



MD 144 (Main Street) in New Market Community Safety and Enhancement

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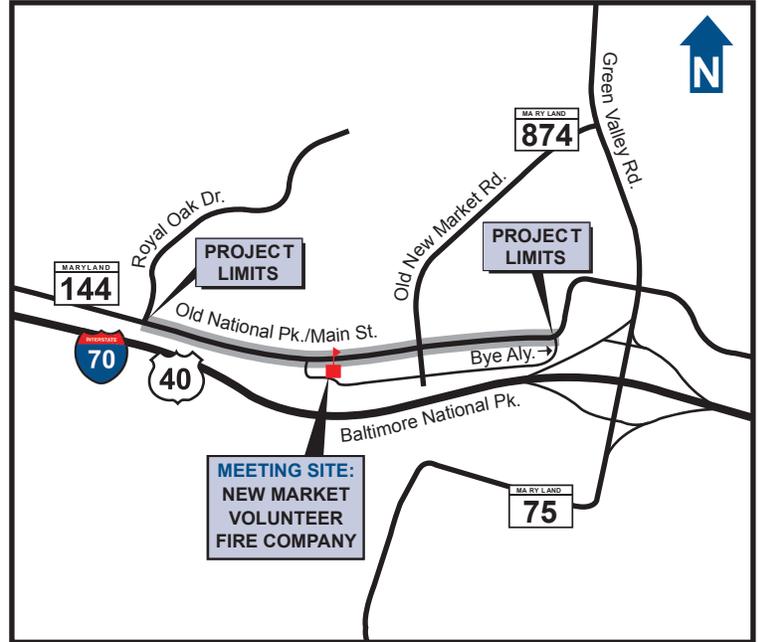
SHA Continues Design Work on Main Street in New Market

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) has resumed design work on the MD 144 Community Safety & Enhancement Project (CSEP) in Historic New Market from West of Royal Oak Drive to Bye Alley. The project will address recurring drainage concerns on properties within the corporate limits that result from flow leaving SHA Right-of-Way, and improve roadway and sidewalks in several areas. This newsletter summarizes current design efforts and provides a project overview, schedule, and information on the upcoming **Public Informational Meeting on August 13, 2013** (See reverse side for details).

Project Overview and Scope

MD 144 (Main Street) in Historic New Market serves residents, businesses, and tourists, carrying more than 8,000 vehicles daily. Due to the demands of heavy traffic volumes and modern trucks, the roadway and sidewalks have deteriorated. Additionally, standing water on the road creates safety problems and flows onto adjacent properties. The MD 144 Community Safety & Enhancement project will improve the quality of life for the residents of New Market, while improving safety along Main Street and its sidewalks for the many visitors who come to this historic town each year. As part of the project, SHA will:

- Reconstruct the open and closed drainage systems to eliminate localized drainage problems within the commercial/historic district of New Market
- Reconstruct and resurface the roadway
- Replace sidewalks and ramps for increased safety and compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements
- Construct new curb and gutter
- Add signage
- Add pedestrian lighting
- Landscape



Area and Project Background

The town of Historic New Market was founded in 1793, and its location along Old National Pike made it a convenient stop for travelers in need of food, lodging, and services. Today, New Market's main street offers a showcase of historic architecture and a variety of restaurants, antique, and specialty shops. The New Market Historic District and Old National Pike Milestone No. 37 are listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and the roadway was designated a National Scenic Byway in 2003.

The MD 144 Community Safety & Enhancement Project was announced by Governor Ehrlich in October 2004. In November 2005, SHA presented its concept at a public meeting at New Market Elementary School, at which feedback from the town indicated a particular interest in preserving the town's unique historic characteristics. SHA is working with the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) and the New Market Historic District Commission to ensure that the streetscape improvements will not change the characteristics that make the town and its properties historically significant.

Attend the Public Meeting!

WHEN:	Tuesday, August 13, 2013 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM <i>A brief presentation will begin at 6:15 p.m.</i>
WHERE:	New Market Volunteer Fire Company Hall 76 West Main Street New Market, MD, 21774

Martin O'Malley, Governor
Anthony Brown, Lieutenant Governor

James T. Smith, Jr., Secretary
Melinda B. Peters, Administrator

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The Public Informational Meeting will re-acquaint the public with the MD 144 Community Safety & Enhancement Project. The meeting will provide an opportunity for attendees to view displays, speak with project representatives, and provide feedback on the proposed design. A brief formal presentation will begin at 6:15 p.m. after which attendees can view displays at their own pace.

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 Ms. Giteau no later than August 8.

New Market, Maryland Historic Resources



Schedule

Final Design for the MD 144 Community Safety & Enhancement project is anticipated to be completed in **Spring 2014**.

Questions

For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects and Studies, Transportation Projects** Page, **Frederick County, MD 144, Main Street**. You may also contact:

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