



# PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

## MAJOR BRIDGE WORK

### US 219 Bridge over Cherry Creek



#### SHA TO REPLACE DETERIORATING BRIDGE

The State Highway Administration (SHA) will replace the bridge on US 219 (Garrett Highway) over Cherry Creek in Gortner, MD in the summer of 2013. To complete construction in a safe and timely manner, a detour and full road closure is being considered.

**For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on Thursday, November 17th.**

SHA will acquaint the public with the project and give the public an opportunity to inform SHA of any special concerns they may have. Display areas will be set up depicting the anticipated operational and safety improvements, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss the project issues and answer questions about the proposed construction. No formal presentation will be given. Feel free to arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace.

#### US 219 over Cherry Creek Bridge Informational Meeting

**WHEN:**  
**Thursday**  
**November 17, 2011**  
5:30 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.  
Arrive at any time. There is no formal presentation.

**WHERE:**  
**Swan Meadow**  
**School – Media Center**  
  
6709 Garrett Highway  
Oakland, MD 21550

#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

##### Why is the work necessary?

Originally constructed in 1922, the US 219 bridge over Cherry Creek has outlived its useful service life. Replacing the structurally deficient bridge will save on future maintenance spending and support safety and mobility as part of SHA's bridge system preservation program, which aims to provide reliable facilities in a timely manner.

##### How will traffic be impacted?

To reduce the time required for phased construction and address safety issues associated with having both motorists and construction workers on the narrow bridge, SHA is considering a full road closure and detour using US 219, US 50, MD 560 and MD 135. Work would be scheduled for the summer to minimize impacts to school bus traffic. If the detour is selected, emergency personnel and officials will be notified.

##### What is the proposed detour route? (See map on reverse side)

##### Traffic south of the bridge, wishing to travel northbound on US 219, will be directed to:

- Travel southbound on US 219.
- Turn left on US 50 Eastbound (George Washington Highway).
- Turn left on MD 560 (Gorman Road).
- Stay on MD 560 to the end. This requires a right turn on Paul Street.
- Turn left on MD 135 (Oakland Westernport Road).
- Proceed to US 219.

##### Traffic north of the bridge, wishing to travel southbound on US 219, will be directed to:

- Travel northbound on US 219.
- Turn right on MD 135 (Oakland Westernport Road).
- Turn right on MD 560 (Paul Street).
- Stay on MD 560 to the end. This requires a left turn on East 3rd Ave.
- Turn right on US 50 Eastbound (George Washington Highway).
- Proceed to US 219.

##### When will work be completed?

SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2013 once school has ended, and be completed before schools reopen in August 2013, weather permitting.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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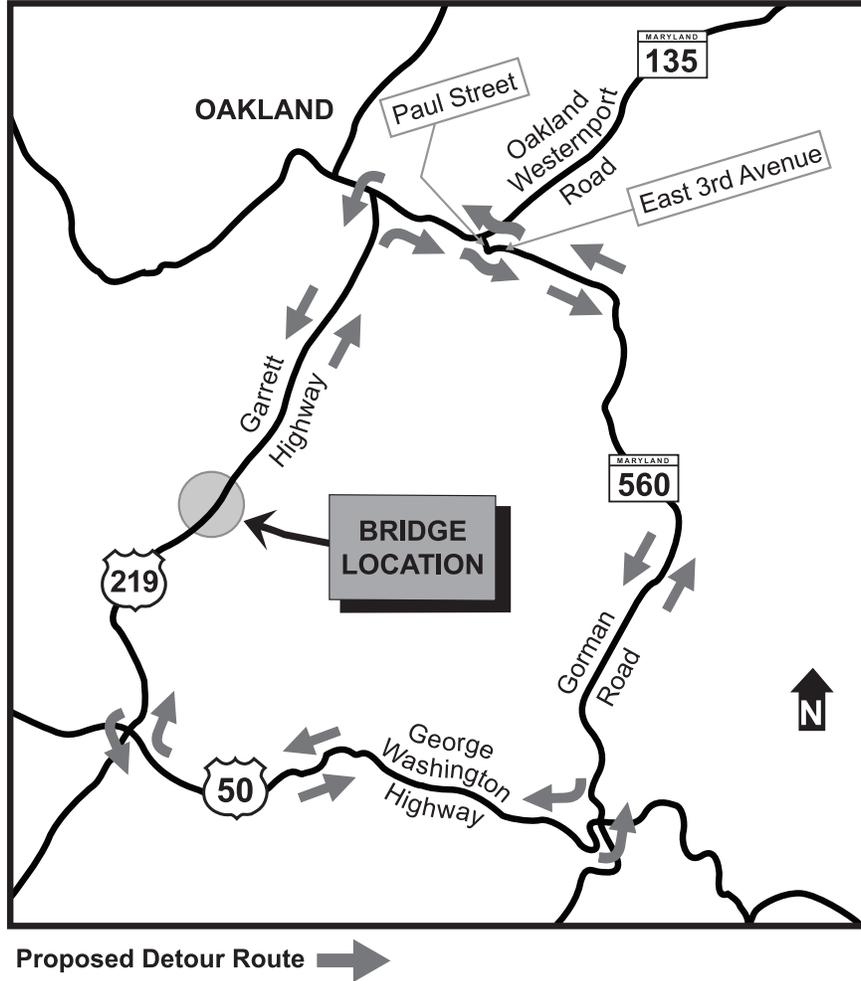
For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's webpage at [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on **Projects and Studies/ SHA Projects Page/ Garrett County/ Cherry Creek - US 219 to Sources.**

#### REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language, should contact Mr. Crawford by November 10, 2011.

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.

### US 219 over Cherry Creek Proposed Detour Route



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