



MD 197 PROJECT PLANNING STUDY

SHA is conducting a project planning study of MD 197 from Kenhill Drive to MD 450 Relocated. The project seeks to improve safety and address existing and future congestion along the roadway while considering the needs of local communities and minimizing impacts as much as possible.

MD 197 is a two-lane road with shoulders for most of its length. It is one of two primary north-south roadways serving the Bowie area. MD 197 fulfills dual functions: it is a regional arterial and a local access connector and serves commuters and area residents alike. As a result of growth within the study area, traffic conditions along MD 197 are expected to worsen without roadway improvements.

The project is included in the 2006 local master plan and the State's 2009-2014 Consolidated Transportation Program. It is a priority for Prince George's County and the City of Bowie. The MD 197 study is funded for project planning only.

WHAT'S NEW?

Since the February 2008 public hearing, SHA has received recommendations from the Bowie City Council that have resulted in **modifications to the recommended alternative** (Alternative 4 Modified: Four-lane Divided) and led to the Open House scheduled for March 24.

The Open House will include the following:

- status of the project planning study
- findings of engineering and environmental analyses
- changes to Alternative 4 Modified
- next steps

Arrive between 5:00-8:00 PM and walk through at your own pace. ***No formal presentation will be given.*** For additional information, **contact:**

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(410) 545-8514 or toll-free 1-800-548-5026
MD Relay Service: 1-800-735-2258 or 711

Those needing assistance to participate, please contact Ms. Rajan no later than **March 17**.



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MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Maryland State Highway Administration
has scheduled an **Open House**

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2009

LOCATION: Bowie City Hall
(Multipurpose Room)
2614 Kenhill Drive

TIME: Bowie, MD 20715
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- **AND** -

The City of Bowie has scheduled a
City Council Public Hearing
for Monday, April 6, 2009, at 8:00 p.m.,
at Bowie City Hall (see address above).

**Mark your calendar and plan to
attend these important meetings!**



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