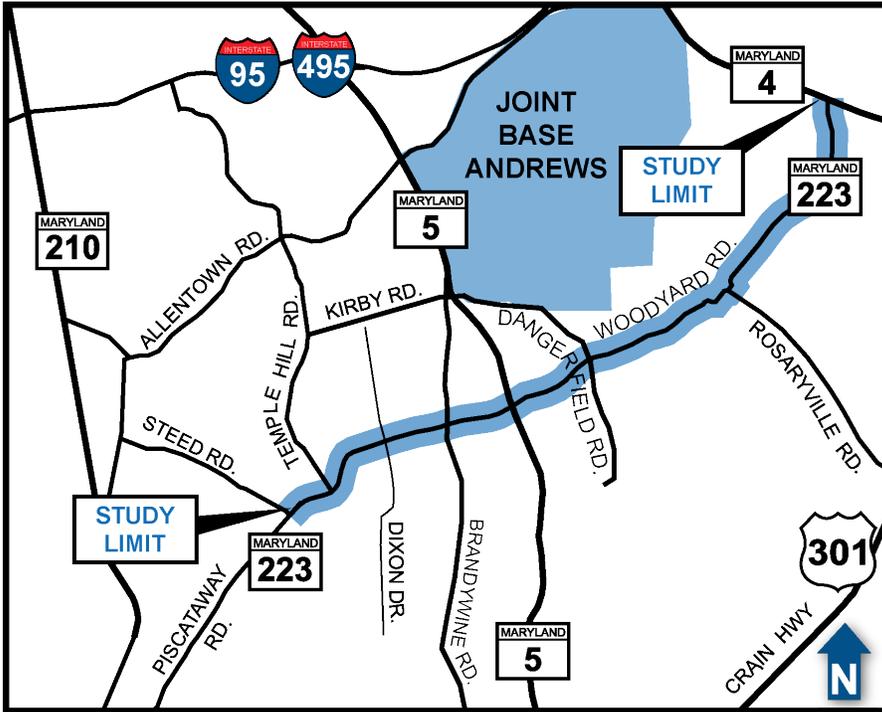
REPORT AVAILABILITY

The public can access the MD 223 Corridor Planning Study report by visiting SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and clicking on **Projects, SHA Projects Page, Select a County, Prince George's County, Preconstruction, MD 223 Piscataway Road**, or by using the QR Code.



The report will be used by departments within SHA and Prince George's County to provide guidance and recommendations for improvements along the MD 223 Corridor. These improvements may be incorporated in (1) future development plans and/or access permits, (2) SHA District-level system preservation or safety improvement projects, (3) County improvements as part of the County Capital Improvement Program, and (4) major corridor improvements for inclusion in the Statewide Consolidated Transportation Program or other grant-related programs.

Achieving the vision for MD 223 will require continued collaboration and partnership with Prince George's County DPW&T, M-NCPPC, and SHA.



THANK YOU/FOR MORE INFORMATION

SHA and the study team extend our appreciation and thanks to everyone who participated in the MD 223 Corridor Planning Study. Please direct all questions and requests for information to:

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