



PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT - *Revised**

MAJOR BRIDGE WORK

MD 25 (Falls Road)/Georges Run

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WHEN:

Thursday,
June 12, 2014

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Arrive at any time. There is no formal presentation.

WHERE:

Fifth District Elementary
School – Gymnasium
3725 Mount Carmel Road
Upperco, MD 21155

When will work be completed?

SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible, while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists. A provision has been added to the contract to provide a monetary penalty for every day the project is not complete beyond the allotted time and a monetary reward for each day the project is completed ahead of schedule. Pending the acquisition of required environmental permits and the relocation of impacted utilities, construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2015, after the last day of school and construction will be completed by early fall 2015, weather permitting.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is scheduled to replace the MD 25 (Falls Road) bridge over Georges Run in Baltimore County in summer 2015. SHA will replace the bridge which is nearing the end of its usable life, improve stream flow underneath the bridge, and widen the bridge to improve safety. The new structure will be one lane in each direction with shoulders on both sides of the road.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on June 12, 2014.

The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide an opportunity to inform SHA of any special concerns. Display areas will be set up depicting operational and safety improvements 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 during meeting hours and walk through at your own pace.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is the work necessary?

The existing bridge, which was completed in 1932, is structurally safe but is near the end of its usable life and needs to be replaced. This project is part of SHA's bridge system preservation program aimed at providing reliable facilities in a timely manner while saving money on future maintenance spending.

How will traffic be impacted by construction activities?

Both lanes of traffic on MD 25 will be detoured during construction. Replacement of the bridge is anticipated to be completed during the summer months when schools are closed, weather permitting. This will limit traffic impacts to a period of approximately three months to prevent impacts to school traffic.

Have any other alternatives been considered?

Alternatives for maintaining traffic on MD 25 during construction included alternating one lane of traffic across the bridge with temporary traffic signals at each end of the bridge. This option was not desirable as it would create potentially unsafe conditions for motorists and construction workers, and cause traffic delays on MD 25. SHA engineers determined that a complete traffic detour would provide the least long-term disruption to travelers.

Where will traffic be detoured?

Motorists traveling north on MD 25 (Falls Road) will be directed to:

- Turn left on Mt. Carmel Road
- Turn right on Gunpowder Road to arrive at Falls Road north of the bridge

Motorists traveling south on MD 25 (Falls Road) will be directed to:

- Turn right on Gunpowder Road
- Turn left on Mt. Carmel Road to arrive at Falls Road south of the bridge

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www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects and Studies / SHA Projects Page / Baltimore County / MD 25, Falls Road** or use QR code on reverse side.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language, should contact Mr. Robert by June 5, 2014

** This newsletter is revised from an earlier version to clarify that construction is scheduled for summer 2015.*

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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