



# US 15 & Monocacy Boulevard Interchange Project



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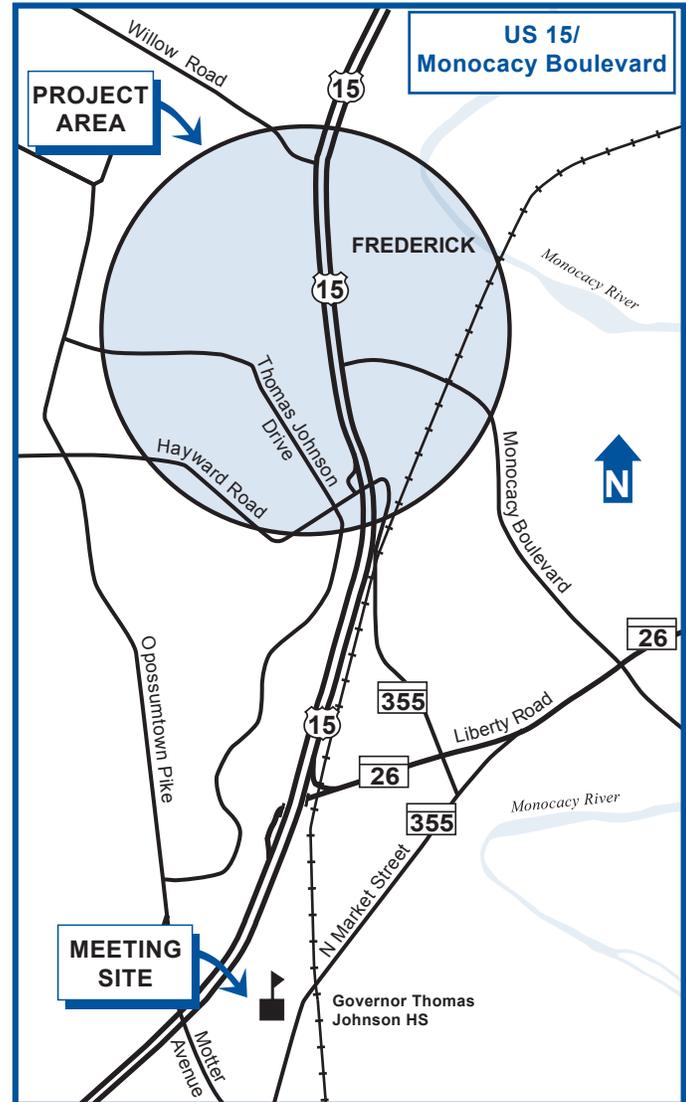
### SHA Continues Design of Interchange, Schedules Public Meeting

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) continues design work to alleviate traffic issues along the US 15/ Monocacy Boulevard intersection area in Frederick County. The project has now completed the planning phase, and proposes a grade-separated interchange to replace the existing at-grade intersection of US 15 and Monocacy Boulevard. This newsletter summarizes its design and provides a project background, schedule, and information on the upcoming Public Informational Meeting at which the project will be presented to the community.

### Attend the Public Meeting!

WHEN:	WHERE:
Tuesday, November 16, 2010 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	Governor Thomas Johnson High School - Cafeteria 1501 North Market Street Frederick, MD 21701

The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the US 15/ Monocacy Boulevard Interchange project and provide an update on issues and studies that have shaped the Selected Alternative. [A brief presentation will begin at 5:45 p.m.](#), followed by an open house forum allowing attendees to review the project design. Display areas will be set up explaining associated transportation, operational, and safety improvements, and SHA and other agency representatives will be available to discuss project issues and answer questions. **In addition, SHA and City of Frederick representatives will be available to answer questions regarding nearby improvements along Motter Avenue and Opossumtown Pike.**



### Project Background

The US 15/ Monocacy Boulevard Interchange Project began in 2005 as a breakout of the I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study. As part of that study, it was proposed to enhance safety along US 15 and provide an east-west connection for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians. Following an Informational meeting in 2007 and the team's review of public comments received, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) granted approval for the design of an interchange at the existing intersection. The project has since advanced in design.

### Schedule

The project schedule is contingent on receipt of right-of-way and project funding:

- Complete Final Design *Spring 2012*
- Begin Construction *Summer 2012*
- Open to Traffic *Fall 2014*

## Project Overview & Purpose

The interchange will allow Monocacy Boulevard to cross over US 15 and create an east-west connection from Monocacy Boulevard to Christophers Crossing. Its proposed design is currently 55% complete and includes a bridge structure, ramps with acceleration/deceleration lanes along US 15, and signalized intersections at ramp locations. Bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and a hiker/biker trail are also included. The proposed improvements facilitate the closure/modification of other intersections in the area, and provide connections that would address current and future traffic demands related to development and growth in the region.

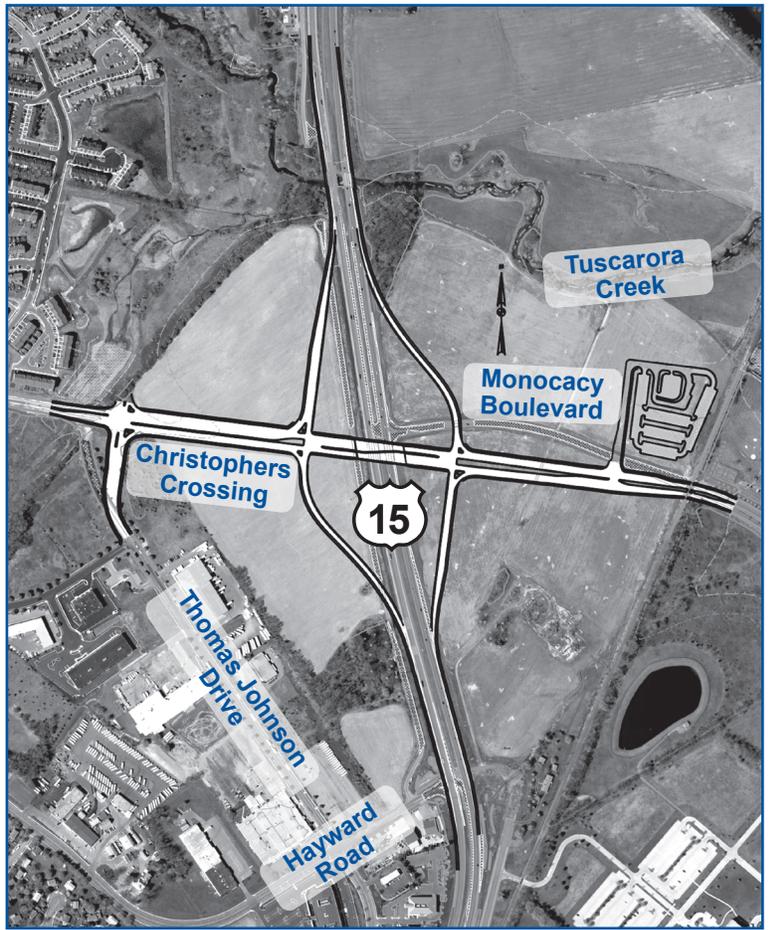
## Questions?

For additional information about this project, please visit SHA's website [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov). Click on **Projects & Studies/SHA Projects Page/ Frederick County/ Monocacy Boulevard Interchange**. You may also contact:

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