



# PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

## MAJOR BRIDGE WORK



### MD 261 (Bayside Road) over Fishing Creek

#### BRIDGE WORK TO SUPPORT SAFETY AND MOBILITY

The MD 261 (Bayside Road) Bridge over Fishing Creek is scheduled for replacement starting in Spring 2013. SHA will replace the deteriorating bridge, improve the opening beneath the bridge, and increase the width of the bridge to provide a safer traveled area. The new bridge will provide 5-foot, 8-inch sidewalks and 5-foot shoulders on both sides of the roadway to meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and SHA's bicycle requirements. A turning lane will also be added at the Mears Avenue intersection. Replacing the bridge will save money on future maintenance spending and support safety and mobility as part of SHA's bridge system preservation program.

**For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on June 4, 2013.**

MD 261 (Bayside Road) over Fishing Creek Informational Workshop	
<b>WHEN:</b> <b>Tuesday,</b> <b>June 4, 2013</b> <b>6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.</b> <i>Arrive at any time. There is no formal presentation.</i>	<b>WHERE:</b> <b>Northeast Community Center Mini-Gym</b>  4075 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide the public an opportunity to inform SHA of any special concerns they may have. Display areas will be set up depicting operational and safety improvements, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss the project issues and answer questions concerning the proposed construction. No formal presentation will be given. Feel free to arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

##### Why is the work necessary?

While structurally safe, the MD 261 (Bayside Road) bridge over Fishing Creek, constructed in 1940, is showing signs of deterioration. The project is part of SHA's bridge system preservation program aimed at providing reliable facilities in a timely manner.

##### How will traffic be impacted by construction activities?

Both lanes of traffic along MD 261 will be maintained during construction. Replacement of the bridge will be performed in multiple stages with a shift in the roadway alignment toward the east (Chesapeake Bay side) and the construction of an additional lane for traffic turning at the nearby intersection with Harbor Road and Mears Avenue. Impacts to traffic will be limited to times when the new roadway is being tied into the existing alignment.

##### Have any other alternatives been considered?

Several alternatives for maintaining traffic along MD 261 during construction were considered, including a complete detour of MD 261 or alternating one lane of traffic across the bridge with temporary traffic signals. Due to the volume of traffic on this structure, it was determined that maintaining both lanes of traffic was the only viable option for meeting existing traffic demands.

##### What is the project schedule?

Pending acquisition of required environmental permits and the relocation of impacted utilities, construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2014 and anticipated to be complete in up to two years, weather permitting. SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional 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/ Transportation Projects Page/ Calvert County/ Bridge 0401101 over Fishing Creek**. You may also contact:

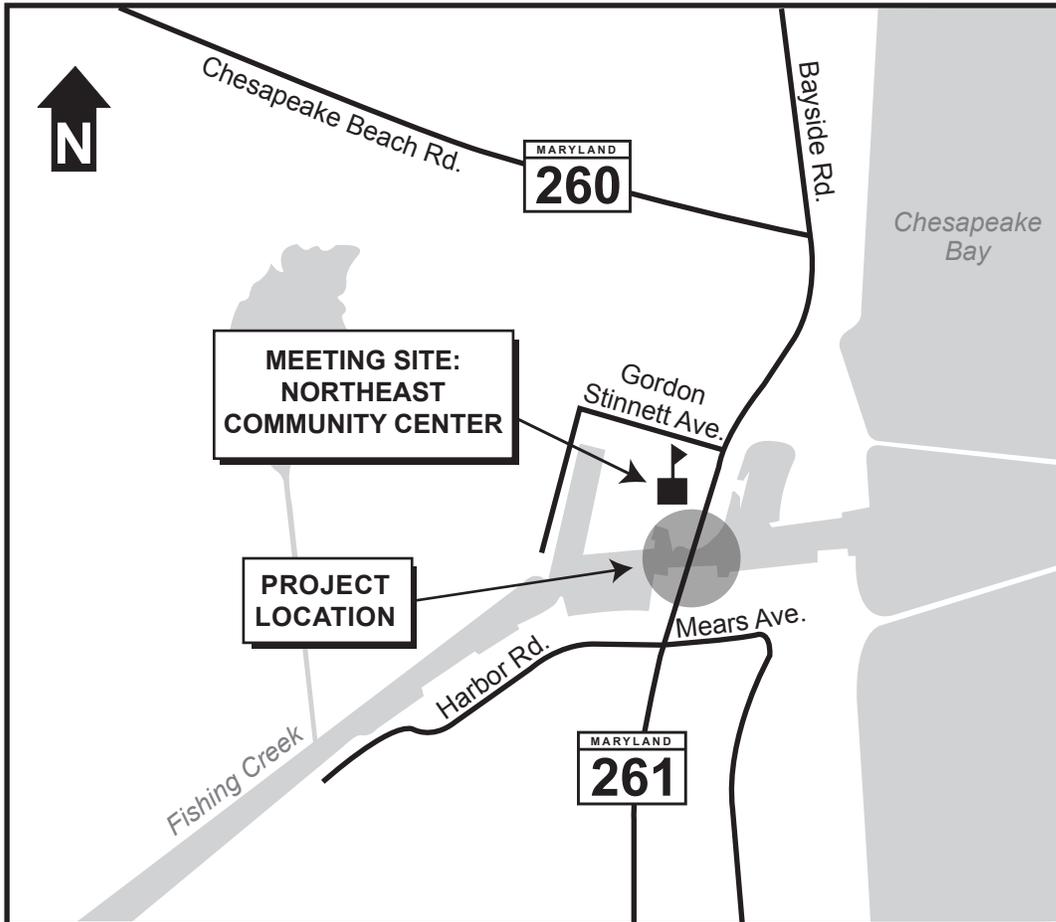
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## REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language, should contact Mr. Robert by May 28, 2013.

*SHA appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community and apologizes in advance for any inconvenience. SHA reminds motorist to "think orange" when driving through work zones by staying alert and slowing down. Always buckle up, and please drive safely.*



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