

construction update

contract B

Just east of Georgia Avenue (MD 97) to
west of Columbia Pike (US 29)



Current Activities

- Bridge work at the following locations: New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650), Longmead Crossing Drive, and bridges over Paint Branch and Good Hope streams
- Traffic shifts at New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) to allow 100 percent completion of bridge and interchange
- Bike path construction from Norbeck Road (MD 28) to Layhill Road
- Major construction grading activities at the New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) interchange and east to the bridge over Paint Branch including maintenance of erosion and sediment controls, storm drainage work and roadway grading
- Asphalt paving across entire ICC Contract B section between Georgia Avenue/MD 97 and Old Columbia Pike
- Installation of permanent ICC roadway signage on the ICC roadway, Layhill Road and New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)
- Ongoing sound wall installation project wide throughout Contract B
- Landscaping and restoration project wide throughout Contract B
- Wetland restoration at Northwest Branch and Good Hope

Upcoming Activities

- Finalize all overhead utility work throughout Contract B corridor
- Complete asphalt surfacing from Norbeck Road (MD 28) to Notley Road
- Install ICC toll collection gantries and permanent highway signage
- Complete sound walls throughout Contract B by late summer 2011
- Continue landscaping and restoration activities throughout Contract B

Night Construction Work Continues

ICC Contract B is set to open late 2011 or early 2012, as planned. As of now, ICC Contract B construction is approximately 85 percent complete, with 95 percent of sound walls installed. As the construction of Contract B of the ICC comes closer to completion, there will be times throughout the next couple of months when overnight paving will occur. This is due to the constrained work area along the project limits during the day, as other work such as grading, drainage, and landscaping still needs to be completed. The longer paving time during the overnight hours will also allow for more production in a shorter time frame and easier access for larger equipment from main roads onto the right-of-way. The goal is to complete the paving in the shortest time possible to minimize any inconvenience for residents along the Contract B corridor. For residents who have concerns about noise or light during nighttime construction, we have established a phone line that connects directly with ICC field personnel.

For concerns about ICC Contract B Construction Overnight, please call 301.580.2345.

Stormwater Management - Converting Ponds from Wet to Dry

You may have noticed several ponds and sediment traps installed along or near the ICC project. During construction, these ponds/traps have served as temporary collection facilities to capture sediment and treat sediment laden runoff from the project area prior to flowing off-site and into streams or wetlands. By treating the runoff, the aquatic habitat of the streams located adjacent to the project area is being protected. As construction nears completion and vegetative growth becomes established, the larger ponds



Demucking a pond and converting it to the permanent stormwater management facility.

will be converted from sediment traps with wet pools to permanent stormwater management facilities with normal dry conditions. Each of these stormwater facilities will be surrounded by a three-and-a-half foot high fence for safety. Once stabilization of all disturbed areas draining to the pond has been established, the conversion of the pond can proceed. The permanent stormwater management ponds have been designed to be dry facilities which will dewater in 12 hours for a 1-year storm event. The bottom of the facilities will have a grass bottom with a low flow channel through the center. These dry stormwater management facilities were designed to minimize the thermal impacts to the streams by not allowing ponding water to become heated during hot summer weather. Since there will be no standing water for a significant amount of time, the ponds will not provide suitable mosquito habitat. In the upcoming months, these facilities will be dewatered, sediment will be removed, final grading will occur and landscaping and stabilization will be implemented.

Handling Dust During Construction

SHA is mindful that dust is more likely to circulate during the arid summer months. Dust conditions along the ICC are improving as more and more of the asphalt for the permanent roadway is installed and as more permanent groundcover and landscaping is planted. To control dust, we have five water trucks currently assigned to the ICC. The primary purpose of these trucks is to spray water, mainly in high construction traffic zones. In addition,

sweeper trucks are also used during wet and dry conditions near mainline ICC pavement construction access entrances to keep public roadways as clean as possible. This helps control dust as vehicles travel through the ICC construction areas. If you are experiencing unusually dusty conditions in your community, please contact our community liaison.

The ICC Wants To Hear From You

To learn more about the ICC, visit the project website at www.iccproject.com. The Spanish version of the website is now available. (La versión española del sitio web está ahora disponible.) To receive this and other ICC project information electronically, please send a request to the Office of the Intercounty Connector e-mail address below.

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