



MD 4 (Pennsylvania Ave) from Forestville Rd to Silver Hill Rd Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

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SAFETY AND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED; PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

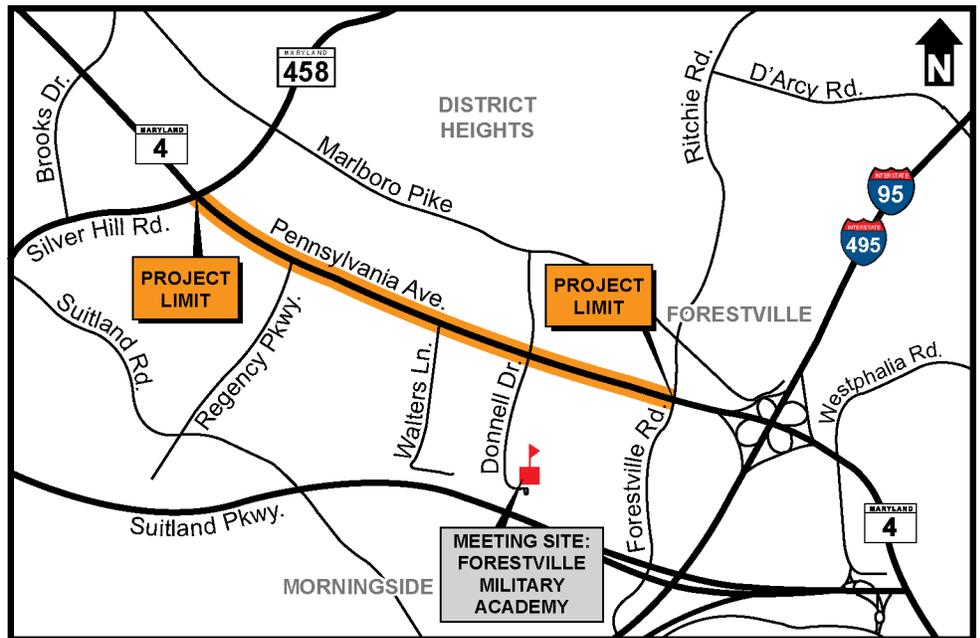
In summer 2015, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin construction of a project that will improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles along MD 4 (Pennsylvania Ave.) from Forestville Road to Silver Hill Road in Prince George's County. During construction, lane and shoulder closures will occur Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, and Sunday-Thursday, 9:00 PM-5:00 AM. The roadway will fully reopen to traffic in summer 2017. **No detours are expected.**

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on Tuesday, June 16, 2015. The public meeting will acquaint attendees with the project and provide them an opportunity to inform SHA of their project-related concerns. Maps and other displays will provide project details and SHA representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. Attendees may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at their own pace. **A brief presentation will begin at 6:15 pm.** (See back of flier for meeting details.)

PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

The project will include the following:

- Adding continuous five-foot-wide Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalks along the south side of MD 4 and a 10-foot-wide hiker/biker trail along the north side
- Adding curb-and-gutter along the outside lanes of MD 4 to separate pedestrians and vehicles
- Narrowing the widths of travel lanes and shoulders and reducing the overall width of pavement
- Upgrading the drainage system
- Constructing stormwater management facilities
- Installing pedestrian countdown signals at each intersection
- Upgrading sidewalk ramps and crosswalks at each intersection
- Installing roadway and intersection lighting



PROJECT PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and bicyclists, while encouraging reduced vehicle speeds along MD 4. MD 4 lacks continuous sidewalks and bicycle accommodations, and widely spaced crosswalks result in frequent mid-block crossings within the project limits.

To improve pedestrian safety, SHA constructed a mid-block crossing signal in 2013 on MD 4 between Walters Lane and Donnell Drive, a location that experiences high volumes of pedestrian traffic. That signal will be retained as part of the MD 4 Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

Begin Construction.....Summer/Fall 2015
 Open to Traffic.....Summer 2017

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects and Studies, SHA Projects Page, Prince George's County, MD 4 (Pennsylvania Avenue), Forestville Road to MD 458 (Silver Hill Road)** or use the QR Code. You may also contact:

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SHA appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community and apologizes for any inconvenience. SHA reminds motorists 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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Attend the Public Meeting!

WHEN:	WHERE:
<p>Tuesday June 16, 2015</p> <p><i>6:00 PM – 8:00 PM</i></p> <p><i>A brief presentation will begin at 6:15 PM.</i></p>	<p>Forestville Military Academy (Cafeteria)</p> <p>7001 Beltz Drive Forestville, MD 20747</p>

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 Mr. Jared Paper-Evers by June 9, 2015.

See Inside for More Details

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