



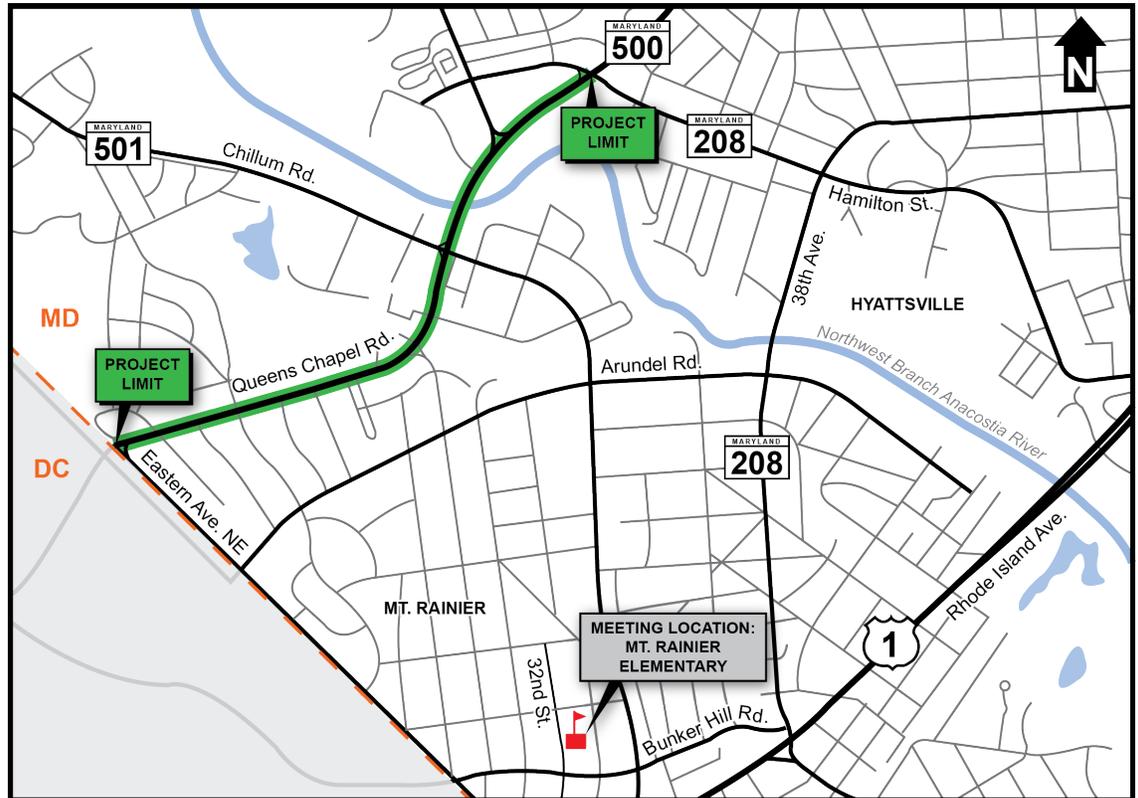
MD 500 (Queens Chapel Road) Community Safety and Enhancement Project



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SHA Continues Design Work/Schedules Public Meeting

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is continuing design work on the MD 500 (Queens Chapel Road) Community Safety and Enhancement project in Hyattsville and Mount Rainier in Prince George's County. This project is at the preliminary design stage. It proposes to improve mobility, access, and safety for vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic along Queens Chapel Road. This newsletter summarizes its design as well as project background, schedule, and information on the upcoming **Public Informational Meeting**. (see reverse side for meeting details)



Project Overview & Purpose

The street reconstruction project's design is currently 15 percent complete and will support current and future development in Hyattsville and Mount Rainier. It will address related traffic demands while improving multiple means of transportation in the surrounding areas. Work will extend from the Washington D.C. line along Queens Chapel Road to MD 208 (Hamilton Street). The improvements include the following:

- Rehabilitate the roadway and reduce the six-lane section to four lanes
- Construct a landscaped median along new MD 500 to improve roadway aesthetics and install roadside landscaping
- Provide ADA-compliant sidewalks, curb and gutter
- Improve sidewalk ramps, crosswalks, driveway entrances, and pedestrian signals
- Include bicycle-compatible lanes/shoulders
- Improve drainage system and stormwater management facilities
- Modify/reconstruct traffic signals and improve traffic signage
- Provide pedestrian lighting
- Improve access to transit facilities
- Relocate utilities as needed

Project Background

Improvements to MD 500 (Queens Chapel Road) from the Washington D.C. line to MD 410 were envisioned as early as 2001 to address community safety and enhancement in Hyattsville and Mount Rainier. In 2008, SHA proposed a project on MD 500 from MD 208 to MD 410. The construction of that project started in summer 2014 and will be completed in spring 2017. In 2013, the project on MD 500 from Washington D.C. Line to MD 208 was initiated to complete corridor improvements.

Next Steps

The MD 500 (Queens Chapel Road) Community Safety and Enhancement Project is funded for Design only, which is scheduled to be completed in Summer 2017. The project will move to subsequent phases when funding become available.

Request for Assistance

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language, should contact Ms. Bai by March 2, 2015.



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Attend the Public Meeting!

The informational meeting will acquaint the public with the MD 500 Community Safety and Enhancement Project. A presentation will begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by a workshop where interested people can view displays at their own pace, speak with project representatives, provide feedback on the proposed concepts, and specify any safety and/or mobility concerns they have within the project area.

WHEN:	Wednesday, March 18, 2015 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Presentation will begin at 6:15 PM.
WHERE:	Mt. Rainier Elementary Cafeteria 4011 32nd Street Mt. Rainier, MD 20712
*Snow Date – Wednesday, March 25, 2015 Meeting will be held on snow date if county public schools are closed or if the county's snow emergency plan is in effect.	

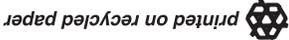
Questions?

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, Prince George's County, MD 500, Queens Chapel Road, DC Line to MD 208 or use the QR code below.

You may also contact:

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