**Project Construction to Begin; Public Meeting Scheduled**

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) is preparing for construction to begin on the MD 500 (Queens Chapel Road) Urban Reconstruction Project within the cities of Hyattsville and Mount Rainier in Prince George’s County. The project will make it easier and safer for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles to travel along Queens Chapel Road. Work will extend from MD 500 at the Washington, D.C. line to MD 208 (Hamilton Street). Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2018.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2017. The informational meeting will familiarize attendees with the project and provide an opportunity to discuss project details. Maps and displays will provide project information, and MDOT SHA representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. A brief presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. (See back of newsletter for meeting details).

**How will Traffic be Impacted during Construction?**

Travelers should expect lane closures throughout the duration of construction during off-peak hours (typically 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.). Eastbound and westbound MD 500 will both be reduced to one lane on staggered timelines until the final phase of construction when the proposed median construction will be completed. All existing lanes are expected to be fully operational at the end of each work day.

**Project Overview and Purpose**

This MD 500 project design is nearly complete and will support current and future development in the cities of Hyattsville and Mount Rainier. The project will also address operation and safety concerns throughout the corridor while improving multiple means of transportation in the surrounding areas. The MD 500 project will include the following improvements:

- Construction of a landscaped median along MD 500 to improve roadway aesthetics
- Inclusion of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks and curb and gutters
- Improved sidewalk ramps, crosswalks, driveway entrances, and pedestrian signals
- Addition of bicycle-compatible lanes and shoulders
- Constructing a 5-foot bike lane/shoulder from Swallowtail Drive to Solarex Court
- Improvement of drainage system and stormwater management facilities
- Landscape improvements
- Modification and reconstruction of traffic signals and improved traffic signage
- Pedestrian lighting within the limits of the City of Hyattsville
- Relocation of utilities as necessary

**Project Schedule**

The MD 500 project is currently funded for right-of-way acquisitions and construction. The following depicts the current schedule for design and construction, weather permitting.

Complete Final Design . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Fall 2017
Begin Construction . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Spring 2018
Construction Completion . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Fall 2020

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ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING!

WHEN

Tuesday, December 19, 2017
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m
A brief presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.
SNOW DATE: Jan. 4, 2018

WHERE

Mount Rainier Nature Center
(Recreation Room)
4701 31st Pl, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

Larry Hogan, Governor     Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor     Pete K. Rahn, Secretary     Gregory Slater, Administrator

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