

This is the first regular e-news update for the Stoney Creek bridge painting/repair project. If you received this message in error or would like to be removed from the e-news list, please reply with the word "unsubscribe" in the body of the email.

UPDATE 1

MD 173 over Stoney Creek - bridge repair, cleaning and painting

June 24, 2013

- The bridge closure and detour are set for July 8 through August 12. SHA will have traffic signal technicians on-site when the detour goes into effect to adjust signal timing for the best possible traffic flow on the detour route and adjacent roads.
- The bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic during the pre-dawn hours of Monday, July 8.
- Installation of the containment system is nearly complete on the north side approach (non-movable) span. Installation of the south side approach span containment is underway.
- Installation of detour signs began today and will take several days.
- SHA will install "open for business" signage by next week.
- Equipment barges are expected to arrive this week. This is where the cleaning/blasting and painting equipment will be located.
- Note to boaters: Equipment barges will be anchored just outside the channel (drawbridge) span. Also note that containment platforms and cables will reduce marine clearance by approximately four feet under the non-movable approach spans. See the most recent U.S. Coast Guard "Local Notice to Mariners" for the latest information, <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=InmDistrict®ion=5>
- The general contractor (Astron) continues to evaluate shuttle bus service proposals. Shuttle bus schedules/stops will be finalized by next week and advertised throughout the community. The shuttle bus service will be coordinated with the MTA Route 64 commuter bus, which will not stop in Riviera Beach during the closure. The shuttle will take Route 64 riders from several locations to MTA stops on the north side of the bridge.
- SHA has been in contact with Anne Arundel County Police and Fire, Office of Emergency Management (OEM), Natural Resources Police and the Brandon Shores Raven Power plant. Police and Fire have arranged to adjust their coverage as necessary during the closure. No changes to emergency evacuation plans were necessary by OEM or Raven Power.