



MD 5 (Branch Ave.) at Brandywine Rd. and MD 373 (Accokeek Rd.) Improvement Project



PROJECT NEWSLETTER • WINTER 2015/2016

INFORMATIONAL PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) has completed the design phase for improvements along MD 5 at Brandywine Road and MD 373 (Accokeek Road) in southern Prince George's County. Construction is scheduled to begin in late Spring 2016.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at Gwynn Park High School, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The project team will display the proposed improvements and will be available to answer your project related questions. **A formal presentation will begin at 7:30 PM.**

PROJECT OVERVIEW AND SCOPE

MD 5 is a heavily traveled commuter route that connects southern Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties with the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. MD 5 in the project area is a four-lane divided highway with limited access control. Access to MD 5 is currently provided by at-grade signalized intersections at Brandywine Road and MD 373 (Accokeek Road).

The purpose of this project is to relieve traffic congestion along this section of MD 5 by removing the signalized intersections, thereby allowing vehicles free flow through the area. The project scope consists of constructing an overpass bridge north of the existing Brandywine Road intersection, with ramps and service roads providing access to-and-from MD 5. A roundabout will be constructed at the intersection with MD 373 (Accokeek Road). Work on the project will also include:

- Drainage and landscaping improvements;
- Interchange lighting;
- Signing and pavement marking upgrades;
- Sidewalks and ramps compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and
- Park and Ride facility.

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. Guiteau by March 15, 2016.



CONSTRUCTION AND SCHEDULE

Construction is proposed to take place in five phases. **No detours will be required.**

- **Phase 1**—Construction of the MD 5 east-side and west-side embankments, northbound and southbound entrance ramps, and median piers.
- **Phase 2**—Construction of the Brandywine Road bridge deck and MD 5 median.
- **Phase 3**—Relocating the Brandywine Road and Accokeek ramps onto the newly-built overpass, and roundabout construction
- **Phase 4**—Construction of the northbound exit ramp to Brandywine Road and southbound MD 5 shoulder
- **Phase 5**—Construction of a Park and Ride lot

SHA will make every effort to minimize impacts to local residents, businesses and motorists during construction, and will maintain access to driveways at all times.

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WHEN:	WHERE:
<p>Tuesday, March 22, 2016</p> <p>7:00 PM to 9:00 PM</p> <p><i>A formal presentation will begin promptly at 7:30 PM.</i></p>	<p>Gwynn Park High School (Cafeteria)</p> <p>13800 Brandywine Road Brandywine, MD 20613</p>
<p>*SNOW DATE: March 29, 2016</p> <p>*Meeting will be held on snow date if county public schools are closed or if the county's snow emergency plan is in effect.</p>	

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information on other Prince George's County, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects, SHA Projects Page, Prince George's County, MD 5, Branch Avenue at Brandywine Road (MD 373/MD 381)** or use QR Code.

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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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