

PUBLIC NOTICE

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



WILL CONDUCT A LOCATION/DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING for MD 180/MD 351 PROJECT PLANNING STUDY FROM GREENFIELD DRIVE TO CORPORATE DRIVE IN FREDERICK COUNTY

WHEN

Tuesday, June 23, 2009
6:00 PM - Maps/Displays Available
7:00 PM - Presentation/Testimony

WHERE

Ballenger Creek Middle School
5525 Ballenger Creek Pike
Frederick, Maryland 21703

The Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA), in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is conducting a Project Planning Study on MD 180/MD 351 from Greenfield Drive to Corporate Drive in Frederick County.

The purpose of this Location/Design Public Hearing is to afford all interested persons the opportunity to present their views regarding the proposed location and general design of the project alternatives, including the associated social, economic, cultural, and natural environmental effects.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., mapping depicting the project alternatives will be available for public viewing. Representatives of SHA and FHWA will be available to record your comments and discuss points of interest with you.

A formal presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. and lasting approximately 20 minutes will include a description of the project alternatives, an environmental impact summary, information on right-of-way acquisition and relocation assistance procedures, and information about Title VI of SHA's Equal Opportunity Program. This presentation will be followed by the receipt of public testimony.

SHA, in consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) and other consulting parties, has identified two significant historic standing structures (Prospect Hall and Maple Homestead) within the area of potential effects that are eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Alternatives 2 and 3 would require up to 0.05 acre of right-of-way from Maple Homestead. Prospect Hall would not be impacted. Archeological investigations indicate that none of the proposed build alternatives is likely to impact significant archeological resources. No further archeological work is recommended for the project. SHA is currently awaiting MHT's concurrence with SHA's determination that the project would not adversely affect historic properties. Coordination with MHT and other consulting parties will continue throughout the study. In accordance with the Section 106 procedures of the National Historic Preservation Act, this hearing provides the opportunity for public input regarding impacts to historic properties.

Alternative 3 would require up to one acre of frontage from Ballenger Creek Park representing approximately 0.008 percent of the total park acreage. Ballenger Creek Park qualifies for protection under Section 4(f) of the US Department of Transportation Act. The Frederick County Department of Parks and Recreation has concurred that the project would not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes that qualify Ballenger Creek Park for protection under Section 4(f). SHA will request that FHWA make a Section 4(f) de minimis (or minor impact) determination that the project does not adversely affect the activities, features, and attributes of the Park. SHA requests public comment on this determination.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who desire to be heard or want to be placed on the project planning mailing list may submit a request to Ms. Kameel Hall, Project Manager, Project Management Division, State Highway Administration, Mail Stop C-301, 707 North Calvert Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, or by calling 410-545-8542 or toll free 1-800-548-5026, or by email at KHall1@sha.state.md.us.

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Written statements and other exhibits in lieu of or in addition to an oral presentation at the Public Hearing may also be submitted to Ms. Hall until July 23, 2009 in order to be included in the Public Hearing Transcript. If you received a copy of this notice in the mail, you are currently enrolled on the project mailing list. Those persons enrolled will be kept informed of the project development and the opportunity for public involvement as the study progresses.

Requests to be placed on the speakers' list for this Public Hearing should be received no later than June 16, 2009. Elected officials will be given the opportunity to speak before those on the speakers' list, which will be called in the order in which the requests were received. Attendees at the Public Hearing who desire to speak may do so after those on the previously established list. If a large number of speakers enroll, a limitation of the time allotted to each speaker may be necessary. Brochures and forms for written comments will be available at this public hearing.

HEARING-IMPAIRED/NON-ENGLISH-SPEAKING PERSONS:

If anyone who is hearing impaired desires to attend this meeting, please notify Ms. Hall as noted above. The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Non-English-speaking persons who wish to attend should also notify Ms. Hall. All requests for an oral, sign-language or non-English-language interpreter must be received by June 16, 2009. To the extent that this is feasible and possible, an interpreter will be provided.

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