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WHEN:	WHERE:
Wednesday, September 30 2015 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM <i>A 30 minute presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.</i>	New Town High School (Cafeteria) 4931 New Town Boulevard Owings Mills, MD 21117

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 Ms. Deliallisi by September 23, 2015.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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, Baltimore County, I-795, Northwest Expressway at Dolfield**, or use the QR Code.

You may also contact:

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FUNDING STATUS

The project is funded for Preliminary Engineering only. It is not currently funded for Right-of Way Acquisition, Utility Relocation, or Construction. The project is included in the Maryland Department of Transportation's FY 2016-2021 Consolidated Transportation Plan and SHA's Long Range Plan, called the Highway Needs Inventory. The new interchange at I-795 and Dolfield Boulevard is included in the Baltimore County Master Plan 2010.

DESIGN SCHEDULE

Complete 30 Percent Design	Fall 2016
Start Right-of-Way Acquisition	Summer 2017*
Start Utility Relocation	Winter 2018*
Start Construction	Summer 2019*

* Pending Funding Availability

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PROJECT DESIGN INITIATED; PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA), in conjunction with Baltimore County and the Federal Highway Administration, is initiating the design of the I-795 at Dolfield Boulevard Interchange Construction Project. The project limits extend from the Owings Mills Boulevard Interchange to the Franklin Boulevard Interchange in Baltimore County.

SHA has scheduled an **Informational Meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2015, from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM, at New Town High School (cafeteria), 4931 New Town Boulevard, Owings Mills, MD 21117**. Members of the project team will explain the proposed improvements and discuss the next steps in the design process. Maps and other displays will be provided, and SHA representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. **A presentation lasting approximately 30 minutes will begin at 7:00pm.** Attendees may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at their own pace.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the project is to provide improved access to the planned growth and major employment corridor along Red Run Boulevard on the west side of I-795 and address vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle access at selected study-area intersections. The project would also provide safety and capacity improvements along I-795, while supporting existing and planned development in the area.

Owings Mills is one of Baltimore County's two major growth areas. By 2030, the population is expected to increase by 16 percent, to more than 49,000 residents. By 2035, employment is expected to increase by 31 percent and projections indicate 2.6 jobs for every household, mainly due to employment centers along Red Run Boulevard. The Red Run Employment Center, which consists of 700 acres of office space, is expected to increase the volume of study-area commuter traffic.

SELECTED ALTERNATIVE

The selected alternative includes the following:

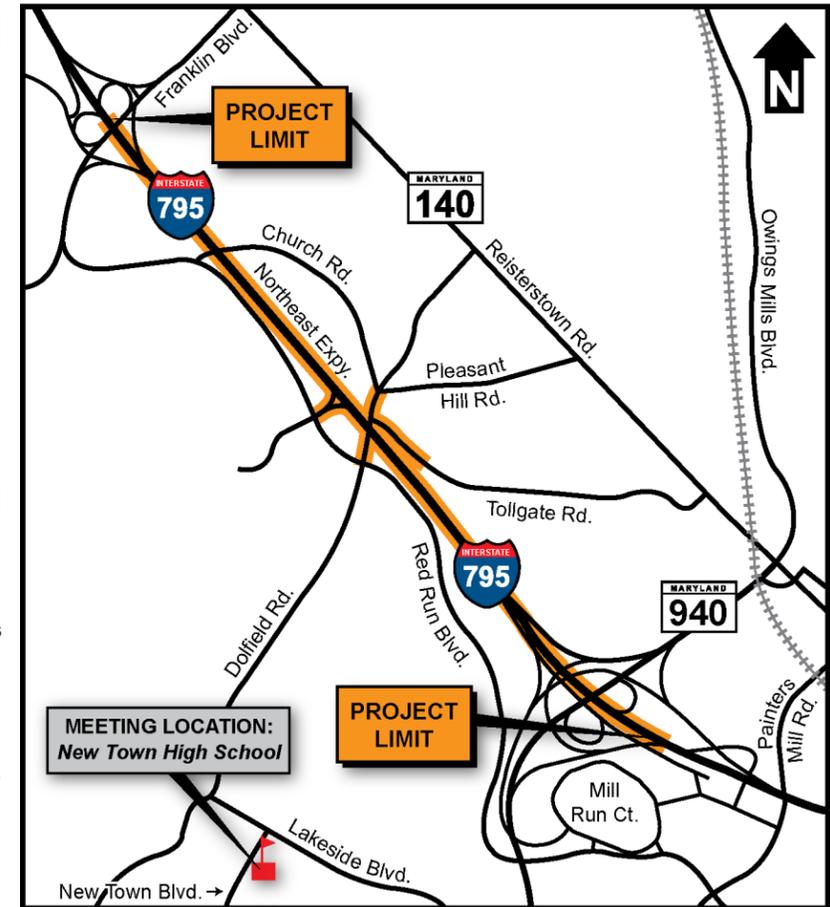
- The addition of a third through lane along I-795 in each direction within the project limits and a fourth auxiliary lane in each direction between the Dolfield Boulevard and Owings Mills Boulevard interchanges;
- The construction of a full interchange at Dolfield Boulevard and the widening of the bridge over I-795;
- Intersection improvements at Red Run Boulevard; and
- Associated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), bicycle, drainage, stormwater management, traffic, and landscape upgrades.

Other related improvements include the relocation of Tollgate Road to a new intersection with relocated Dolfield Boulevard. This work will be completed by others.

PROJECT HISTORY

Owings Mills, already a major Baltimore County growth area, has been identified for substantial new growth and development. Regional access to the south (Baltimore, Pikesville, and Randallstown), west (Reisterstown and Westminster), and points beyond is currently provided by the Owings Mills Boulevard and Franklin Boulevard interchanges. In May 2006, SHA and the Baltimore County Department of Public Works completed the Interchange of I-795 with Pleasant Hill Road (Future Dolfield Boulevard) Feasibility Study. That study, a precursor to the I-795 at Dolfield Boulevard/Pleasant Hill Road Interchange Planning Study, investigated whether a new interchange at Pleasant Hill Road could serve the demand for access to the area. The feasibility study also identified potential local roadway and mainline improvements that might be needed as a result of growth at employment, residential, and commercial developments on the west side of I-795 and determined the potential natural and socioeconomic impacts on the surrounding environment.

In summer 2008, SHA posted local newspaper advertisements notifying the public that we had initiated the I-795 at Dolfield Boulevard/Pleasant Hill Road Interchange Study and mailed a newsletter introducing the project and requesting public comment. An Alternates Public Workshop was held on October 21, 2008, to acquaint the public with the Project Planning Process and the project's Purpose and Need, present the findings of the environmental studies, and receive comments about the preliminary alternatives. On June 22, 2009, SHA held a Location/Design Public Hearing to present the Alternates Retained for Detailed Study and receive public testimony. On April 27, 2015, the Federal Highway Administration signed the Location Approval/Preferred Alternative Conceptual Mitigation document, which allowed the project to move into the design phase.

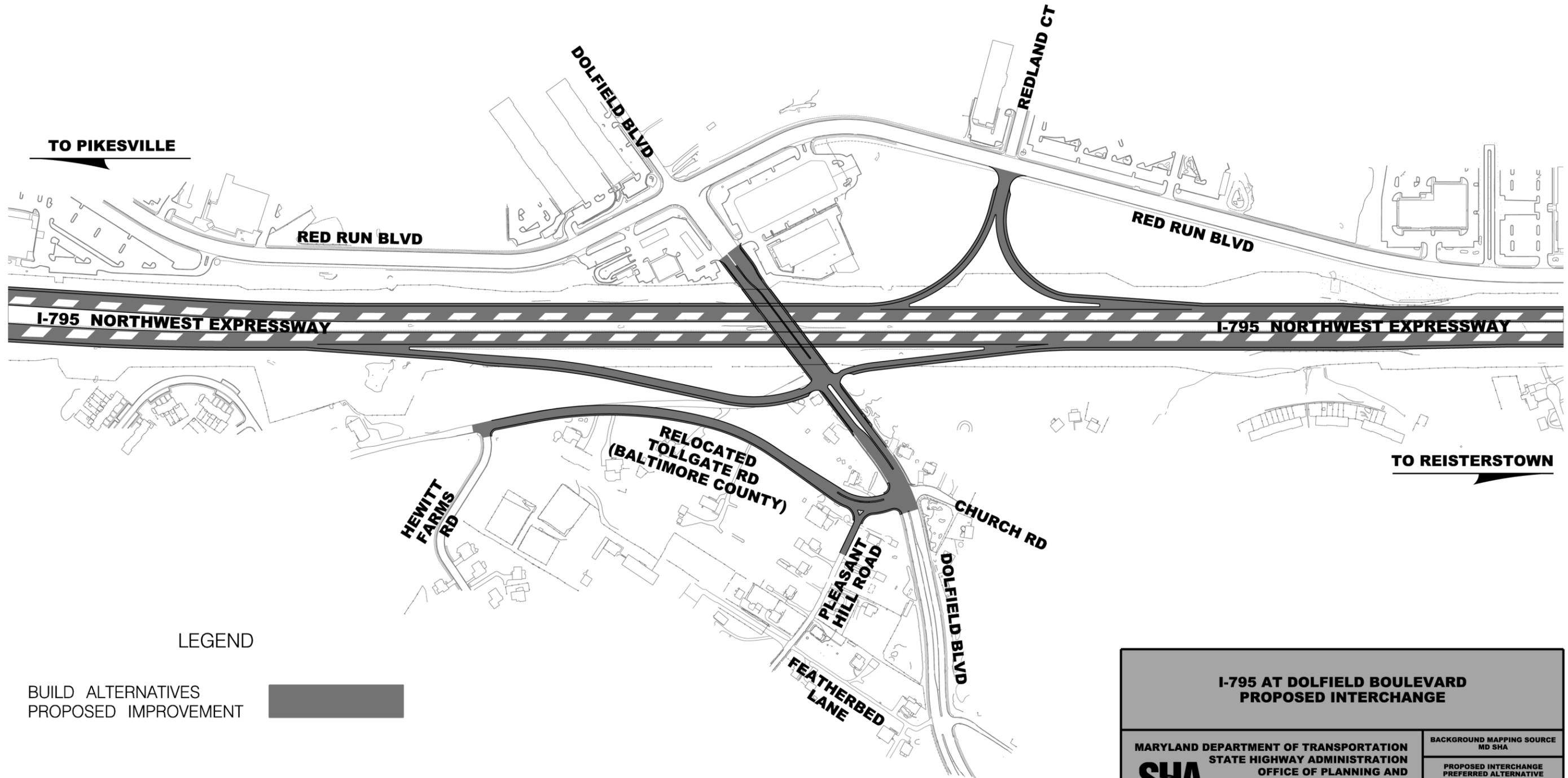
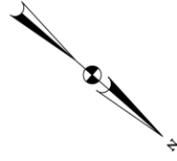


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LEGEND

BUILD ALTERNATIVES
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT



**I-795 AT DOLFIELD BOULEVARD
PROPOSED INTERCHANGE**

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STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PLANNING AND
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING
SCALE: 1" = 200'



BACKGROUND MAPPING SOURCE
MD SHA

PROPOSED INTERCHANGE
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

SEPTEMBER 2015