



# Replacement of Bridge No. 03139 on I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) over MD 26 (Liberty Road)



## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

### Changing Traffic Patterns:

The construction of the I-695 / MD 26 improvements will be accomplished using several traffic shifts along I-695 and MD 26. The traffic shifts will provide work areas and access for the bridge and roadway construction.

Four (4) through lanes along the I-695 Inner and Outer Loops will be maintained during rush hours through most of the construction. Lane closures along I-695 will occur during nighttime hours to perform traffic shifts, bridge construction and roadway paving.

*For a portion of the bridge construction the I-695 Inner and Outer Loops will be reduced to three (3) through lanes in each direction to create a safer work zone for motorists and workers. This temporary reduction in through lanes will result in travel delays during the peak travel hours. A monetary incentive / disincentive for the contractor will be included in the project to minimize the duration of the temporary lane reduction. Motorists can expect delays along the I-695 Inner and Outer Loops and along the southbound I-795 approach to I-695.*

- The lane reduction on the I-695 Inner Loop will be accomplished by the right-most through lane becoming an exit only at the I-695 Inner Loop off-ramp to westbound MD 26 (Ramp 1).
- The lane reduction on the I-695 Outer Loop will be accomplished by the right-most through lane, which is a lane addition from I-795, becoming an exit only at the I-695 Outer Loop off-ramp to westbound / eastbound MD 26 (Ramp 8).
- Overhead signs will be modified to alert motorists to the lane reduction / exit only condition in advance of the MD 26 Interchange.



The eastbound MD 26 on-ramp to the I-695 Inner Loop (Ramp 3) will be closed and detoured during construction. Motorists on eastbound MD 26 will be directed to turn left onto the existing on-ramp from westbound MD 26 to the I-695 Inner Loop. A temporary traffic signal will be installed on MD 26 for this left turn movement.

Most ramps will have periodic nighttime closures to perform storm drain and paving work. Advanced warning and alternate routes will be provided.

### Pedestrian Access:

Pedestrian detours will be established through the interchange area. A pedestrian route will be maintained through the interchange during construction. Pedestrians will need to cross MD 26 in advance of the interchange as only one sidewalk can be maintained below the bridge.

### Speed Limits:

Posted speed limits on I-695 will be reduced to 50 MPH throughout construction.



### Nighttime Construction:

Some bridge demolition and construction work must take place at night as it is unsafe to perform with traffic underneath. Also, some activities may require nighttime lane closures for safer construction vehicle entrances/exits at work areas.

