



# PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

## MAJOR BRIDGE WORK

### I-695 over MD 26 (Liberty Road)



#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) bridge over MD 26 (Liberty Road), in the Randallstown area of Baltimore County, is scheduled to be replaced starting in 2010. The main objective of this project is to replace the existing structurally deficient bridge. Safety improvements include upgrading roadway lighting in the interchange area, adding lighting under the bridge, and upgrading the sidewalks under the bridge to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

You are invited to attend an Informational Public Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2009, that will acquaint you with the project and give you an opportunity to inform SHA of any concerns you may have. Display areas will be set up depicting anticipated operational and safety improvements, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss the project issues and answer questions concerning the proposed construction. No formal presentation will be given. Please feel free to arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace.

#### I-695/MD 26 Bridge Project Informational Meeting

**WHEN:**  
**Thursday,**  
**June 25, 2009**

5:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

*Arrive at any time.*  
*There is no formal presentation*

**WHERE:**  
**Milford Mill**  
**Academy**  
**High School**  
**Cafeteria**

3800 Washington Ave.  
Baltimore, MD  
21244

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

##### Why is the work necessary?

Originally constructed in 1961 and widened in 1968 and 1979, the bridge is now showing signs of significant deterioration, and replacement of the bridge to remove the deficiencies is the best alternative. This project is one of many construction project contracts administered by the Maryland Department of Transportation and funded under the passage of President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). These projects will stimulate Maryland's economy by preserving and maintaining jobs. This project is also part of SHA's bridge system preservation program aimed at addressing structurally deficient bridges.

##### What is the project schedule?

Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2010. SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists. Based on the scope of the work and experience on similar projects, it is anticipated the project will take two construction seasons to complete, weather permitting.

##### How will construction work affect the interchange area?

The current proposed concept for maintaining traffic will temporarily close and detour the ramp from MD 26 Eastbound to I-695 Northbound (Inner Loop) within the interchange area. Motorists on MD 26 Eastbound will be directed to turn left onto the existing ramp from MD 26 Westbound to I-695 Northbound (Inner Loop). SHA will install a temporary signal at this ramp to enhance safety for motorists using the detour and making left turns in the interchange area.

During construction, there will be a period of time when 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 lanes will result in travel delays during peak travel hours. To ensure rapid construction work, the contract will have a monetary incentive/disincentive for the contractor to ensure that this project is done in a timely manner.

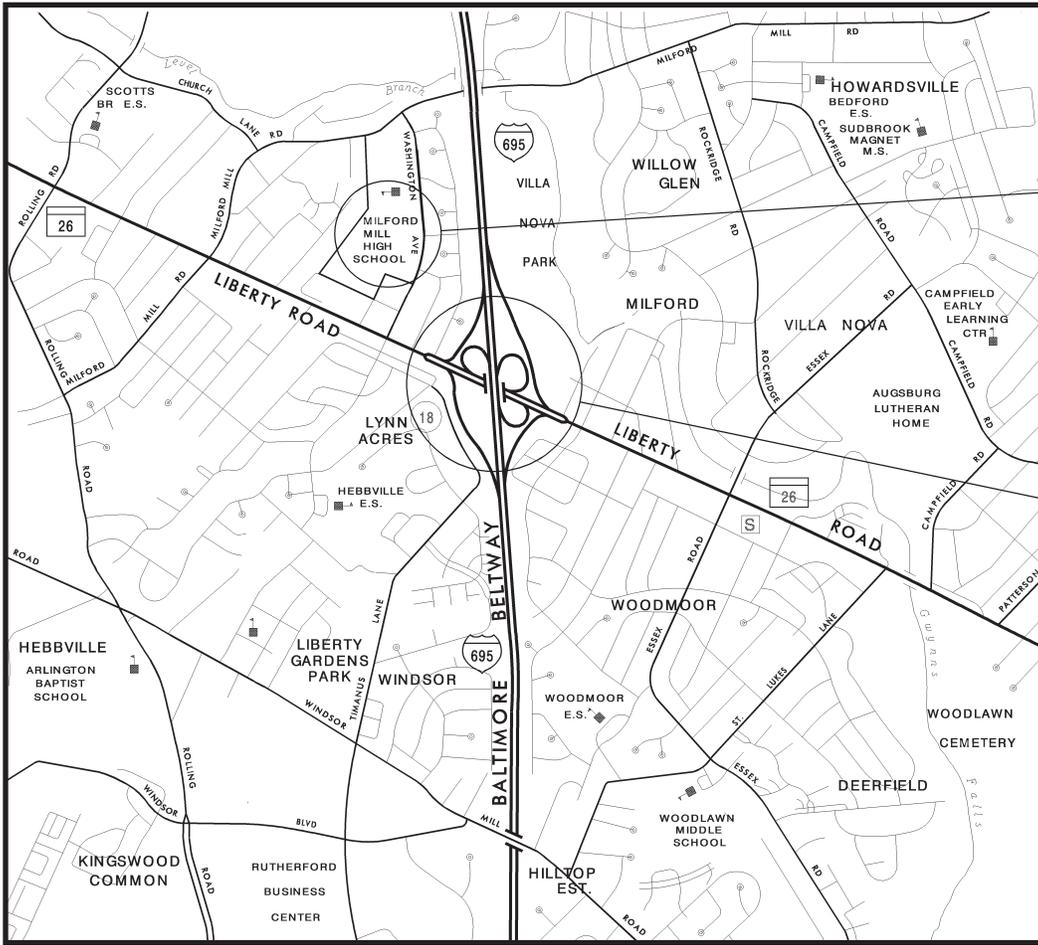
##### Have any other alternatives been considered?

SHA has considered several alternatives to replace this bridge while minimizing impacts to the public. One of these alternatives included maintaining all lanes of traffic on the bridge for the duration of construction. This option was dismissed because it involved splitting the main lines of I-695 traffic to create a construction work zone in the middle, creating less safe conditions for motorists and workers. Another alternative included reducing a lane of traffic on I-695 for two years during construction. This option was also dismissed, as it would have increased the duration of peak travel delays.

##### Who do I contact for more information?

For more information concerning this project, please contact Mr. David Malkowski, SHA's District Engineer for Baltimore and Harford Counties at (410) 321-2810, toll free at 1-800-962-3077 or by e-mail at shadistrict4@sha.state.md.us. Mr. Joseph Navarra is SHA's design manager for this project and can be reached at (410)-545-8315 or toll free at 1-888-375-1084.

**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.**



MEETING  
LOCATION

I-695 BRIDGE  
OVER MD 26  
(LIBERTY ROAD)  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT

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