



BRIDGE WORK TO SUPPORT SAFETY AND MOBILITY

The MD 7 (Philadelphia Road) bridge over a tributary of Bynum Run in Harford County is scheduled for replacement during the summer of 2015. The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) will replace the deteriorating bridge and increase its width to provide a safer travel area. The new bridge will provide a one-foot-wide shoulder on the southbound side and a five-foot-wide shoulder on the northbound side.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on January 14, 2015. (See reverse side for meeting details.)

The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide an opportunity for attendees to inform SHA of their project-related concerns. Display areas will depict operational and safety improvements, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss your project-related issues and answer questions concerning the proposed construction. **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?

Constructed approximately 100 years ago, MD 7 (Philadelphia Road) over a Tributary of Bynum Run is showing signs of deterioration. Replacing the bridge will improve safety and traffic operations and reduce future maintenance costs. The project is part of SHA's bridge system preservation program.

How will traffic be impacted by construction activities?

Both lanes of traffic along MD 7 will be detoured during construction. Replacement of the bridge will be completed in a single stage during the summer months, when schools are closed. This construction schedule will limit traffic impacts to a nine-week period and avoid impacts on school bus service. Truck traffic will be detoured to I-95 using MD 24 and MD 543, while normal vehicular traffic will be detoured to US 40 using Abingdon Road and MD 543. See the map above for details.

Have any other alternatives been considered?

SHA considered maintaining traffic along MD 7 during construction by using temporary traffic signals to alternate one lane of traffic across the bridge. High traffic volumes on this roadway and the back-ups that would result from the use of a signal made this alternative undesirable. SHA has determined that a complete traffic detour during construction will disrupt travel the least.

What is the project schedule?

Pending acquisition of required environmental permits and the relocation of impacted utilities, construction is scheduled for summer 2015. SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts on local residents and motorists. Based on the nature of the work and SHA's experience with similar projects, we expect full traffic capacity to be restored before the start of the 2015/2016 school year.

**MD 7 over a Tributary of Bynum Run
Informational Meeting**

WHEN:

**Wednesday,
January 14, 2015**

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

*Arrive at any time during
meeting hours. There will
be no formal presentation.*

WHERE:

**Abingdon Volunteer
Fire Company Hall**

3360 Abingdon Road
Abingdon, MD 21009

***Snow Date – January 21, 2015**

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language, should contact Mr. Morse by January 7, 2015.

*Attend the
Informational Meeting!*

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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