

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The bridge on Downes Road over I-83 in northern Baltimore County is scheduled to be rehabilitated in Summer 2011. The main objective of this project is to replace the deteriorated concrete bridge deck. Additional work will include cleaning and painting the steel beams, performing minor repairs to the concrete abutments, replacing the concrete wing walls, and modifying the shape of the piers.

**For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on August 31, 2010.**

The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide citizens an opportunity to inform SHA of any special concerns they may have. Display areas will be set up depicting the anticipated project work, 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 and walk through at your own pace.

#### Downes Road over I-83 Informational Meeting

##### WHEN:

**Tuesday,  
August 31, 2010**

5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Arrive at any time.  
There is no formal  
presentation.

##### WHERE:

**Seventh District  
Elementary  
School Cafeteria**

20300 York Road,  
Parkton, Maryland  
21120

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

##### Why is the work necessary?

While structurally safe, the Downes Road over I-83 bridge, constructed in 1958, is showing signs of significant deterioration. The proposed deck replacement will extend the service life of the bridge an additional 30 – 50 years. This project is part of SHA's bridge preservation and replacement program aimed at providing reliable facilities in a timely manner.

##### How will traffic be impacted by construction activities?

The current proposed concept for maintaining traffic involves closing the bridge for the summer and detouring traffic. The contractor is expected to reopen the roadway after construction is complete.

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

Several options to rehabilitate the bridge while minimizing impacts to the public have been considered. The option of maintaining one alternating lane of traffic with temporary signals during construction would increase project duration and create unsafe conditions for both motorists and workers. A complete closure of the roadway and traffic detour will allow the project to be completed in the shortest time period and in a safe manner.

##### When will work be completed?

SHA will complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists. The road is scheduled to close in June 2011 after school is out, and reopen in early Fall 2011, weather permitting.

##### Where will traffic be detoured? (See map on reverse side)

*Motorists on Downes Road east of the bridge wishing to access MD 45 (York Road) will be directed to:*

- Turn on Sampson Road
- Turn left on MD 439 (Old York Road)
- Arrive at MD 45 (York Road)

*Motorists traveling north or south on MD 45 (York Road), wishing to access Downes Road on the east side of the bridge will be directed to:*

- Turn on MD 439 (Old York Road)
- Turn right on Sampson Road
- Arrive at Downes Road

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

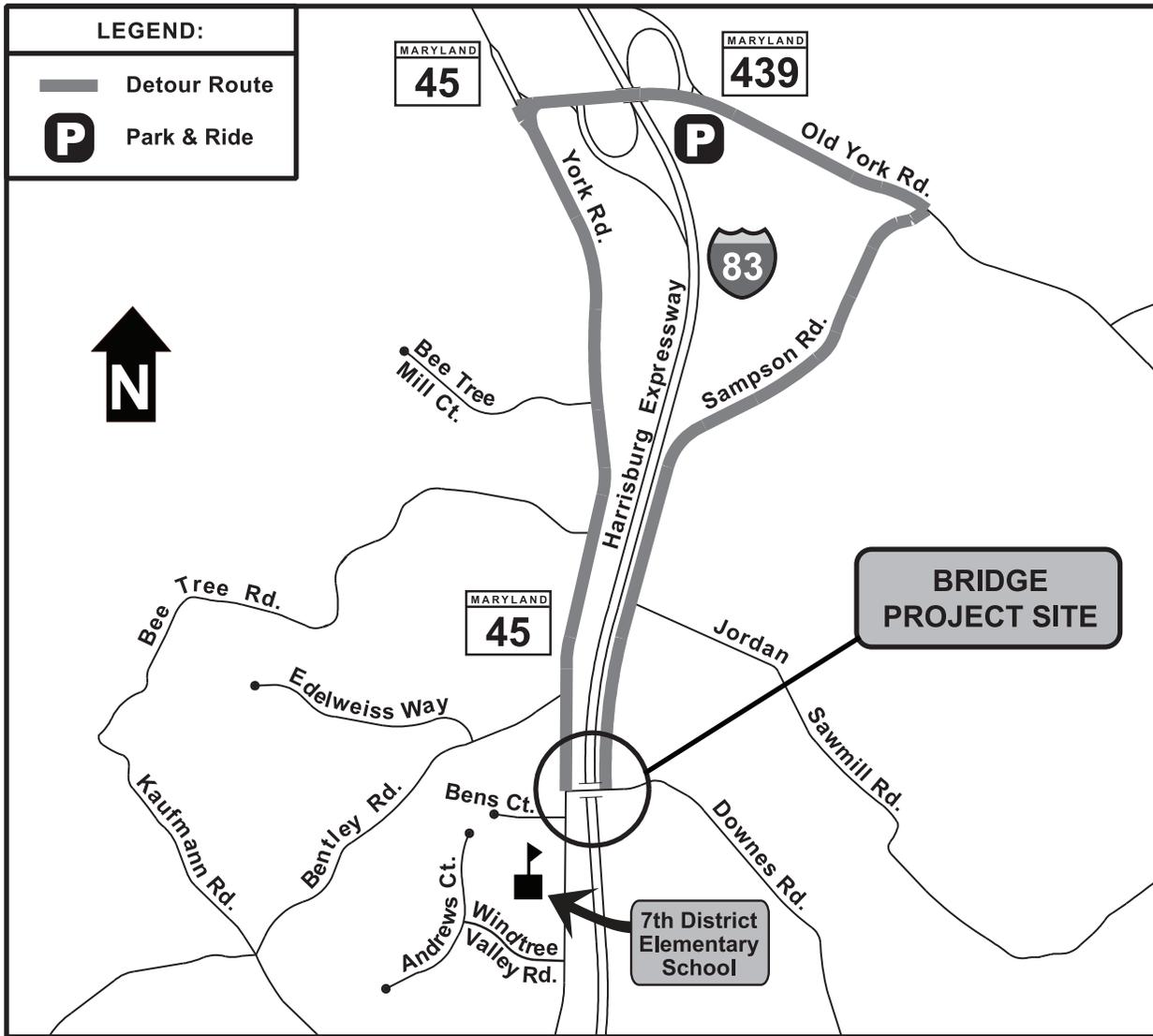
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#### REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or who need assistance with the English language) should contact Mr. Robert by August 17, 2010.

**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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