



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: Norbeck Road (MD 28), Notley Road, New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) and bridges over Northwest Branch, Paint Branch and Good Hope streams
- Installation of steel girders at ICC bridges at Norbeck Road (MD 28) and Notley Road
- Major construction grading activities just east of Bonifant Road to Old Columbia Pike including maintenance of erosion and sediment controls, storm drainage work and roadway grading
- Erect permanent ICC roadway lighting at Longmead Crossing Drive and Layhill Road
- Ongoing sound wall installation east of Notley Road to Old Columbia Pike
- Wetland restoration at Northwest Branch and Good Hope

Upcoming Activities

- Finalize all overhead utility work throughout ICC-B corridor
- Complete asphalt surfacing from Norbeck Road (MD 28) to Bonifant Road
- Finalize bridge work at Longmead Crossing Drive
- Permanent water relocations at Norbeck Road (MD 28) and Notley Road
- Installation of ICC gantries and permanent highway signage
- Sound walls completed throughout ICC-B by summer 2011
- Continue landscaping and restoration activities throughout ICC-B
- Traffic shifts at Notley Road and Norbeck Road (MD 28) upon bridge completion

ICC Contract A Opens

The State Highway Administration (SHA) opened the first seven-mile segment of Maryland's Intercounty Connector (ICC)/MD 200 on Wednesday, February 23, 2011. This initial section of the State's first all-electronic toll road connects I-370 at Shady Grove and Georgia Avenue (MD 97) in Rockville/Olney. In addition, motorists may 'test drive' the ICC at no charge between its opening on February 23 through March 6. The test-drive period gives customers an opportunity to become familiar with the highway's all-electronic tolling and variable pricing, while allowing the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) to test the tolling equipment under actual traffic conditions.

For more information on tolling for the ICC, you can visit www.mdt.maryland.gov.

The next segment of the ICC (Contracts B and C), between Georgia Avenue and I-95 in Laurel, is scheduled to be completed in late 2011/early 2012. Until that segment is completed, vehicles wishing to continue eastbound will exit at Norbeck Road (MD 28) to continue their trip. This is a temporary connection.

When the next ICC segment opens from Georgia Avenue (MD 97) to I-95, the temporary connection will cease as all eastbound traffic will continue traveling on the ICC to their eastern destination. At this point, the ICC will no longer have an exit on Norbeck Road (MD 28).

For more information on continuing ICC construction, please visit www.iccproject.com.

Environmental Stewardship: Wildlife Crossings

As the most environmentally sensitive area of the ICC, Contract B is designed to ensure the protection of wildlife affected by construction. Some residents have experienced an increase of wildlife migration into neighborhoods adjacent to the ICC. These animals are adapting to new travel paths and will quickly adjust once the roadway is completed.

During construction, temporary fences are in place to keep animals from entering work zones. Later, permanent barriers will be installed to help prevent animals from entering traffic and to encourage them to the cross under the road using specially designed culvert passages.



This culvert is designed for small mammal and amphibian passage.

An oversized design, twelve feet high and twelve feet wide, will encourage larger mammals, such as deer, to utilize the passages. A maximum length of 280 feet has been established to sustain habitat connectivity. Furthermore, designers have placed the culverts along natural wildlife trails such as stream valleys and deer paths to promote optimal use by wildlife.

Other specifications have been made, like culverts designed for small animal passage which includes two parts; one allows for full aquatic and fish passage and the other includes stone with varied water inverts so that small animals are able to cross. Construction is also subject to environmental restriction periods as to avoid disturbance to animals during mating and migration timeframes.

With nearly 15 percent of the project budget dedicated to environmental mitigation, the ICC is making continuous efforts to minimize impacts to wildlife and the travelling public.

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 Intercountry Connector e-mail address below.

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