



# PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

## MAJOR BRIDGE WORK

### Motter Avenue/ Opossumtown Pike Bridge over US 15



#### BRIDGE WORK TO SUPPORT SAFETY AND MOBILITY

SHA will soon begin construction on a project to replace the Motter Avenue/ Opossumtown Pike bridge over US 15 in the City of Frederick, and widen and improve traffic along Motter Avenue/ Opossumtown Pike from US 15 to Thomas Johnson Drive. *(See project map on reverse)*

As part of the project, SHA will also:

- construct a temporary pedestrian bridge
- widen the shoulder along US 15
- construct two retaining walls along Opossumtown Pike
- construct stormwater management facilities
- replace several traffic signals within the project limits
- relocate and/or replace lighting fixtures along US 15 and Opossumtown Pike
- relocate a City of Frederick water line from the existing bridge to the new bridge

**For additional information, you are invited to attend an Informational Workshop on June 5, 2012.** The meeting will cover the project details and schedule. Display areas will be set up depicting operational and safety improvements, and SHA and City of Frederick representatives will be available to discuss project issues and answer questions concerning construction. There will be a formal presentation beginning at 6:45 pm.

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

##### Why is the project necessary?

Originally constructed in 1958, the bridge on Motter Avenue is nearing the end of its useful life, both functionally and structurally. By replacing the bridge now as a part of SHA's bridge system preservation program, SHA will support safety and improve mobility for the traveling public with a new, wider structure that follows the latest design standards.

##### How will traffic be impacted?

All through lanes will be maintained during peak travel times. The travel lanes on Motter Avenue/ Opossumtown Pike will be shifted to the left or right depending on the stage of construction and the side of road being worked on, and temporary lane closures can be expected during night-time hours. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained via a temporary pedestrian bridge along the north side of Motter Avenue/ Opossumtown Pike, and signs will be utilized to guide pedestrians to the appropriate side of the road during temporary sidewalk closures.

##### What is the project schedule?

Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2012 and be completed in Fall 2014, weather permitting. SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's website at [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and go to **Projects and Studies, SHA Projects Page, Frederick County, US 15, Frederick Freeway/ TC11 - Bridge 10098 on Motter Avenue.** You may also contact:

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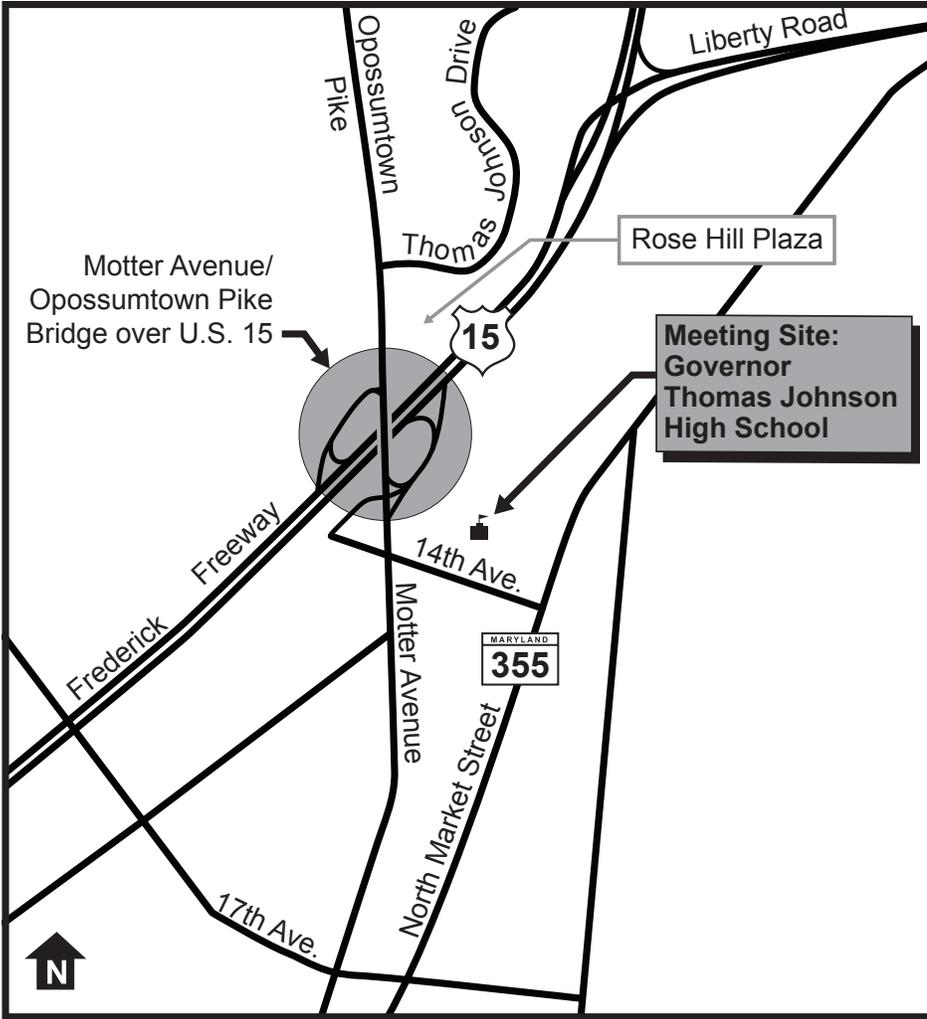
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SHA appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community and apologizes for any inconvenience. SHA reminds motorists to “think orange” when driving through work zones by staying alert and slowing down. Always buckle up, and please drive safely.



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