

## UPDATE 6

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

August 5, 2013

- Painting of the north side drawspan and machine room is nearly complete. Containment tarps should be removed today.
- Metal repairs on the south side drawspan will be completed today.
- Painting of the south side drawspan should begin tomorrow (8/6) but this work is weather dependent. There is a chance of rain every day this week and this could slow progress. Even though the work is in a contained space, high humidity levels (with or without rain) can affect paint operations.
- As of today we are on schedule to complete all drawbridge work by next Monday August 12 and reopen the bridge to traffic. Progress updates will be provided throughout this week and a planned reopening time will be established this weekend.
- Bridge approach paving and safety fence work will continue after the bridge is reopened to traffic. These operations will require occasional (non-continuous) off-peak single lane closures and flagging across the bridge. Off-peak hours for MD 173 would generally be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights.
- Upon further evaluation, SHA has decided to focus on cleaning the entire approach areas while the bridge is closed prior to paving. Tree trimming started today and will continue this week. Crews will also remove dirt and debris from the shoulder areas and mark locations for patching prior to resurfacing. Our goal with this work is to go beyond simply resurfacing the roadway – we will restore the shoulder areas and improve visibility and safety for pedestrians accessing the bridge. The resurfacing will likely take place during overnight hours under a flagging operation when most businesses are closed.