



PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

MAJOR BRIDGE WORK

West Nursery Road/ Northbound and Southbound MD 295

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SHA TO IMPROVE SAFETY WITH BRIDGE REPAIRS

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will soon rehabilitate the bridges on West Nursery Road over northbound and southbound MD 295 in Anne Arundel County. The main objectives of this project are to replace the deteriorating beams and concrete decks, and increase the width of the bridge to provide a safer travel area. *See map on reverse side.*

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on September 15, 2011.

The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the project. Display areas will be set up depicting the anticipated project work, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss 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?

Constructed in 1948 and modified in 1974, the existing bridges are structurally safe but showing signs of deterioration. The concrete decks have been extensively patched in recent years and are in need of replacement. This project is part of SHA's bridge preservation and replacement program aimed at improving safety and mobility and providing reliable facilities in a timely manner.

How will traffic be impacted by construction activities?

To minimize impacts to vehicular traffic, the new beams and concrete decks for each bridge will be constructed on temporary support structures in the median between northbound and southbound MD 295, to the north of the overpasses. Once complete, the existing bridge beams and concrete decks will be removed, and the new parts will be transported from the median into place during overnight roadway closures. Replacing the beams and concrete decks of the existing bridges with the newly-constructed ones will affect traffic as follows:

- **West Nursery Road will be closed over two consecutive weekends from Friday, 10 p.m. – Sunday, 8 a.m., weather permitting.**
- **During portions of this time, traffic on MD 295 will be detoured up the exit ramps to West Nursery Road, and back down the entrance ramps to MD 295 from West Nursery Road.**
- **When the detour is not in effect, two lanes of traffic will be maintained on northbound and southbound MD 295. Four lanes of traffic will be maintained on West Nursery Road, with reduced lane widths.**

Have any other alternatives been considered?

Options to maintain traffic during repair work included a temporary bridge on an adjacent alignment and a phased construction option. These options were less desirable due to the increased traffic delays, multiple extended closures of MD 295 and West Nursery Road, and longer construction time they would require. The preferred method of replacing the existing bridge parts using specialized bridge movers requires fewer closures, is more cost-effective, and allows the project to be completed in one construction season.

When will work be completed?

SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents, businesses, and motorists. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2012 and be completed by the fall of 2012, weather permitting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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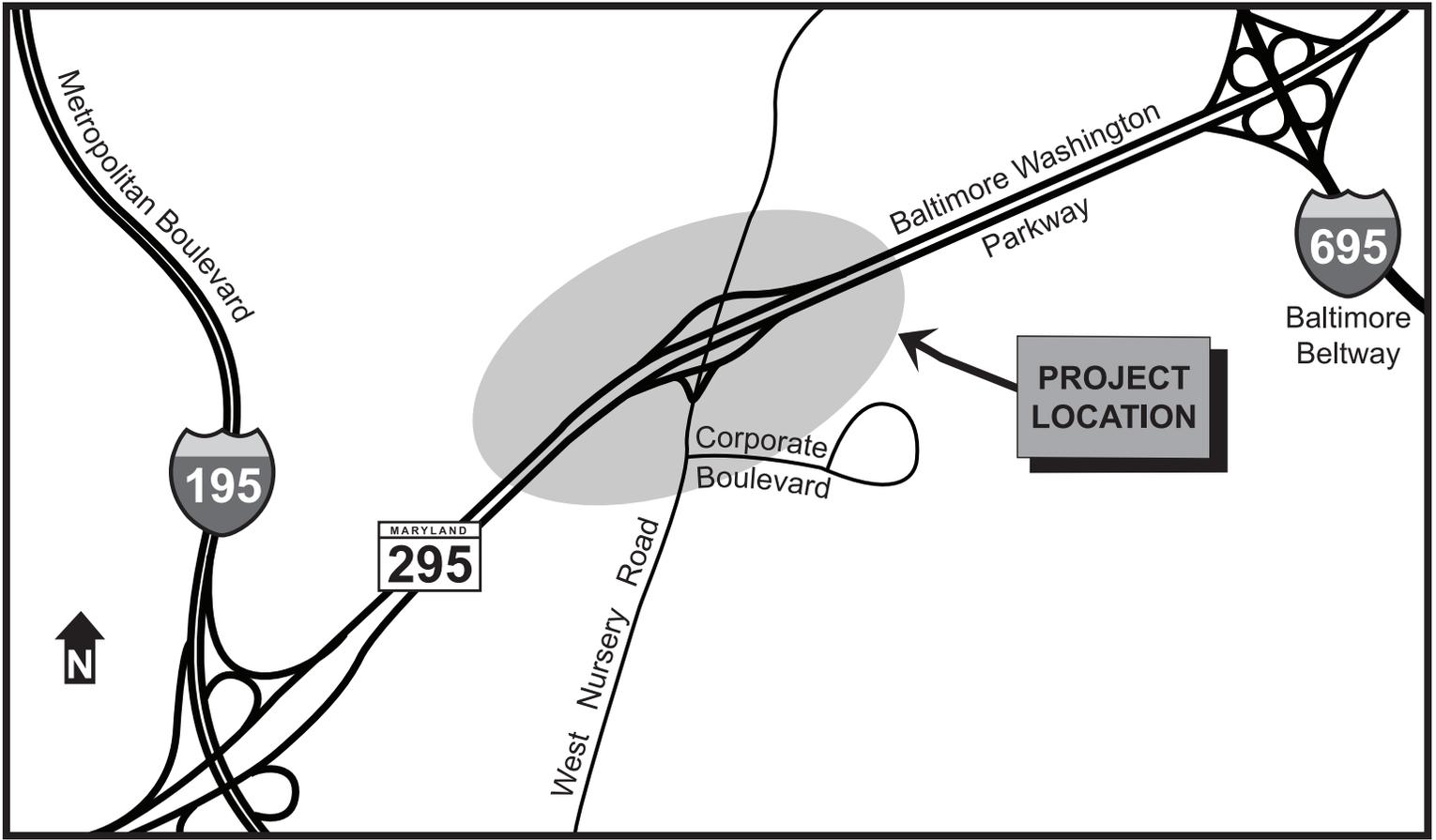
For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects and Studies/SHA Projects Page/Anne Arundel County/ CO 6, West Nursery Road over MD 295 (NB and SB).**

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 September 9, 2011.

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.

West Nursery Road over Northbound and Southbound MD 295 Informational Meeting	
WHEN: Thursday, September 15, 2011 5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Arrive at any time. There is no formal presentation.	WHERE: Lindale Middle School Cafeteria 415 Andover Road Linthicum, MD 21090



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