



construction update

contract A

Updating you on Contract A Activities:
I-270/I-370 to MD 97 (Georgia Avenue)

ICC Progress Continues

As significant progress continues, Contract A (I-370/I-270 to MD 97) of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) is moving swiftly past the halfway mark to completion. This section of the ICC is scheduled to open fall 2010. Paving sections of the new roadway is expected to begin by late summer to early fall of this year.

Temporary traffic switches remain in place as construction of new bridges continues at Needwood Road, Emory Lane and Georgia Avenue. Excavation of earth is ongoing for the deck over structure at Olde Mill Run.

- ◆ **I-370 near Shady Grove Road:** Traffic along 3,000 feet of westbound I-370 was shifted between the Shady Grove Road overpass and the I-370 Bridge over the CSX railroad. This temporary re-alignment of I-370 allows bridge construction to continue.
- ◆ **Redland Road:** Motorists are now using this bridge over the future ICC. Approximately 150 feet south of the bridge, a temporary shift remains in place with lanes narrowing and shifting slightly west to facilitate reconstruction of the Shady Grove Presbyterian Church parking lot and for the remaining construction of the final alignment of Redland Road and access to Overhill Road. Construction vehicles are now able to travel under this structure and remain in the project right-of-way with minimal impact to local traffic.



Redland Road Bridge

Anticipated Summer and Fall Traffic Switches:

- ◆ **Georgia Avenue (MD 97):** Georgia Avenue traffic switch to the new bridge is expected by the fall.
- ◆ **Needwood Road:** Traffic switch on to the new bridge expected in the fall.

Environmental Update

Ongoing environmental activities include:

- ◆ Monitoring the hydrology (properties, distribution and effects of water on the ground's surface) of wetland systems adjacent to the roadway. Environmental staff continue to assess the soils and vegetation for each wetland system throughout construction.
- ◆ Relocating wood frogs' eggs from sediment traps and depressions created during construction. Staff moved the egg masses to vernal pools outside the Right-of-Way providing a nurturing habitat.
- ◆ Monitoring the construction site for eastern box turtles using turtle-tracking dogs and relocating the turtles to a safe site. This year, environmental staff and volunteers found fewer turtles inside of the right-of-way, indicating that the turtle exclusion fence is working.
- ◆ Monitoring the amount of construction dust and controlling it with increased watering of project sites. Six trucks are dedicated to Contract A to meet the challenges of dust control, during the dry summer months.
- ◆ Cleaning the tires of construction vehicles at designated construction entrances to keep mud off the local roadways. Clean Sweep trucks also travel through the area frequently to clean the roadways.

Work Zone Safety—As ICC Makes Progress, Work Zones Become More Frequent

Designated work zones protect the lives of highway workers and motorists. They help you get to work and other destinations safely and with as little inconvenience as possible. Work zones are areas of roadway that are under new construction or maintenance. A work zone extends from the first road sign stating "Construction Ahead" to the "End Road Work" sign. If you do not see a highway crew immediately after seeing the warning sign, it does not mean they are not there working. Additionally, even when workers are not present, please use caution traveling through work zones.

Work Zones Continued:

Remember these tips when driving through work zones:

- ◆ Stay alert! Expect anything to occur when entering a work zone.
- ◆ Heed flaggers! Signs and work zone flaggers save lives.
- ◆ Turn on your headlights! Allow workers and other motorists to see you.
- ◆ Keep adequate spacing between vehicles! Unexpected stops frequently occur in work zones.
- ◆ Obey speed limits! Note the speed limits in and around the work zone.
- ◆ Stay in your lane! Changing lanes in the work zone is unsafe for both motorists and workers.
- ◆ Minimize distractions! Avoid changing radio stations and using mobile phones (dialing, reading email, or text messaging) in the work zone.
- ◆ Be patient! Remember, the work zone crews are working to improve your future ride.
- ◆ For more information on work zone safety or other highway safety information, log onto www.choosesafetyforlife.com.



Workzone crew directing traffic.

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Upcoming Outreach Activities

As construction continues on the ICC, our team is available to meet with interested parties. We welcome discussions about project progress, questions about the project and any other comments. To that end, we have several mechanisms to allow open dialogue with our project team as indicated below:

Contract A Resident Appointments: Our team is available by appointment to meet with you to meet your needs. Simply call using the contact information listed below and set up an appointment with outreach staff.

Community Meetings: Members of our team are available to attend your community meetings. Please have your community leadership contact us to coordinate a date and time.

Contact Us

To learn more about the ICC, visit our project Web site at www.iccproject.com.

To save paper and receive this and other project information electronically, send a request to iccproject@sha.state.md.us.

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