



construction update

contract B

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

Current Activities

- Start of major construction activities at Notley Road including clearing of trees and brush; grading and earthwork; installation of erosion and sediment controls (silt fencing, sediment ponds); and installation of haul roads for construction traffic
- Preparation work for upcoming traffic shift including temporary signalization at Norbeck Road (MD 28)
- Permanent bridge foundation work at the following locations: Layhill Road (MD 182), Bonifant Road, west of Notley Road and at New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)
- Utility relocations along Norbeck Road
- Sound barrier information meetings with communities

Upcoming Activities

- Start of major construction activities from east of New Hampshire Avenue to Old Columbia Pike including installation of erosion and sediment controls and clearing for bridge access
- Reforestation of areas near Norbeck Road (8 acres) and New Hampshire Avenue (3 acres)
- Installation of sound wall foundations on south side of right-of-way at Longmead Crossing
- Construction of bridge foundation at Notley Road
- Norbeck Road traffic shift

Sound Barrier Meetings

The ICC team has recently completed final sound analyses for the east and west segments of the Contract B area. In the coming weeks, the ICC project team will present information during sound barrier meetings for property owners where sound barriers are planned. The meetings will provide information on the length and the height of the barrier, proximity to individual property lines and planned landscaping and reforestation. ICC staff will be available to answer questions and address any concerns or issues from residents.

Once the meetings are scheduled, residents will be notified through their homeowners' association or with mailings about the dates, times and locations. If your community is immediately adjacent to ICC Contract B and you are not part of an established homeowners' association, but would still like to have information presented to your community, please contact Cathy Smith at 301.586.9243 or via e-mail at catsmith@iccproject.com.

Keeping It Safe through ICC Work Zones

Work zones are potentially hazardous places because so much is happening. It is important for drivers and pedestrians to be alert and stay on the safe path through the construction zone. Pavement markings, orange signs and traffic control devices define the safe way to travel through the work area. When sidewalks are closed -- it is for pedestrian safety.

Pedestrian access has been maintained through several construction areas including Longmead Crossing Drive at Valleyfield Drive where we have added temporary sidewalk connections; Layhill Road where northbound sidewalk has been maintained parallel to the temporary traffic shift condition; and New Hampshire Avenue where pedestrian and biker access has been maintained in both directions. However, on New Hampshire Avenue to promote safety, northbound bikers are asked to dismount and walk through the temporary shift condition.

If it is not practical to avoid the work zone altogether, please remember drivers and pedestrians must remain attentive and careful. It is critical to obey all work zone signs, pavement markings and personnel. Construction work may be fascinating to watch, but moving safely through the work zone should be your top priority.



Intercounty Connector Reforestation

With ICC-Contract B construction underway, much of the focus has been on the clearing of trees and vegetation. However, as part of Contract B's environmental efforts, staff anticipates approximately 72 acres of on-site reforestation within the contract right-of-way. In addition, the ICC Environmental Stewardship and Compensatory Mitigation Program will plant approximately 500 acres of forest beyond the project right-of-way on publicly owned land to offset forest cleared to build the ICC.



Recently in the Contract B area, reforestation of more than 10 acres of property owned by the State of Maryland began near Norbeck Road and New Hampshire Avenue. Crews are planting a variety of native shade and flowering trees to reconnect existing forests, fill gaps within existing forests and replace forested areas overgrown with invasive, non-native species. Over the next year, they will plant approximately 2,300 trees in species ranging from Maples and Sycamores to Dogwoods and Red Buds in a dense naturalistic drift pattern to imitate the development of a natural forest.

Overall, more than 7,300 shade and flowering trees will be planted throughout Contract B's project corridor. In the future, as the trees mature, a natural barrier from the sights and sounds of the roadway shall emerge.

SHA 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 newsletter and other ICC project information electronically, send a request to the Office of the Intercounty Connector e-mail address below.

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