



# I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) from South of US 40 to MD 144 Outer Loop Widening



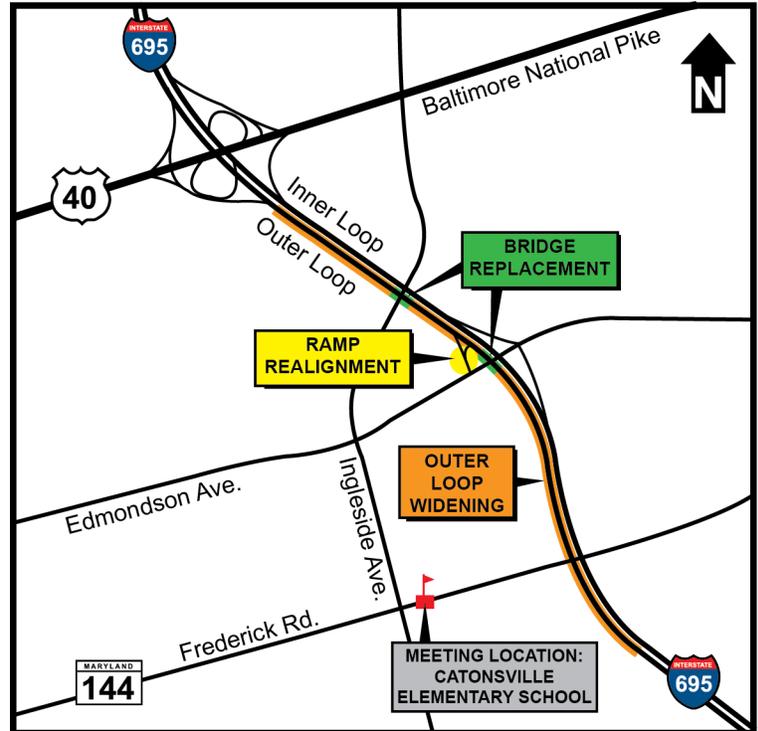
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## Major Construction Begins; Public Meeting Scheduled

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is beginning a major construction project to widen the Outer Loop of I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) from south of US 40 (Baltimore National Pike) to MD 144 (Frederick Road) in Baltimore County. This project will tie into the previously completed I-695 Outer Loop widening from I-95 to Frederick Road. The 1.5-mile-long project proposes to:

- improve mobility and safety on I-695;
- widen the roadway to provide a fourth travel lane on the Outer Loop of the Beltway;
- widen the median to accommodate a potential future fifth travel lane along I-695; and
- replace the Outer Loop bridges over Ingleside Avenue and Edmondson Avenue.

**For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2014.** Displays will show current design plans, and SHA representatives will be available to address your project-related comments and concerns. **A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 PM.** (See reverse side for meeting details)



## Project Details

To improve traffic flow through this section of I-695, SHA will construct an additional travel lane to provide a continuous four-lane Outer Loop. A continuous auxiliary lane connecting the US 40 on-ramp and the Edmondson Avenue off-ramp, and a continuous auxiliary lane connecting the Edmondson Avenue on-ramp and the MD 144 off-ramp will also be constructed. By replacing the Outer Loop bridges over Ingleside Avenue and Edmondson Avenue, vertical clearance under the roadways that pass beneath the I-695 Outer Loop will be increased. Utilities will be relocated before construction begins. Additional improvements include:

- realigning the Edmondson Avenue Outer Loop interchange ramps and Forest Avenue;
- constructing retaining walls and noise barriers;
- providing *Americans with Disabilities Act* (ADA)-compliant sidewalks along Edmondson Avenue;
- replacing the concrete median barrier along I-695; and
- installing new signing, lighting, pavement markings, and landscaping.

Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2015 and will take approximately three years to complete. SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts on local residents and motorists. Maintenance of traffic is an important part of construction: three through lanes will be maintained on the Beltway at all times. Lane shifts, partial nighttime lane closures, temporary ramp closures, and detours can also be expected.

## Project Background

This project is the latest breakout project of two National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) planning studies completed in 1991. SHA is currently conducting a re-evaluation of this project to determine whether the environmental consequences of the current design are consistent with the original NEPA documents. One phase is currently under construction:

- Bridge replacement at Milford Mill Road

Eight phases of the original studies have been constructed:

- Interchanges at York Road and Dulaney Valley Road
- Bridge replacements at Providence Road, Falls Road, MD 25A, Joppa Road, Thornton Road, Interstate 83, and MD 140
- Widening of I-695 from MD 140 to I-83
- Widening of I-695 Outer Loop from west of Harford Road (MD 147) to Putty Hill
- Widening of I-695 from MD 702 to I-95
- Widening I-695 Outer Loop from I-95 to Frederick Road (MD 144)
- Interchange at Frederick Road (MD 144)
- Bridge replacement over Wilkens Avenue (Inner Loop only)





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## For More Information

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For 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, Baltimore County, I-695, Baltimore Beltway, TC94 - Outer Loop - South of US 40 to MD 144** or use the QR code below.



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<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>WHEN:</b>
Catonsville Elementary School - Cafeteria 615 Frederick Road Catonsville, MD 21228	Wednesday, October 22, 2014 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Formal presentation begins at 7:00 PM

## Request for Assistance

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language), should contact Lindsay Bobian by October 15, 2014.

## Project Schedule/Next Steps

Conduct Public Meeting.....October 22, 2014  
Advertise for Construction.....February 2015  
Begin Construction.....Summer 2015

**Martin O'Malley, Governor**  
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