



# PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

## MAJOR BRIDGE WORK

### US 13 (Ocean Highway) over Pocomoke River



#### BRIDGE WORK TO SUPPORT SAFETY AND MOBILITY

The US 13 (Ocean Highway) Bridge over Pocomoke River is scheduled for major rehabilitation starting in fall 2013. As part of the project, SHA will replace the northbound bridge deck and resurface the southbound bridge deck. Additional work includes bridge painting and repairs to the steel beams and piers' concrete surfaces. During construction, SHA will reduce the number of through lanes on US 13 from two lanes to one in each direction.

**For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on June 20, 2013.**

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

US 13 (Ocean Highway) over Pocomoke River Informational Workshop	
<b>WHEN:</b> <b>Thursday,</b> <b>June 20, 2013</b> <b>6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.</b> <i>Arrive at any time. There is no formal presentation.</i>	<b>WHERE:</b> <b>Pocomoke Middle School - Cafeteria</b>  800 Eighth Street, Pocomoke, MD 21851

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

##### Why is the work necessary?

Originally constructed in 1959 and 1966, the bridge decks have outlived their useful service lives. Rehabilitating the bridge decks will save money on future maintenance spending and support safety and mobility as part of SHA's bridge system preservation program.

##### How will traffic be impacted by construction activities?

During construction, the number of through lanes on US 13 will be reduced from two lanes to one in each direction. Both northbound and southbound traffic will be maintained on a single bridge while the other bridge is being rehabilitated. This will be done with the use of temporary cross-over roadways constructed through the roadway median.

##### Have any other alternatives been considered?

Several alternatives to maintain traffic during construction were considered. Maintaining all through lanes on US 13 was not feasible because the bridges are too narrow to maintain all lanes while performing the required construction work. Consideration was also given to closing the roadway and detouring all traffic to adjacent highways. This had the advantage of allowing the project to be done in the shortest time, but is not ideal due to high volumes of traffic on US 13.

##### What is the project schedule?

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

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's website at [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on **Projects and Studies/ SHA Projects Page/ Worcester County/ US 13, Ocean Highway**. You may also contact:

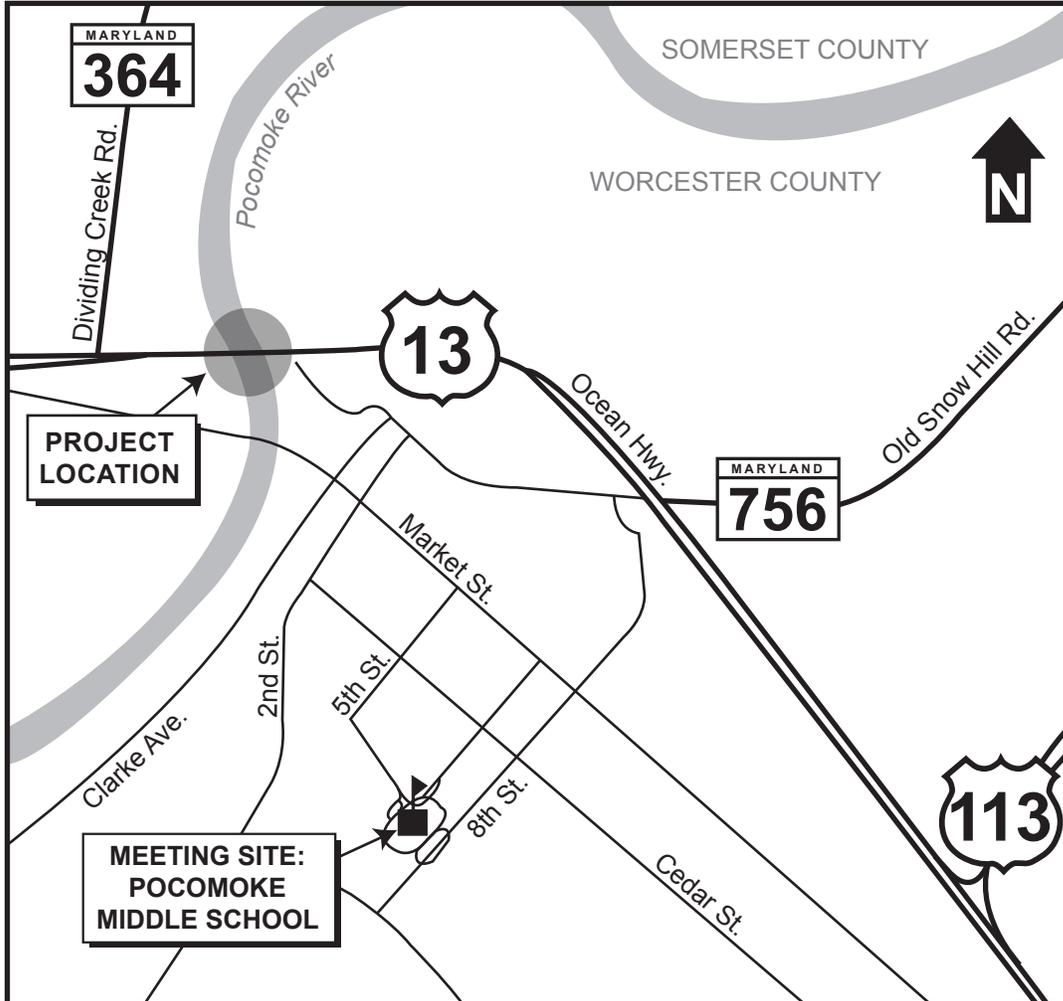
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# REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

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*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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