

Project Description

The Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) invites you to attend an informational public meeting about the bridge replacement on MD 496 (Bachmans Valley Road) over Big Pipe Creek in Carroll County. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2017. The proposed bridge will be 55 feet long, and include two 12-foot lanes and two 8-foot shoulders. The main objectives of this project are to replace the deteriorating bridge; increase the width of the bridge to provide a safer travel area; and stabilize the stream to minimize erosion to the stream banks and bridge foundation.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on June 23, 2016, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The informational meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide attendees an opportunity to discuss project details. Display areas will depict the proposed improvements, and SHA representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. **There will be no formal presentation.** You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display area at your own pace.

Questions and Answers

Why is the work necessary?

The MD 496 Bridge, constructed in 1932, is structurally safe but is showing signs of deterioration. In addition, the stream has caused significant erosion to the bridge foundations. This erosion, or "scouring" has been stabilized over the years with temporary solutions, but must be addressed with a permanent solution to ensure the long-term safety and stability of the roadway and bridge. This project is funded for construction under Governor Larry Hogan's Investment in Highways and Bridges program aimed at addressing Maryland's structurally deficient bridges.

How will traffic be impacted during construction?

The current proposed method for maintaining traffic is to maintain two-way traffic in one travel lane through a system of traffic signals located at each end of the project. This method of maintaining traffic has been used successfully on many other SHA projects.

Have other alternatives been considered?

Several options to replace the bridge while minimizing impacts to the public have been considered. Maintaining both lanes of traffic during construction was not an option because the bridge is too narrow to maintain both lanes and perform replacement work. Widening the bridge to maintain traffic would increase costs and impacts to sensitive environmental areas. Consideration was also given to closing the roadway and redirecting all traffic to adjacent highways. This option would allow the project to be completed in the shortest amount of time; however, it was not ideal due to the length of the detour required for truck traffic on this route.

When will work be completed?

SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible while minimizing impacts to local residents and motorists. Construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2017. It is anticipated that construction will be completed by early fall 2018, weather permitting.

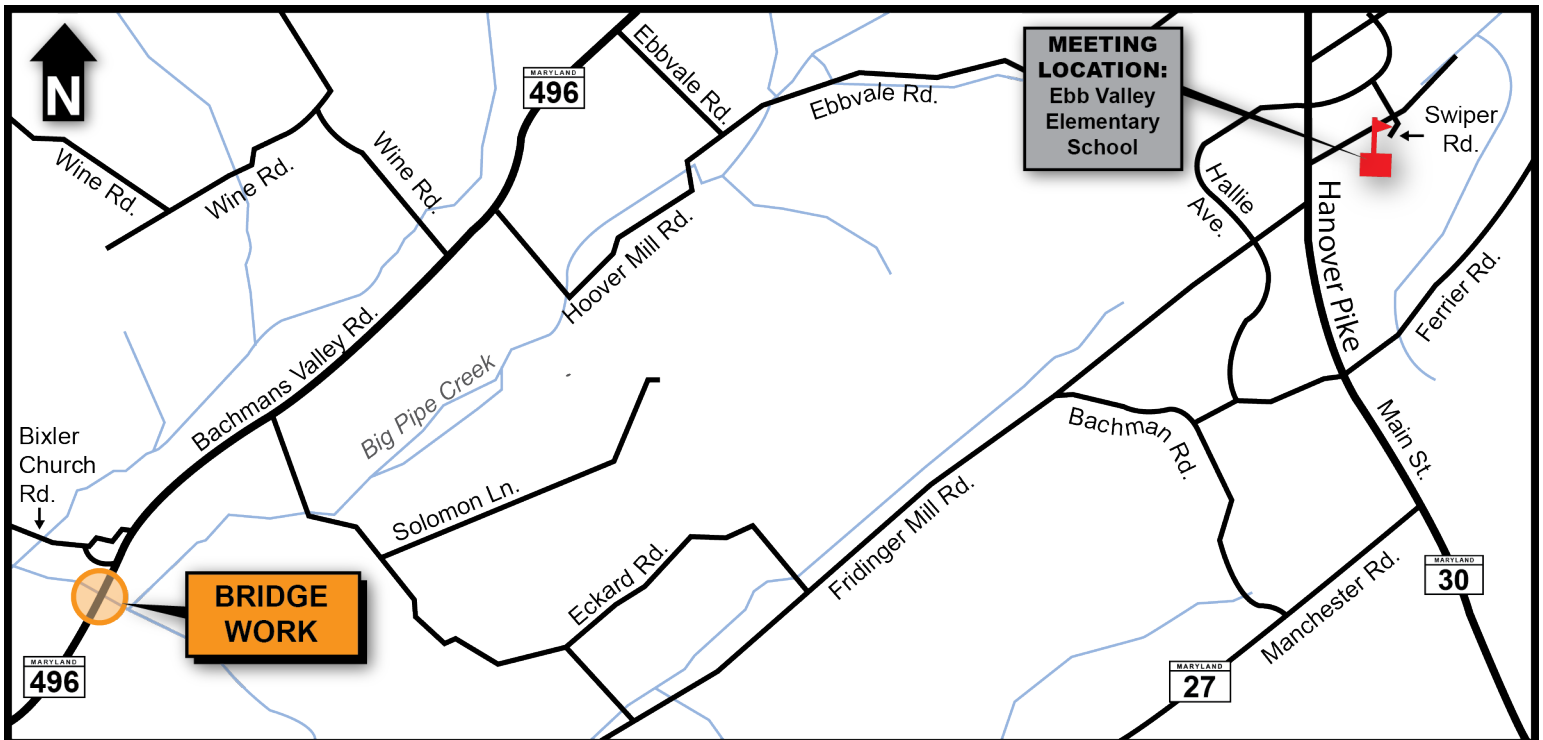




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For More Information

Additional project details and status updates can be found on SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov. Click on Projects, SHA Projects Page, select Carroll County from the dropdown menu, MD 496, Bachmans Valley Road or use the QR code below. You may also contact:

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Request for Assistance

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech difficulties or assistance with the English language) should contact Mr. Crampton by June 16, 2016.

Attend the Public Meeting!

SHA appreciates the patience and cooperation of the community and apologizes for any inconvenience. SHA reminds motorists to "Think Orange" when driving through work zones by staying alert and slowing down. Always buckle up, and please drive safely.

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