



# MD 5 (Point Lookout Road) Intersection Reconstruction Project



## PROJECT NEWSLETTER • WINTER 2015/2016

### PROJECT DESIGNS UPDATED; PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) has reached 30 percent design completion on the MD 5 (Point Lookout Road) Intersection Reconstruction Project in Leonardtown, St. Mary's County. The project extends from approximately 1200 feet west of the intersection at Abell and Moakley Streets to 900 feet east. The project will enhance the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists; expand pedestrian mobility; and ensure compliance with *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)* standards.

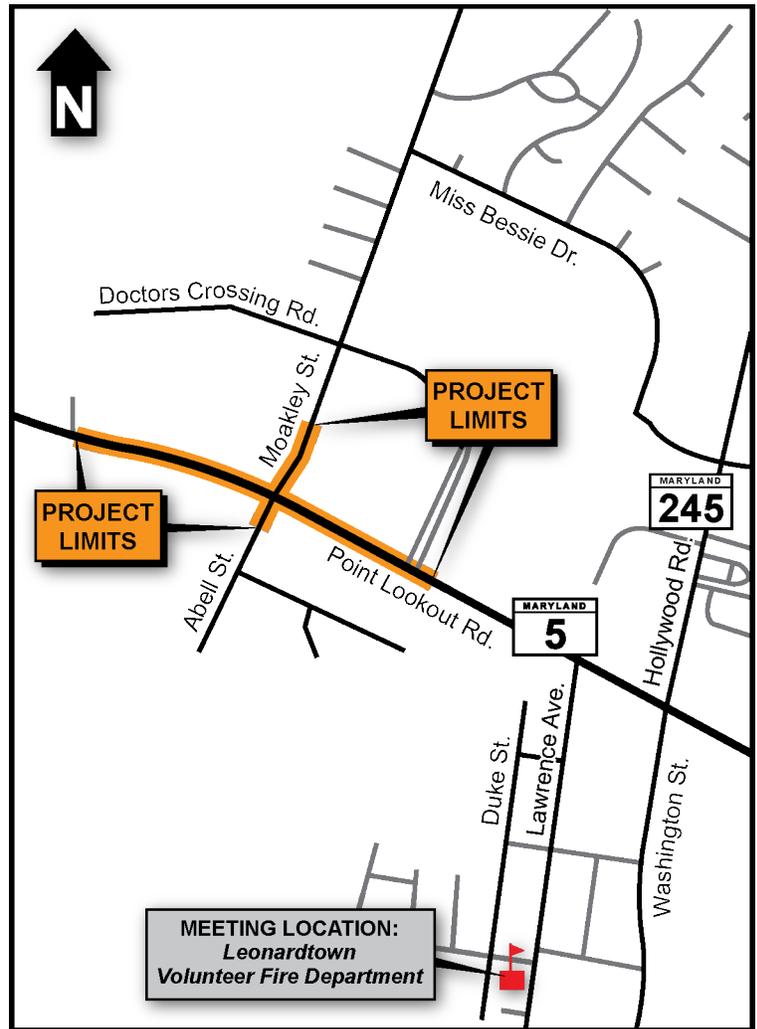
**For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.** The informational meeting will update the public about the project's status and engineering design and provide attendees an opportunity to discuss project details. Maps and displays will provide an overview of the proposed improvements, and SHA representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. **A brief presentation will begin at 5:30 PM.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace. (See back of newsletter for meeting details.)

### PROJECT PURPOSE AND SCOPE

MD 5 currently serves as the major gateway to Leonardtown, the County Seat of St. Mary's County. The purpose of the MD 5 at Abell and Moakley Streets Intersection Reconstruction Project is to improve safety and traffic operations along MD 5 while supporting existing and planned development in the area. The project would also address pedestrian and bicyclist safety and provide adequate intersection capacity. The Abell and Moakley Streets improvements were recommended as a breakout project by SHA's MD 5 Leonardtown Project Planning Study that examined improvements on MD 5 between MD 243 and MD 245. Large planning studies like the MD 5 Leonardtown Study require substantial resources to complete. To make the costs easier to manage, proposed improvements were broken into smaller design and construction phases. The Abell and Moakley Streets breakout will be the first phase of these improvements to be implemented.

Proposed improvements include:

- Widening the roadway to include six-foot-wide bicycle-compatible shoulders in each direction. The added shoulders will also accommodate members of the local Amish and Mennonite communities by separating their horse-and-buggies from mainline traffic.
- Reconstructing sidewalks and pedestrian ramps
- Constructing left-turn lanes at the intersection of Abell/Moakley Streets and MD 5
- Installing a continuous grass median throughout the project limits
- Constructing shoulders between the St. Mary's Hospital entrance and the Clark's Rest development
- Improving curbs and gutters
- Rehabilitating, constructing, resurfacing, and/or restriping roadway pavement
- Installing drainage systems and stormwater management facilities
- Adding landscaping and planting trees



### PROJECT SCHEDULE

Complete Design Phase .....	Spring 2018
Begin Construction .....	Fall 2018

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For additional information about the MD 5 at Abell and Moakley Streets Intersection Reconstruction Project, please visit SHA's website at [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on **Projects, SHA Projects Page, St. Mary's County, MD 5, Point Lookout Road at Abell/ Moakley (Phase 1)** or use the QR Code.

You may also contact:

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WHEN:	WHERE:
<p><b>Tuesday, January 19, 2016</b></p> <p>5:00 PM to 7:00 PM</p> <p><i>A brief presentation will begin at 5:30 PM</i></p>	<p><b>Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department</b></p> <p>22733 Lawrence Avenue Leonardtown, MD 20650</p>
<p><b>*SNOW DATE: January 26, 2016</b></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>	

*Attend the  
Public Meeting!*

**— See Inside —  
For More  
Details!**

## 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 Mr. Gonzalez by January 12, 2016.

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.



Larry Hogan, Governor | Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor | Pete K. Rahn, Secretary | Gregory C. Johnson, P.E., Administrator