



PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

MAJOR BRIDGE WORK



Middletown Road over I-83 (Baltimore-Harrisburg Expressway)

SHA TO REPLACE DETERIORATING BRIDGE

In the summer of 2012, the State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin a project to replace the deteriorating bridge on Middletown Road over I-83 (Baltimore-Harrisburg Expressway) in Baltimore County. The new bridge will have an additional westbound lane to improve traffic safety at the interchange.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a public informational meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011.

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

Middletown Road over I-83 (Baltimore-Harrisburg Expressway) Informational Meeting

WHEN:

**Wednesday,
November 9, 2011**

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Arrive at any time. There is no formal presentation.

WHERE:

**Prettyboy Elementary
School Cafeteria**

19810 Middletown Road
Freeland, MD 21053

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is the work necessary?

The bridge on Middletown Road, originally constructed in 1957, is structurally safe but showing signs of deterioration. The most significant deterioration has occurred in the roadway surface, which was temporarily repaved until a new bridge could be designed and constructed. The 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 on Middletown Road and I-83 be affected by construction activities?

Both traffic lanes will be maintained on the bridge during construction, and replacement of the bridge and construction of the additional westbound lane through the interchange area will be performed by shifting the current roadway alignment to the north. Impacts to traffic along Middletown Road will be limited to times when the contractor is required to tie the new roadway into the existing alignment. Temporary lane closures will also occur along northbound and southbound I-83 during off-peak hours, allowing crews to safely demolish sections of the existing bridge and construct the new bridge.

Have any other alternatives been considered?

The SHA project team considered several alternatives for maintaining traffic along Middletown Road during construction, including a complete closure/detour of Middletown Road and the possibility of alternating bridge traffic in one lane with a temporary traffic signal. However, maintaining both lanes was the only viable option for meeting existing traffic demands, which include high traffic-volume on the bridge and the presence of interchange ramps.

Will the Park & Ride lot at I-83/Middletown Road and I-83 be open during construction work?

The Park and Ride lot will remain open. However, 20 of its 60 spaces will be closed, and will reopen following construction. During this time, commuters may wish to use SHA Park & Ride Lots at the following locations:

Exit 36 – Old York Road (MD 439)

Exit 27 – Mt. Carmel Road (MD 137)

Have Local Emergency Personnel been notified of the project?

Yes. The contractor will also notify emergency personnel two weeks prior to construction, and access to the Parkton Fire Station on Middletown Road will be maintained at all times.

When will the construction work be completed?

Construction is scheduled to begin in early summer of 2012 and be complete in late fall of 2013, weather permitting. SHA will complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and travelers.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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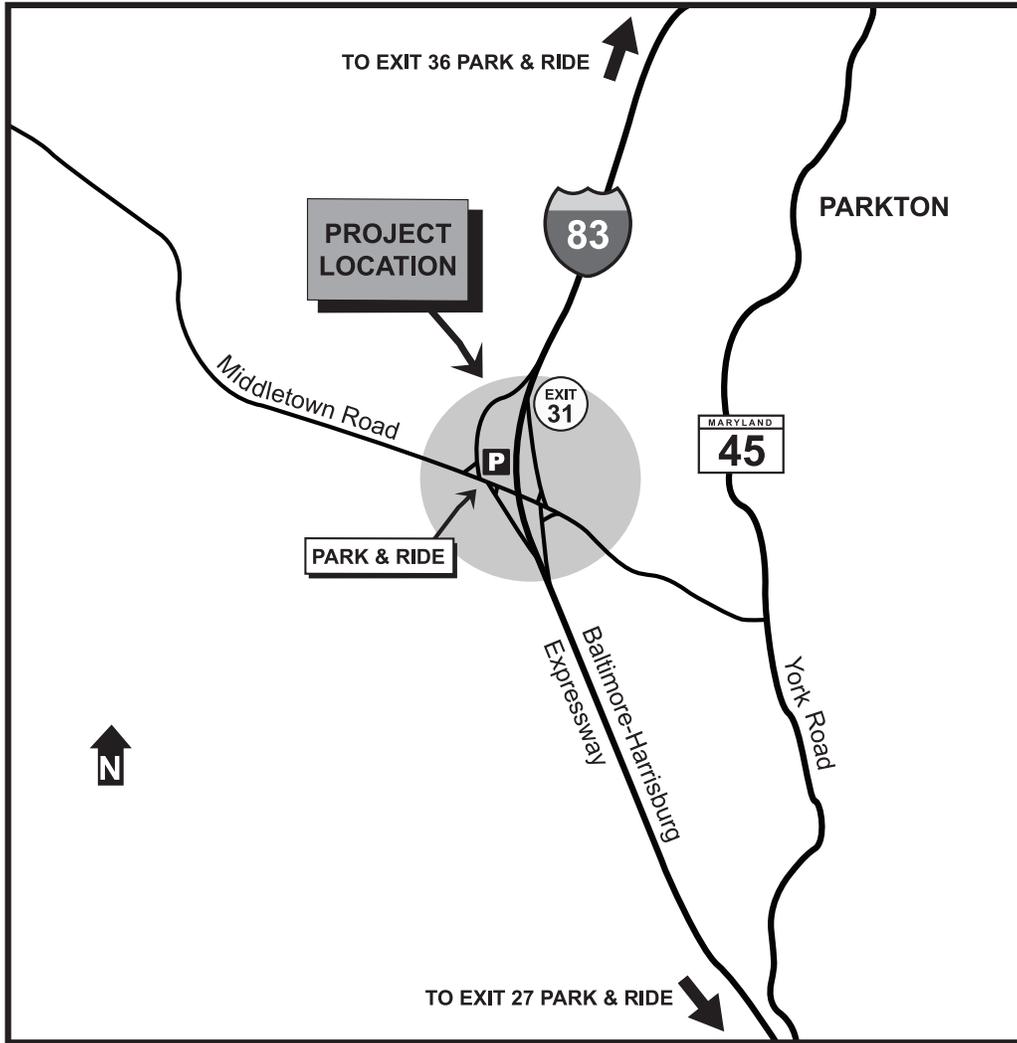
For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects and Studies/ SHA Projects Page/ Baltimore County/ Bridge 03214 on Middletown Road over I-83.**

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 Ms. Nash by November 2, 2011.

See map on reverse side.

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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