

MAJOR BRIDGE WORK PLANNED; PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is scheduled to perform maintenance on the MD 18 (Main Street) Bridge over Kent Narrows in Queen Anne's County in spring 2015. The bridge maintenance work, which will include cleaning, painting, and minor rehabilitation, will begin on or about March 21, 2015 and should be completed on or before May 8, 2015. During that period, the bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on Tuesday, January 27, 2015, from 6:30 pm -8:30 pm. SHA representatives will acquaint the public with the project and answer project-related questions. **There will be no formal presentation.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace. *(See back of flier for meeting details.)*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is the work necessary?

The existing two-lane bridge, which was constructed in 1952, is scheduled to receive required maintenance. The planned repairs are typical for a structure of this age and type of service and are consistent with work performed on bridges that have no structural or safety problems. The paint system being used should ensure that the drawbridge will not need to be painted again for 20 years.

How will traffic be impacted by construction activities?

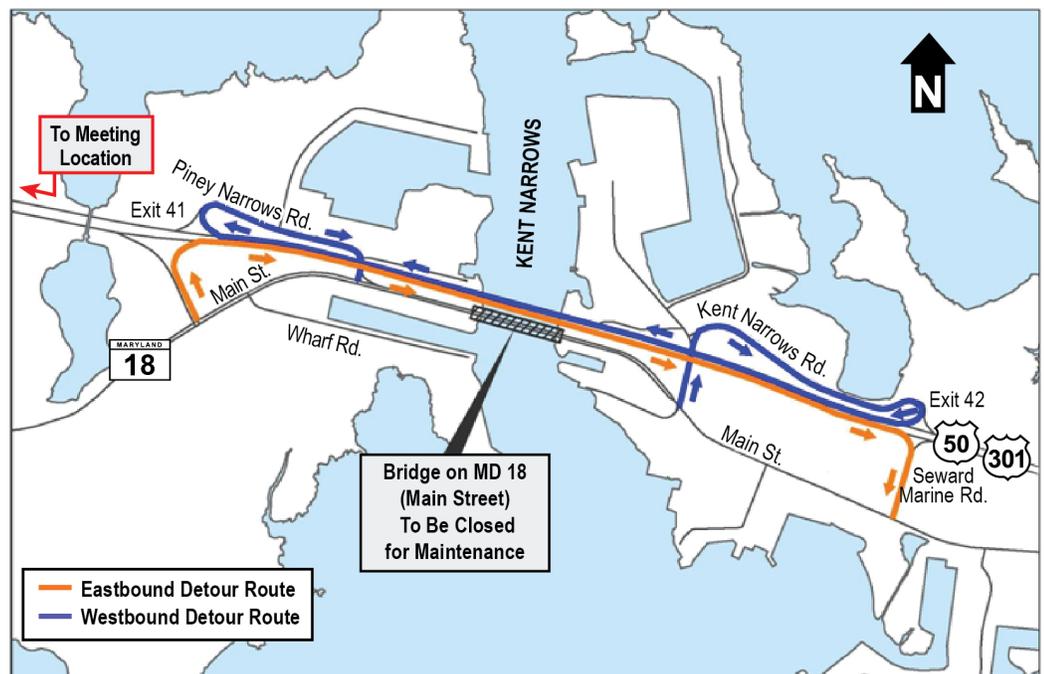
Because the bridge must remain in an open position for proper cleaning and painting, all vehicular traffic will be detoured along US 50/ US 301. The detour is expected to add approximately 3 minutes/2.5 miles to affected trips. During the scheduled maintenance work, the bridge will also be closed to pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

How will traffic be detoured?

Eastbound MD 18 (Main Street) traffic will turn at Exit 41 onto the access ramp for US 50 East, located just west of Wharf Road, before merging onto eastbound US 50. After crossing the Kent Narrows, traffic will exit US 50 at Exit 42 onto Seward Marina Road to continue the trip along MD 18. Turning right onto MD 18 will be prohibited to avoid the closed Kent Narrows Bridge.

Westbound MD 18 traffic will turn right/north onto Kent Narrows Road, located just west of Seward Marina Road, to pass under the US 50 roadway. Traffic will then turn right to continue along Kent Narrows Road toward the Exit 42 on-ramp for US 50 West, before merging onto westbound US 50. After crossing the Kent Narrows, traffic will exit US 50 at Exit 41 onto Piney Narrows Road and travel to the intersection with MD 18. Turning right will allow drivers to continue their westbound trip along MD 18. Turning left onto MD 18 will be prohibited to avoid the closed Kent Narrows Bridge.

SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible, while minimizing impacts on local residents, businesses, and motorists. We appreciate the patience and cooperation of the community and apologize for any inconvenience. Motorists are reminded to "Think Orange" when driving through work zones by staying alert and slowing down. Always buckle up, and please drive safely.



MD 18 BRIDGE OVER KENT NARROWS

MD 18 Bridge (Main St.) over Kent Narrows Informational Meeting

WHEN:
Tuesday,
January 27, 2015
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

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

WHERE:
**Kent Island
High School (Cafeteria)**

900 Love Point Road
Stevensville, MD 21666

***Snow Date – Tuesday, February 10, 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.*

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. Glass by January 20, 2015.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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