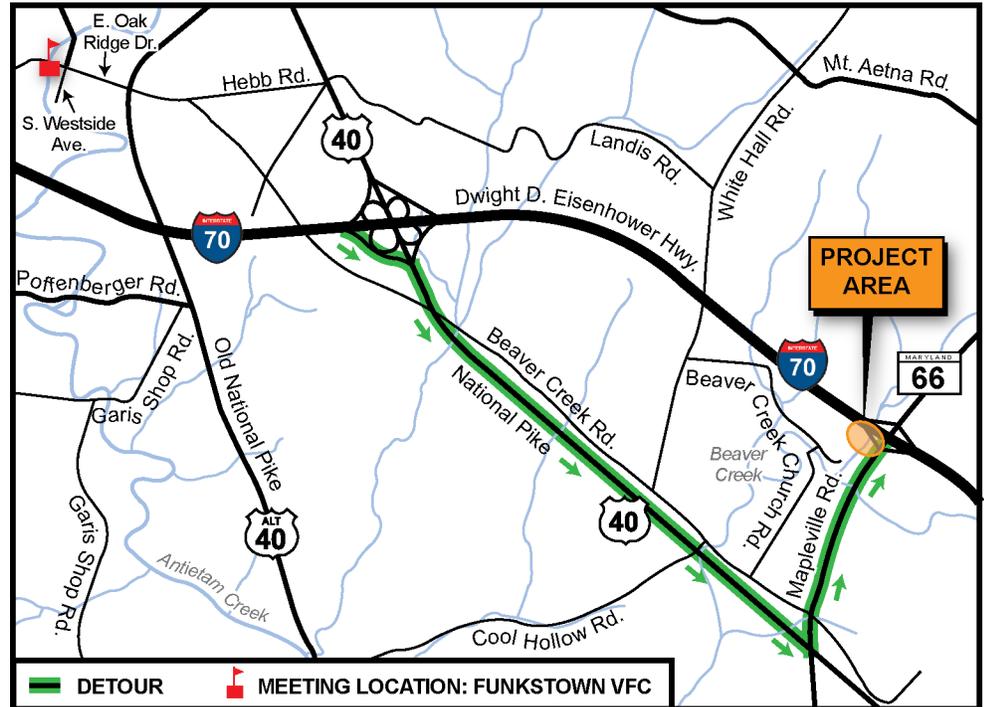


BRIDGE REPAIR PLANNED; PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin a project in summer 2016 to repair the deteriorating bridge on the I-70 eastbound ramp (Exit 35) to MD 66 (Mapleville Road) over Beaver Creek in Washington County. The project will include the complete replacement of the concrete bridge deck (riding surface) and repairs to the bridge's steel beams and concrete supports. The ramp will be closed for approximately 10 weeks during construction, and traffic will be detoured.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on Thursday, September 10, 2015. (See back of flier for meeting details.) The informational meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide attendees an opportunity to inform SHA of their project-related concerns. Display areas will depict the proposed safety improvements, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss project-related issues and answer questions. **No formal presentation will be given.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why is the work necessary?

Originally constructed in 1967, the bridge is structurally safe, but its concrete deck is nearing the end of its useable service life. Repairing the bridge will improve safety and reduce future maintenance costs. This project is part of SHA's bridge preservation and replacement program.

How will traffic be impacted?

The recommended alternative for maintaining traffic requires a **complete closure of the ramp and a detour of traffic** from I-70 eastbound to eastbound Exit 32 at the US 40/I-70 Interchange. The detour route continues along US 40 eastbound to MD 66. The intersection at US 40 and MD 66 will be temporarily modified by adding a left-turn lane from eastbound US 40 to northbound MD 66. This will allow the project to be completed in the shortest amount of time and for the lowest cost while maintaining the safety of travelers and construction crews as work is underway. (See *detour map*)

Have other alternatives been considered?

SHA considered maintaining traffic on the bridge by constructing the bridge deck in two stages. The first construction stage would have narrowed the travel lane and shifted it to one side of the bridge deck while the other side of the bridge deck was removed and rebuilt. The second stage would have shifted the travel lane to the newly rebuilt portion of the bridge deck while the original portion was removed and rebuilt. This alternative was dismissed because the existing steel beams would have been unable to properly support traffic on the divided bridge deck. The complex construction methods and sequencing required for this alternative would have greatly increased construction costs and work time. Due to the proximity of the narrow travel lanes to construction activities, the detour offers a safer environment for travelers and construction crews.

What is the project schedule?

SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts on local residents and motorists. Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2016 and to be completed within 10 weeks, weather permitting.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects and Studies, SHA Projects Page, Washington County, IS 70 Eisenhower Memorial Highway, BRIDGE 2112900 RAMP 6 - MD 66 SB OVER BEAVER CREEK** or use the QR Code.



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I-70 Eastbound Ramp to MD 66 over Beaver Creek



WHEN:	WHERE:
<p>Thursday, September 10, 2015 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM <i>There will be no presentation.</i></p>	<p>Funkstown Volunteer Fire Company 2 S. Westside Avenue Funkstown, MD 21734</p>

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech difficulties or assistance with the English language) should contact Mr. Jason Pollock by September 3, 2015.

*Attend the
Public Meeting!*



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