



PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

MAJOR BRIDGE WORK

MD 54 (Delmar Road) over Mockingbird Creek

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PLANNED; PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maryland State Highway Administration is scheduled to begin a project in summer 2016 to replace the deteriorating bridge on MD 54 (Delmar Road) over Mockingbird Creek in Wicomico County. The project will remove the existing bridge and build a new one in the same location. Construction should take approximately 10 weeks and will involve two detours: one for trucks and one for all other vehicles, including bicycles.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on Monday, April 20, 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 operational and safety improvements, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss project 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 1940, the bridge is structurally safe but is showing signs of deterioration. Replacing the bridge will reduce future maintenance costs and support safety and mobility as part of SHA's bridge system preservation program.

How will traffic be impacted?

The recommended alternative for maintaining traffic will require a complete closure of MD 54 within the project limits and will detour traffic onto adjacent roadways. This alternative will allow the project to be completed in the shortest time while avoiding significant impacts on the sensitive wetlands that surround the bridge. Trucks weighing more than ¾ ton traveling from or to US 13 in Delaware will be directed to use US 13 and US 50. All other vehicles—including bicycles—will be directed to use Old Railroad Road and US 50. Pedestrians will be prohibited from crossing the bridge during construction. (See back of flier for detour map.)

Have other alternatives been considered?

SHA considered maintaining both directions of traffic on MD 54 by controlling one lane on the bridge with a temporary traffic signal during construction. With this alternative, one side of MD 54 would allow traffic while part of the bridge is removed and rebuilt on the opposite side. This alternative was dismissed, since it would require a two-stage construction process to remove the existing bridge and construct the proposed bridge while maintaining traffic. The design of the existing bridge prevents it from being removed in stages.

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. SHA expects to reopen the road before the start of the 2016-2017 school year to avoid disrupting school buses that travel along MD 54.

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, Wicomico County, MD 54, Delmar Road**. You may also contact:

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REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language) should contact Mr. Jason Pollock by April 13, 2015.

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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*Attend the
Public Meeting!
See Inside for Details!*

WHERE:	Hebron Volunteer Fire Department 300 N. Main St. Hebron, MD 21830
WHEN:	Monday April 20, 2015 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM There will be no presentation.

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Pete K. Rahn, Secretary
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Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor

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