



# construction update

contract A

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



## Making Progress: Fall Construction Report

Construction is more than 30 percent complete on the first 7.2 miles (Contract A) of the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Intercounty Connector (ICC). A busy fall construction season is underway along Contract A of the ICC. Residents can expect to see continued construction activity, with an emphasis on bridgework, in the corridor.

### This fall's activities include:

- ◆ Continuing establishment of erosion and sediment controls
- ◆ Removing trees, shrubs, and brush along the Right of Way (ROW)
- ◆ Roads between Emory Lane and Georgia Avenue
- ◆ Moving earth along the ICC ROW
- ◆ Constructing detour roads and implementing traffic shifts on Needwood Road and Emory Lane
- ◆ Placing construction fencing in Winters Run and Cashell Estates communities
- ◆ Reconstructing ramps along MD 355 and Shady Grove Road to connect to I-370 and the ICC
- ◆ Continuing the construction of the Redland Road and northbound Georgia Avenue bridges.



Redland Road Bridge Construction

## Protecting Property Owners from Construction Hazards

Construction is in full swing along Contract A. Much of the corridor is cleared and the project is taking shape. Although the ROW may appear to provide a desirable driving course for all-terrain vehicles, dirt bikes, or private vehicles, a construction site is not safe for outsiders. It may be tempting to walk your dog, take a hike, or otherwise wander around the ICC ROW when no one is around, but stay safe and do not trespass onto the construction site.

The safety of our workers and the community is our primary concern. Construction sites are full of hazards that may not be visible to the average person—especially in the evening hours. Trenches used to relocate underground utilities, excavations, manholes and structures under construction are only a few of the dangerous conditions you could encounter when wandering in the ICC corridor. Heavy equipment that is not in operation can be extremely dangerous to an unauthorized user.

We encourage all property owners to talk with children, neighbors, and others in your community about the dangers of construction sites.



Signs like this one are intended to protect local residents and identify the ICC ROW.

## Help us keep Our Commitment to Environmental Stewardship

**Water Quality:** We are monitoring water quality in streams adjacent to and passing through the ICC ROW as part of our Environmental Stewardship efforts. We have placed special equipment in-stream at various locations up and downstream of our construction area so that our environmental team can monitor our compliance with regulatory laws. Recently, we found some of our equipment destroyed. This equipment helps us be environmentally responsible and proactive in our environmental stewardship activities. If you observe someone in a local stream within or adjacent to our ROW, please let us know immediately so we can be sure that our equipment remains in working order.

**Turtles:** The SHA/ICC team remains dedicated to protecting the eastern box turtle. The environmental team has relocated approximately 450 turtles, 95 of them in 2008 alone. Prior to starting construction, the team removed all turtles found in the construction areas and relocated them outside of the ICC's special turtle fencing. Turtles cannot penetrate this fencing, thus protecting them from construction activities. In some instances, turtle-fencing has been vandalized by cutting the fence, which creates a hole allowing turtles to return to the construction site and danger. Please do not enter ICC property without authorization, and please help protect the turtles by not disturbing the bright orange turtle safety fence. The ICC team will continue to search for turtles throughout the corridor, as we move into construction.



*This first-year turtle the size of a quarter was recently relocated from the North Branch Rock Creek Park.*

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## Upcoming Outreach Activities

**ICC Open Hours:** Open hours are held, by appointment, on the second Thursday of every month from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at 2 Taft Court, Rockville, MD 20850. Upcoming Open Hours dates are as follows: November 13, 2008, December 11, 2008, January 8, 2009.

Please call 301.354.8711 to make an appointment.

**Community Meetings:** Members of our team are available to attend your community meetings to answer construction/project questions and concerns.

**Sound Barrier Meetings:** To date, we have received enough community approval to build sound barriers in the Shady Grove area, and the Sycamore Acres, Preserves at Small's Nursery, and Norbeck Meadows communities.

## Contact Us

To learn more about the ICC, visit our new and improved project Web site at [www.iccproject.com](http://www.iccproject.com).

To save paper and receive this and other project information electronically, send a request to [iccproject@sha.state.md.us](mailto:iccproject@sha.state.md.us).

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