



MD 4/Suitland Parkway Interchange Project



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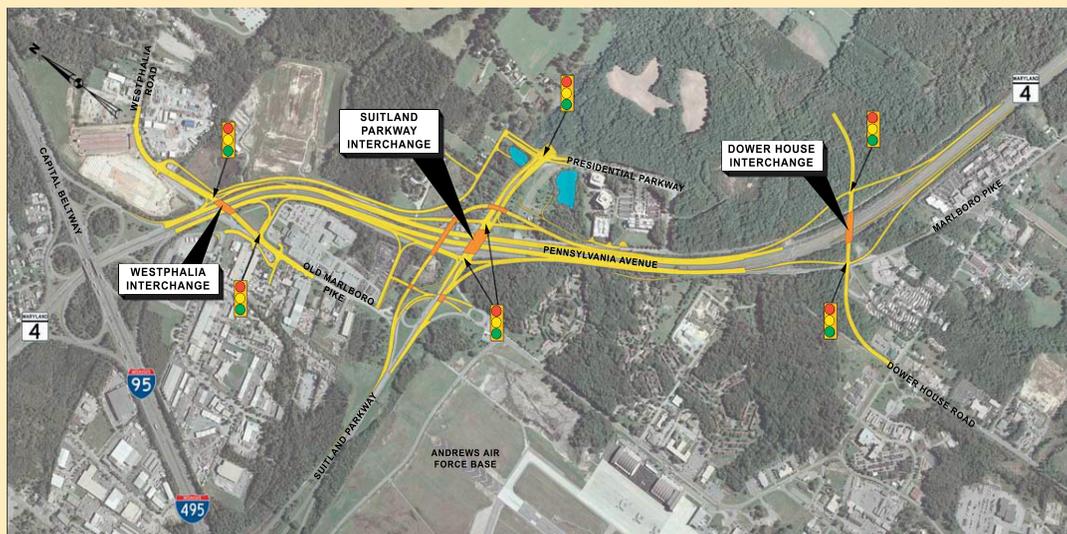
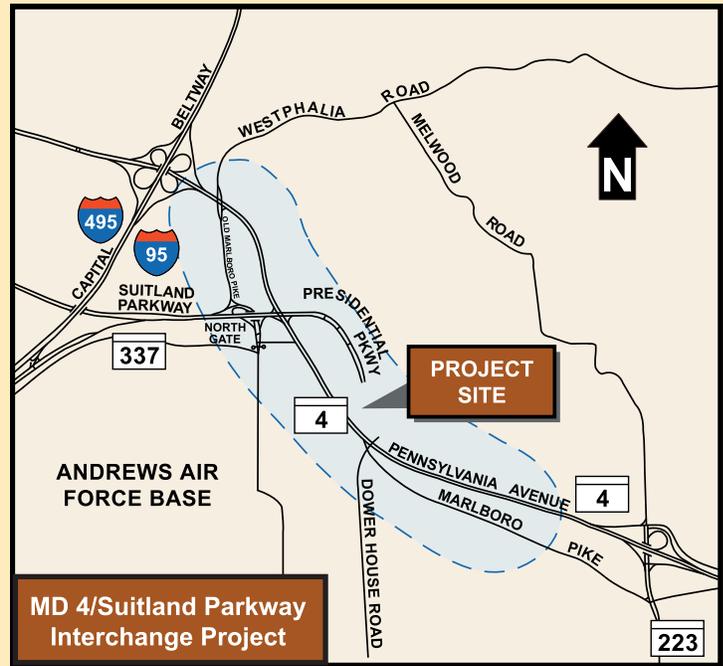
SHA Continues Design of Interchange, Schedules Public Meeting

Progress continues on the MD 4 (Pennsylvania Ave)/Suitland Parkway Interchange design project by the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA). This newsletter summarizes the project background and schedule, and provides information on the upcoming public informational meeting where the project will be presented to the community.

Project Background

The MD 4 Corridor is highly congested, and rapid growth in the area continues to worsen this condition. Currently, there is significant delay at many intersections along MD 4, including Westphalia Road, Suitland Parkway, and Dower House Road. In 2000, after much study to identify solutions to increasing congestion, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approved a plan to construct interchanges at each of these intersections. Funding for design of the first interchange at Suitland Parkway was approved in 2005. The interchanges at Dower House Road and Westphalia Road are not currently funded for design by SHA, but the latter is being studied by a private developer as part of traffic mitigation for a future mixed-use development.

The current project involves creation of an interchange at the signalized intersection of MD 4 and Suitland Parkway, and Presidential Parkway south of the I-95/I-495 Capital Beltway. The new interchange depresses MD 4 and constructs a bridge over it to connect Suitland Parkway to Presidential Parkway. Presidential Parkway will be re-aligned parallel to MD 4, as shown in the Prince George's County Master Plan. Designated entrance and exit ramps will facilitate movements to and from the interchange, and a free-flowing ramp will be constructed to accommodate the heavy left turn from northbound MD 4 to westbound Suitland Parkway. Additionally, SHA will improve adjacent service roads to support local access needs, and the entrance and exit ramps to the Andrews Air Force Base.



Schedule

Complete Final Design and Advertise for Bids
Begin Utility Relocations
Begin Construction
Open to Traffic

Summer 2008
Summer 2008
Early Spring 2009
Fall 2011

Attend the Public Meeting!

SHA invites you to attend an Informational Meeting at which transportation improvements associated with the MD 4/Suitland Parkway Interchange project will be presented. This open house forum will allow attendees to review the project design and meet with SHA and other agency representatives, who will be available to answer questions. No formal presentation will be given. Feel free to arrive at any time and walk through at your own pace.

WHEN:	WHERE:
Tuesday, April 22, 2008 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Forestville Military Academy Cafetorium 7001 Beltz Drive Forestville, MD 20747

Questions?

If you have questions or need additional information about this project, or if your community would like the project team to present information at a local neighborhood meeting, please contact:

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