

PUBLIC NOTICE

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION



LOCATION/DESIGN APPROVALS RECEIVED

for the **US 15/Monocacy Boulevard** Transportation Project in Frederick County

On January 2, 2009, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) granted Location Approval for the US 15/Monocacy Boulevard project in Frederick County. The Maryland State Highway Administrator granted Design Approval on August 31, 2009 for the proposed improvements.

Location and Design Approvals have been granted for Alternative 2 and Option 1. This alternative proposes a grade-separated diamond interchange. Monocacy Boulevard is extended west of US 15 to connect with Thomas Jefferson Drive. The interchange includes the bridge structure, ramps with acceleration/deceleration lanes along US 15, and signalized intersections on Monocacy Boulevard at the on/off ramps access locations. The access from Hayward Road to US 15 will be closed and modified as a cul-de-sac.

Comments received at and subsequent to the June 2007 US 15/Monocacy Boulevard Informational Public Meeting and I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Study Public Hearings held in June 2004 were evaluated and considered as part of the decision on the selected alternative. The FHWA approved this project as a Categorical Exclusion (CE) on January 2, 2009. A project approved as a CE has little or no impact on the environment. The CE is available on the State Highway Administration website as noted below.

Having received Location and Design Approvals, Final Design has been programmed and engineering plans are underway on the US 15/Monocacy Boulevard Interchange, the Monocacy Boulevard approaches, and at Hayward Road.

Please address all questions and requests for information to Mr. Leo Sawada, Project Engineer, State Highway Administration, 707 N. Calvert Street, Mail Stop C-301, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717, or by calling 410-545-8513 or 1-800-548-5026, or email at lsawada@sha.state.md.us. The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. For more information on this and other SHA projects, visit www.marylandroads.com and click on Projects/Frederick County.

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