

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TO SUPPORT SAFETY AND MOBILITY

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is planning to replace the deteriorating bridge that carries MD 355 (Urbana Pike) over the CSXT Railroad in Frederick County, Maryland. The bridge is located along a section of MD 355 which is within the boundary of the Monocacy National Battlefield, a resource managed by the National Park Service (NPS).

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Scoping Meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2013.

The scoping meeting will acquaint members of the public with the project's purpose and need and allow attendees to share their project-related comments and concerns with representatives of SHA and NPS. Display areas will depict project information and concepts. **No formal presentation will be given. You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through at your own pace.**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is the work necessary?

The bridge on MD 355, originally constructed in 1930, is structurally safe but is showing signs of advanced deterioration. The most significant deterioration has occurred in the concrete bridge deck (riding surface), which has been paved over with asphalt to improve its smoothness until a new bridge can be designed and constructed. The project is part of SHA's bridge preservation and replacement program.

Are concepts for bridge replacement being considered?

The four concepts listed below explore alignments, maintenance-of-traffic options, and impacts on natural and cultural resources and will be available for comment at the scoping meeting:

- Concept 1 –Places the new bridge to the **west** of the existing bridge on a new alignment. Traffic would be maintained on the existing bridge during construction.
- Concept 2 –Places the new bridge to the **east** of the existing bridge on a new alignment. Traffic would be maintained on the existing bridge during construction.
- Concept 3 –Places the new bridge on the current alignment. A temporary bridge and roadway would be constructed to the west of the current alignment to maintain traffic during construction.
- Concept 4 –Places the new bridge on the current alignment. The bridge and roadway would be constructed in stages, and a temporary signal would allow single-lane traffic from alternating directions to travel through the work zone during construction.

What is the project schedule?

SHA expects construction to start as early as spring 2015 and will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts on motorists, park visitors, and park resources.

MD 355 over CSXT Railroad Community Public Meeting

WHEN:

**Thursday,
December 5, 2013
5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.**

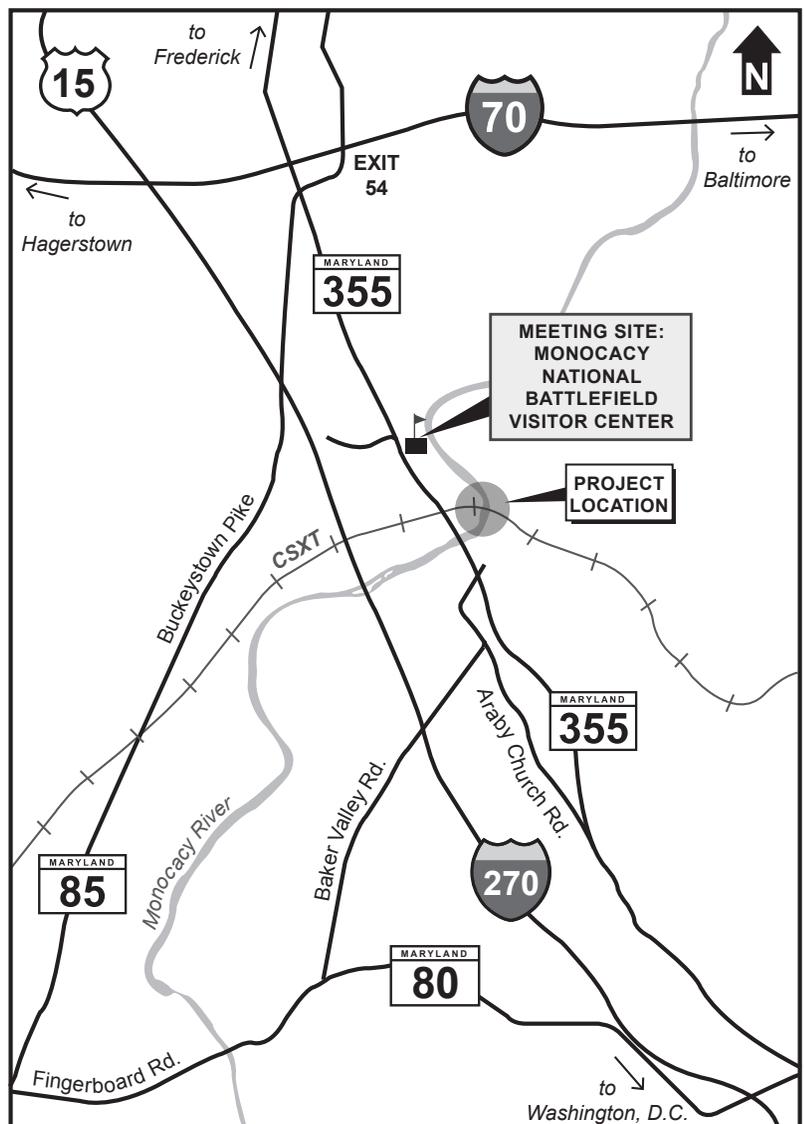
**Snow Date:
December 11, 2013*

WHERE:

**Monocacy National
Battlefield
Visitor Center**

5201 Urbana Pike
Frederick, MD 21704

**Meeting will be held on the snow date if county public schools are closed or if the county's snow emergency plan is in effect.*



REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language) should contact Ms. Brookman by November 27, 2013.



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*Attend the
Public Meeting!*
MD 355 over CSXT Railroad
Public Scoping Meeting
(See inside for Details)

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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Persons unable to attend the meeting may submit comments and questions to Ms. Brookman by mail or email.

For more information on this project, please type the following link to SHA's website into your web browser, or use the QR code provided:

<http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=FR5592110>

You may also visit the National Park Service's website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=49475>



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