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**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO HOST INFORMATIONAL  
UPDATE MEETINGS FOR INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR STUDY**

*First Meeting to Take Place Today in Gaithersburg;  
Progress on Study to be Provided*

**(June 15, 2004)** – The Maryland Department of Transportation’s State Highway Administration (SHA) will host three Informational Update Meetings regarding the Intercounty Connector (ICC) Study, beginning **today between 2 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at the Bohrer Park Activity Center in Gaithersburg**. Upcoming meetings in the next 10 days will also be held on **Saturday, June 19, between 9 and 2 p.m. at James Blake High School in Silver Spring**, and **Thursday, June 24 between 2 and 8:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post #60 in Laurel**.

The meetings, intended to provide an update of the technical studies underway, are being held in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and are part of SHA’s public involvement process.

Participants can learn about updates to the ICC Study by talking one-on-one with project team members, view updated maps of alternatives under consideration and receive project information. Participants will also be able to comment on the study.

“We are excited to share an update with the public on the progress we’ve made on the ICC study. The streamlined study process is allowing us to make steady and timely progress,” SHA Administrator Neil Pedersen said. “We encourage the public’s attendance at these meeting as we plan to show progress made in the study on topics including travel forecasting, the environment and engineering.”

Those not able to attend the Informational Update Meetings can attend the meetings from the comfort of home, office, or library by logging onto [www.iccstudy.org](http://www.iccstudy.org). From the home page, users are directed to the Virtual Informational Update Meeting where they will find all meeting materials, maps, and be able to register comments.

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**ICC June Workshops**

The ICC Study team is committed to involving Maryland residents in the project through a comprehensive approach. Public involvement is crucial to the success of any transportation project; therefore, keeping the public informed and involved in the study is important. Meetings and open houses will be held in conjunction with project milestones throughout the study.

The ICC Study is being conducted by the Maryland State Highway Administration, Maryland Transportation Authority and the Federal Highway Administration.

The schedule of the June Informational Update Meetings:

**Gaithersburg**

Tuesday, June 15, 2004  
Bohrer Park Activity Center  
506 S. Frederick Ave.  
Gaithersburg, MD  
2:00 PM-8:30 PM

**Silver Spring**

Saturday, June 19, 2004  
James Blake High School  
300 Norwood Road  
Silver Spring, MD  
9:00 AM-2:00 PM

**Laurel**

Thursday, June 24, 2004  
American Legion Post #60  
2 Main St.  
Laurel, MD  
2:00 PM-8:30 PM

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