



# MD 180/MD 351 Public Hearing - June 23, 2009



The MD 180/MD 351 Location/Design Public Hearing, originally scheduled for March 4, 2009, was moved to June 23, 2009 to provide the time necessary for further agency coordination. During this period, the team sought to reduce the number of property and environmental impacts through additional detailed engineering and traffic modeling. This sheet summarizes the changes made since the original brochure was drafted in February 2009. The project team decided to update, rather than reprint, the brochure to reduce costs. Details will be available at the meeting and on the project website at [www.marylandroads.com](http://www.marylandroads.com), click on **Projects/Frederick County**. Questions may also be directed to the project manager, **Ms. Kameel Hall** at toll-free **1-800-548-5026**.

## Engineering

- Traffic data along the corridor has been re-evaluated to reflect the changes in land use in the area. The updated forecasts were used to make adjustments to the alternatives, which will result in fewer impacts.
- Alternative 2 – Transportation Systems Management/Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM) and the Short Term Improvements have been modified to reduce right-of-way impacts, environmental impacts, and costs.
- The adjusted lane configurations for each alternative will be presented at the Public Hearing and on the project website.

## Environmental

- SHA has received concurrence from the Frederick County Division of Parks and Recreation that the project would have minimal impact on Ballenger Creek Park (1.2 acres) and would not adversely affect the access, activities, features or attributes of the park. A de minimis (minimal impact) finding will be requested from the Federal Highway Administration regarding potential Section 4(f) impacts to this resource.
- Through the inclusion of retaining walls, and median-width reduction, the relocation of the tennis courts at Ballenger Creek Middle School is no longer being considered. There will be no permanent right-of-way impacts to the school, although temporary impacts to the school's parking lot are proposed during construction to store equipment.
- The potential right-of-way impacts to the Prospect Hall Historic Site have been eliminated as a result of the proposed re-alignment of MD 180. Impacts to the Maple Homestead Historic Site will remain the same (0.05 acres). A de minimis (minimal impact) finding will be requested from the Federal Highway Administration regarding potential Section 4(f) impacts to Maple Homestead.
- Use III-P Waters support natural trout populations and provides public water supply.

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- No federally-listed threatened or endangered species have been identified in the study area for the project. The Loggerhead Shrike is a state-listed endangered bird species that has been known to occur in the study area; however, impacts are not anticipated.
- The environmental analysis has determined the MD 180/MD 351 project meets the Clean Air Act and federal regulations (CFR 93.109). Also, the project has not been found to be a “project of air quality concern,” as defined by federal regulations. These requirements are met for fine particulate matter (PM 2.5). The project will not cause or contribute to a new violation of the PM 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), or increase the frequency or severity of a violation.
- The Summary of Environmental Impacts Chart will be updated to reflect the changes at the public hearing and on the website.

**SHA’s mission is to provide mobility for our customers through a safe, well-maintained and attractive highway system that enhances Maryland’s communities, economy and environment. We appreciate the comments and concerns by the many stakeholders associated with the project, throughout the entire project planning process. Written comments for inclusion in the project record and the hearing transcript may be submitted until August 3, 2009.**



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