



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

MAJOR INTERSTATE BRIDGE WORK

I-695 Bridge over MD 26 (Liberty Road)



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) will replace the I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) bridge over MD 26 (Liberty Road) in Baltimore County. The \$18 million project will begin in spring of 2010 and should be completed by fall of 2012, weather permitting. SHA will replace the existing structurally deficient bridge, upgrade roadway lighting in the interchange area, and upgrade sidewalks under the bridge along Liberty Road to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

NOTICE

**RAMP
DETOUR
TO BEGIN
SPRING
2010**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is the work necessary?

Originally constructed in 1961 and widened in 1968 and 1979, the eight-lane I-695 bridge over Liberty Road carries thousands of vehicles each day. As part of SHA's ongoing bridge system preservation effort to address structurally deficient bridges and ensure the safety of the traveling public, SHA will replace the aging structure. The project is one of many administered by the Maryland Department of Transportation and funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), stimulating Maryland's economy by preserving and maintaining jobs.

What is the project schedule?

Construction will begin in spring of 2010 and be completed by fall of 2012, weather permitting. SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and commuters.

How will construction work affect the interchange area?

SHA and the contractor will temporarily close and detour the ramp from eastbound Liberty Road to northbound I-695 (Inner Loop). Motorists on eastbound Liberty Road going to northbound I-695 will be directed to turn left at a new temporary signal, onto the existing ramp from westbound Liberty Road, to northbound I-695. SHA and the contractor will install a temporary signal at the ramp to enhance safety for motorists and pedestrians using the detour and making left turns in the interchange area.

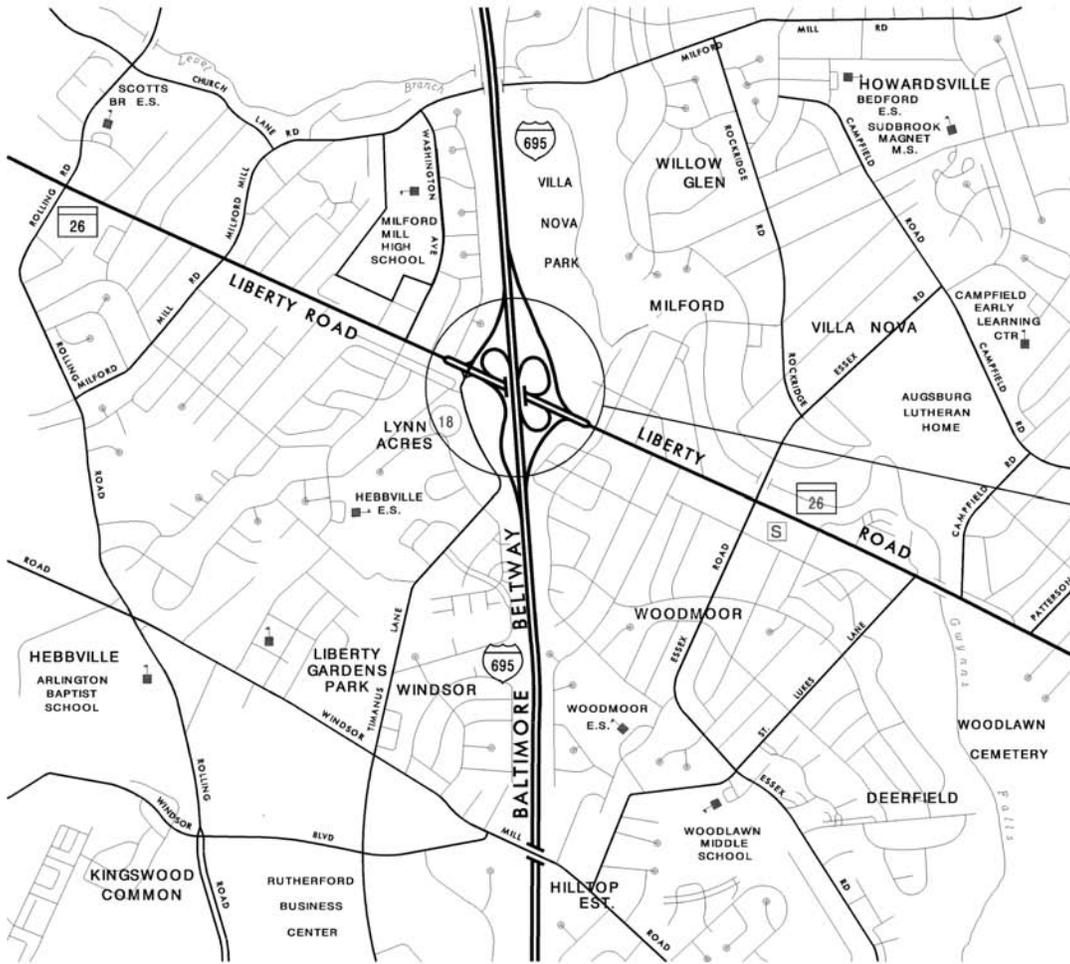
During construction, there will be a 5-month period during which SHA will need to reduce I-695 by one lane in each direction to create a safer work zone for both motorists and workers. The temporary reduction from eight lanes to six will result in significant travel delays along I-695 during morning and evening peak travel hours. To ensure a rapid phase of construction and restore eight lanes of traffic within a timely manner, there are incentives and disincentives within the project contract.

Who may I contact for more information?

For more information concerning this project, please contact SHA's District Four Office – Construction Division at (410) 229-2420, toll free at 1-866-998-0367 or by e-mail: shadistrict4@sha.state.md.us. Project information will be posted on SHA's website, www.roads.maryland.gov, under the "SHA Projects" section.

See map on reverse side.

SHA appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community and apologizes for any inconvenience during construction work. SHA and the contractor remind motorists to "Think Orange" when driving through highway work zones by staying alert and slowing down. Always buckle up, and please drive safely.



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OVER MD 26
(LIBERTY ROAD)
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
PROJECT

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