



PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

MAJOR BRIDGE WORK

US 50 Westbound over US 301



SHA TO REPAIR DETERIORATING BRIDGE

The bridge on US 50 Westbound over US 301 near Grasonville, Maryland is scheduled to be rehabilitated in 2012. The main objective of this project is to replace the deteriorated concrete deck and steel beams. Additional maintenance work will include rehabilitation of the support structure and minor paving of the bridge approaches.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on December 14, 2011.

The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the project and give them an opportunity to inform SHA of any special concerns they may have. Display areas will be set up depicting the anticipated project work, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss project issues and answer questions concerning the proposed construction. No formal presentation will be given. Feel free to arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace.

US 50 Westbound over US 301 Informational Meeting

WHEN:

**Wednesday,
December 14, 2011**

**Snow Date: January 4, 2012*

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.
Arrive at any time. There
is no formal presentation.

WHERE:

**Grasonville
Elementary School
Cafeteria**

5435 Main Street
Grasonville, MD 21638

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is the work necessary?

The US 50 Westbound bridge over US 301, originally constructed in 1950, is structurally safe but in need of repair to its concrete deck and steel beams. The proposed work will extend the service life of the bridge an additional 30 to 50 years. This project is part of SHA's bridge system preservation program aimed at improving safety and mobility and providing reliable facilities in a timely manner.

How will traffic be impacted by construction activities?

The current proposed concept for maintaining traffic involves removing and replacing the steel beam structure in sections while maintaining traffic on US 50 Westbound. One traffic lane will be maintained through the project area at all times, and traffic will be directed through the work zone with temporary concrete barriers.

Have any other alternatives been considered?

SHA considered several options to complete the bridge work while minimizing impacts to the public. A complete closure would have allowed the project to be completed in the shortest time, but concerns were expressed over the ability of potential detour routes to accommodate the additional volume of traffic from US 50 Westbound, as well as impacts to emergency services and businesses in the area. The option of maintaining both existing lanes during construction would require constructing a wider bridge, which was not desirable due to the environmental impacts it would have on wooded wetland areas along the base of the existing roadway slopes.

When will work be completed?

SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2012 and anticipated to be complete by May 2013, weather permitting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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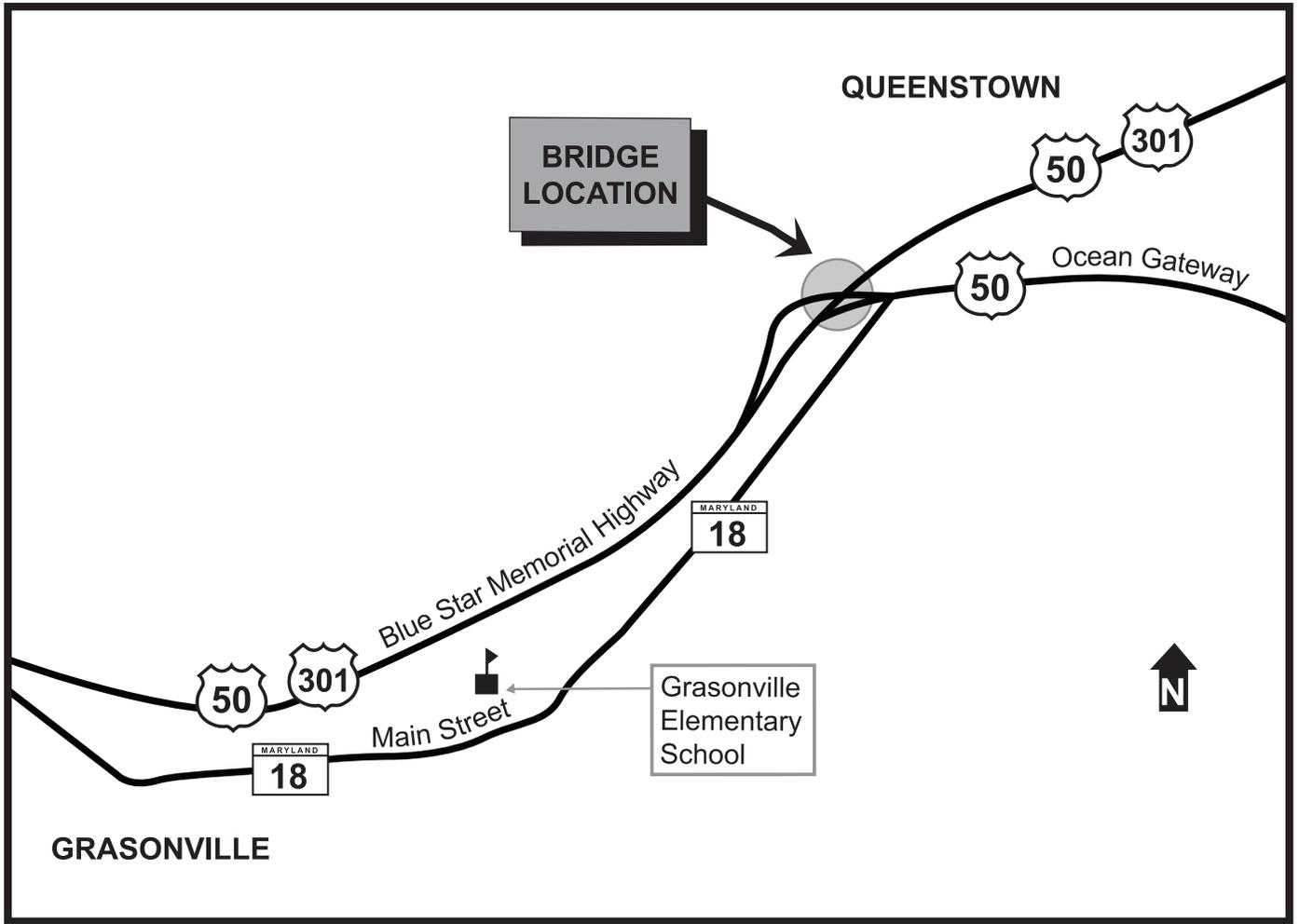
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For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects and Studies/ SHA Projects Page/ Queens Anne's County/ Replacement of Deck and Rehabilitation of Bridge 17010 on US 50 WB over US 301.**

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 Mr. Narer by December 7.

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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