



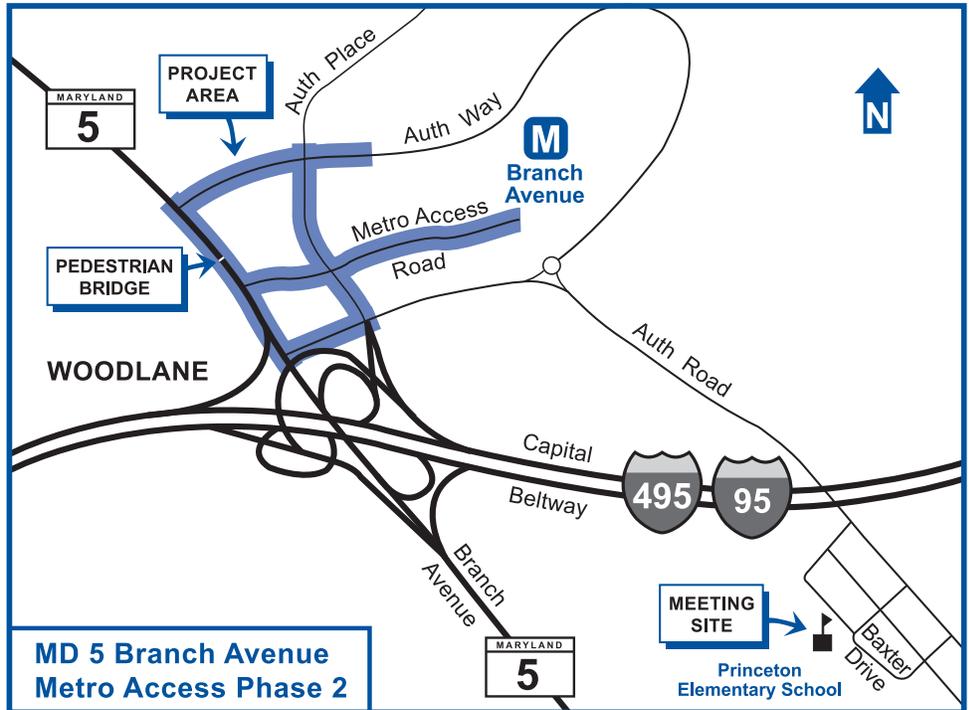
# MD 5 Branch Avenue Metro Access Phase 2 Project



## PROJECT NEWSLETTER • SPRING 2011

### SHA Finalizes Design of Project, Schedules Public Meeting

The Maryland State Highway Administration continues design work to alleviate traffic and safety issues along the MD 5 corridor and improve vehicular and pedestrian access to the Branch Avenue Metro Station in Prince George’s County. Project design is nearly complete and involves a new overpass over northbound MD 5, linking southbound MD 5 to the Branch Avenue Metro Station. This newsletter summarizes the design and provides project background, a schedule, and information on the upcoming Public Informational Meeting at which the project will be presented to the community.



### Attend the Public Meeting!

The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the MD 5 Branch Avenue Metro Access Phase 2 project and provide an update on associated issues. [A presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m.](#), followed by a Question and Answer session to respond to stakeholder concerns.

WHEN:	WHERE:
Wednesday, May 11, 2011 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Princeton Elementary School - Multipurpose Room 6101 Baxter Drive, Suitland, MD 20746

### Project Overview & Purpose

Phase 2 of the MD 5 Branch Avenue Metro Access Project involves lowering northbound MD 5 between Auth Way and Auth Road to build a new bridge over MD 5. The new overpass will become part of the future “Metro Access Road.” Work will include the following:

- MD 5 northbound will be lowered to 15 feet below the existing alignment.
- The proposed overpass would connect southbound MD 5 and the Branch Avenue Metro Station parking lot via a new four-lane divided highway called “Metro Access Road.”
- Additional improvements will be made to Auth Road, Auth Way, and Auth Place, and the intersection of MD 5 and Auth Road will be reconfigured.
- A pedestrian bridge across southbound MD 5 will provide pedestrian access from the Woodlane Community (west of MD 5) to the Metro Access Road.

## Project Background

The MD 5 Branch Avenue Metro Access Project began in 2001 with the goal of improving the I-95/I-495/MD 5 interchange and MD 5 corridor, and was later split into two phases due to project size. Construction of Phase 1, completed in 2008, provided improvements to the I-95/I-495/MD 5 interchange and includes a new flyover ramp linking southbound I-95 to southbound MD 5. A separate project beginning in the spring of 2011 involves dividing a section of the flyover ramp into two lanes and providing new signage. Construction for these modifications, which will reduce traffic backups on southbound I-95/I-495 during rush hour, will be completed by the fall of 2011, weather permitting.

Design of Phase 2, initiated in 2005, proposes improvements to the MD 5 corridor and improved access to the Branch Avenue Metro Station.

## Schedule

The project is currently funded for design, which is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2011.

## Questions?

For additional information about this project, please visit SHA's website [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov). Click on **Projects & Studies/SHA Projects Page/ Prince George's County/Rev – Auth Way to South of I-495/I-95 – Phase 2 (Access Road)**. You may also contact:

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