



I-695 Southwest Widening (Outer Loop) & Noise Barriers



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The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is moving forward with two projects along I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) in southwest Baltimore County. For additional information on both projects, **you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Displays will show current design plans, and SHA representatives will be available to address project related comments and concerns. *A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. (see reverse for meeting details).*

I-695 Southwest Outer Loop Widening - Major Construction Begins

SHA is beginning a major construction project to widen the Outer Loop of I-695 from south of US 40 (Baltimore National Pike) to MD 144 (Frederick Road). This project will tie into the previously completed I-695 Outer Loop widening from Frederick Road to I-95.

The project will:

- 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.

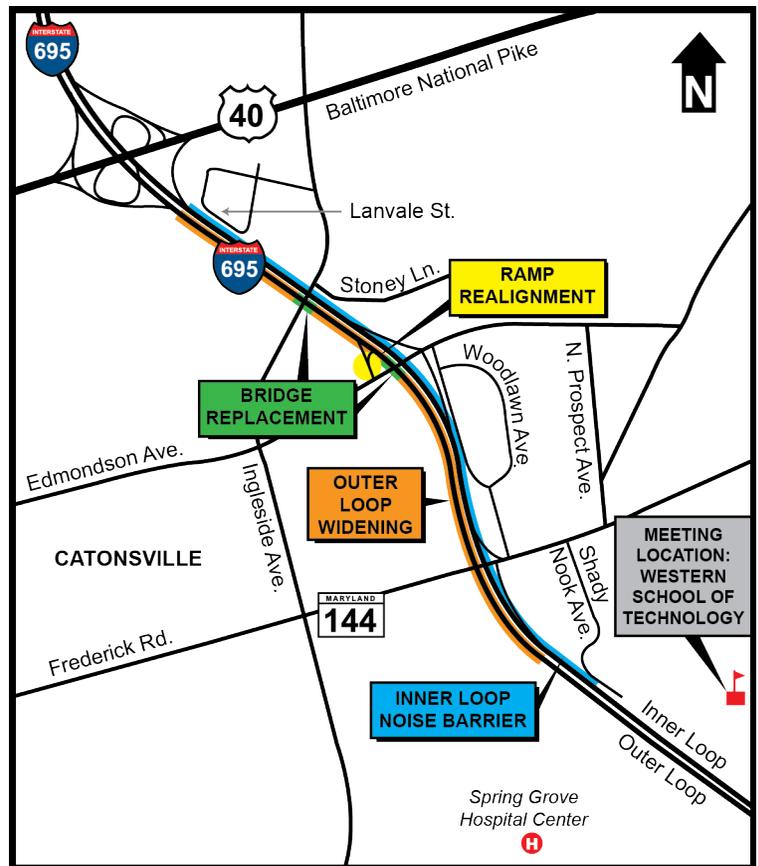
Project Details

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. SHA will also replace the Outer Loop bridges over Ingleside Avenue and Edmondson Avenue. As part of the bridge replacement, crews will increase the clearance under the bridge for high-profile vehicles. Some utilities will need to be relocated prior to construction.

The improvements also will:

- Realign the Edmondson Avenue Outer Loop interchange ramps and Forest Avenue;
- Construct retaining walls;
- Provide Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant sidewalks along Edmondson Avenue;
- Replace the concrete median barrier along I-695;
- Install new signing, lighting, pavement markings, and landscaping; and
- Reconstruct Outer Loop noise barriers to accommodate the wider roadway.

Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2015 and will take approximately four years to complete.



I-695 Noise Barrier - Design Underway

SHA is beginning design activities for the construction of new noise barriers along I-695 from south of US 40 to south of MD 144.

The project plans to:

- Construct a new barrier along the Inner Loop to provide noise abatement to the communities that run along Woodlawn/Arbutus Avenue, Stoney Lane, and Lanvale Street;
- Extend the existing Inner Loop noise barrier adjacent to Shady Nook Avenue to increase noise abatement to the community; and
- Evaluate the feasibility of extending the existing Outer Loop noise barrier near Spring Grove Hospital Center.

Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2019 and take approximately two years to complete. SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists. Maintenance of traffic is an important part of the construction. Three through lanes on the Beltway will be maintained at all times – however, lane shifts and partial nighttime lane closures should be expected. Temporary ramp closures and detours should also be expected.

Request for Assistance

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language, should contact Lindsay Bobian by February 13, 2015.

Project Schedule/Next Steps	Outer Loop Widening	Noise Barriers
Community meeting	February 24, 2015	February 24, 2015
Advertise for construction	February 2015	Fall 2018
Construction begins	Summer 2015	Spring 2019

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*Attend the
Public Meeting!
See Inside for
More Details!*

WHEN:	Tuesday, February 24, 2015 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 PM.
WHERE:	Western School of Technology 100 Kenwood Avenue Baltimore, MD 21228
*Snow Date – Tuesday, March 24, 2015 Meeting will be held on snow date if county public schools are closed or if the county's snow emergency plan is in effect.	

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For More Information

For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on Project and Studies, SHA Projects Page, Baltimore County, I-695, Baltimore Beltway - Outer Loop - South of US 40 to MD 144 or use the QR code to the right.

You may also contact:

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