

# MD 140 Eastbound at Kays Mill Road Roadway Improvement



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# **Design Work Underway**

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is developing plans to add an acceleration lane to benefit motorists traveling from Kays Mill Road onto eastbound MD 140 in Finksburg. During construction, which is scheduled to begin next year, Kays Mill Road will be closed at MD 140 and a detour will be established.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a public meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

The informational meeting will acquaint members of the public with the project, and SHA representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. No formal presentation will be given. You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through at your own pace.

## **Questions and Answers**

#### Why is the work necessary?

The project will reconstruct and widen approximately 500 feet of the right shoulder of eastbound MD 140. The new roadway will enhance traffic operations by providing an area for vehicles turning right from Kays Mill Road to merge into the through traffic on MD 140. The new acceleration lane will be especially beneficial during the morning rush hour, when traffic along eastbound MD 140 is heaviest.

#### How will traffic be impacted during construction?

During construction, Kays Mill Road will be closed for approximately 80 days, beginning in June 2015. The right shoulder of eastbound MD 140 will also be closed with a temporary concrete barrier.

A detour for motorists wishing to access Kays Mill Road from MD 140 will direct traffic to MD 91 and Deer Park Road for access to Kays Mill Road. Motorists needing to access MD 140 from Kays Mill Road will be directed first to Deer Park Road, then to MD 91, which intersects MD 140 east of Kays Mill Road. (See map.)

#### Have other alternatives been considered?

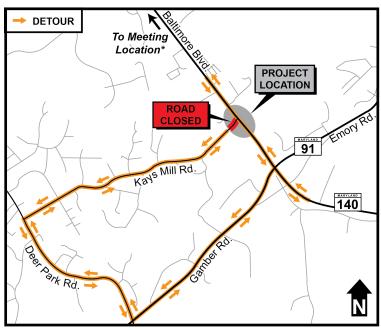
SHA considered maintaining traffic on Kays Mill Road and using daily temporary traffic control measures. Those measures included closing the right lane of MD 140, moving a temporary concrete barrier to access the worksite, and replacing the barrier at the end of each day. Those measures were rejected because they would increase by several months the time needed to complete the project and would cause back-ups and delays on MD 140 and Kays Mill Road.

## What is the project schedule?

The project, which is funded for construction, will be completed during the spring and summer of 2015. A more detailed schedule will be developed and released before construction begins.

# Request for Assistance

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language) should contact John Jenkins by October 14, 2014.



\*See back for map of meeting location

## **For More Information**

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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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