

# Attend the Public Meeting!

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WHEN:	WHERE:
Tuesday, May 21, 2013 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM <i>Presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.</i>	Sandymount Elementary School - Gymnasium 2222 Old Westminster Pike Finksburg, MD, 21048

## MD 140 Bridge Public Meeting

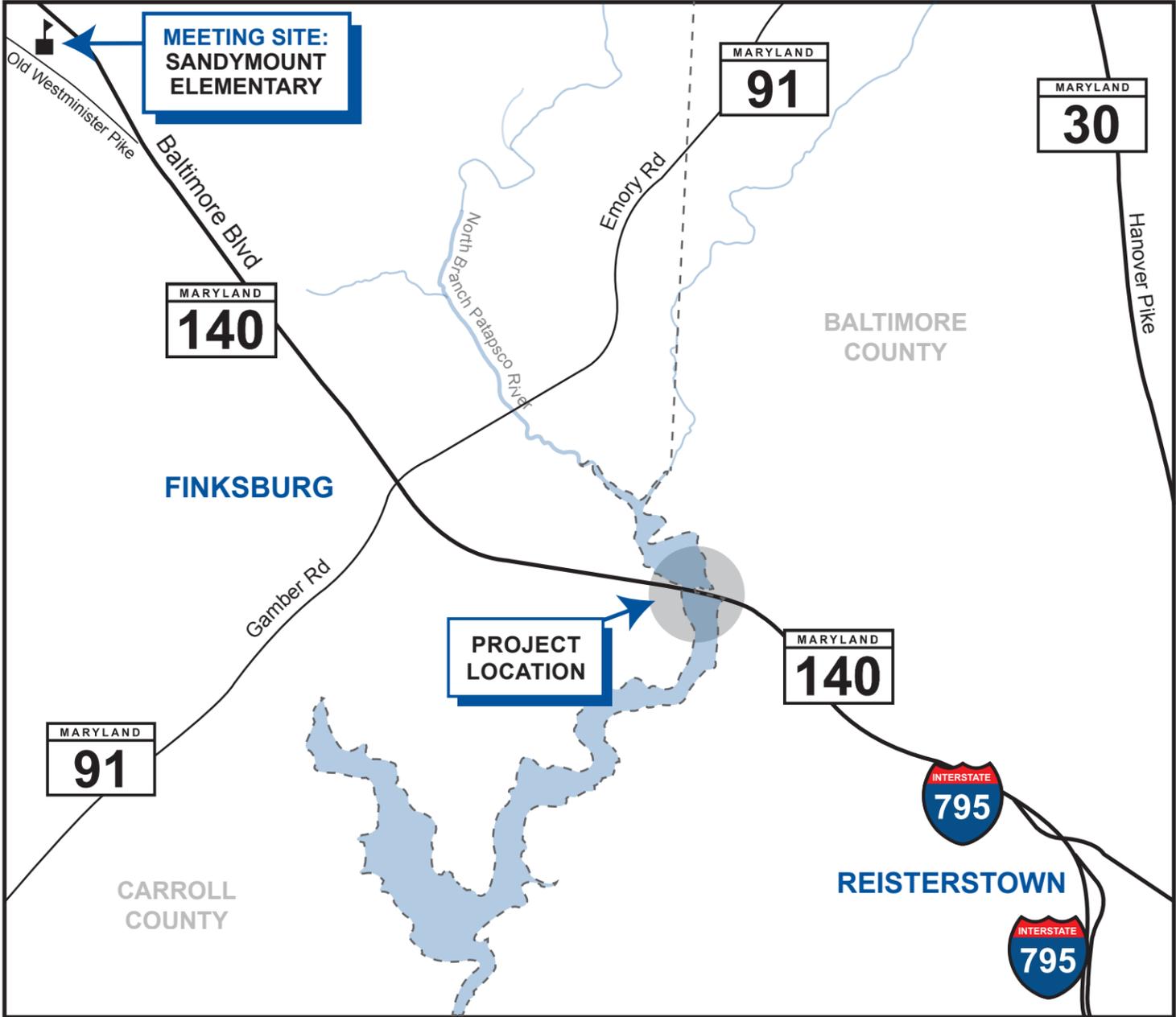
The Informational Meeting will cover the project design, schedule, and what to expect during construction. Display areas will be set up with project information and lane diagrams for each phase, and SHA representatives will be available to discuss the project and answer any questions concerning construction. A formal presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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# MD 140 Bridge Reconstruction over North Branch of the Patapsco River

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## Bridge Work To Support Safety And Mobility

The MD 140 (Westminster Pike) Bridge over the North Branch of the Patapsco River (Liberty Reservoir) at the Carroll/Baltimore county line is scheduled for reconstruction starting in September 2013. SHA will replace the bridge deck and supporting steel beams and widen the shoulders on the structure. **Beginning in early spring 2014 and continuing through the fall, the bridge will be reduced from four to three lanes, one of which will be a reversible lane carrying traffic towards Baltimore during the morning rush hour and towards Westminster during the evening rush hour and weekends.**

For additional information, you are invited to attend a **Public Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2013.**

## Why is the work necessary?

Originally constructed in 1946, the bridge deck is nearing the end of its useful service life. Replacing the bridge deck and supporting steel beams will save money on future maintenance and support safety and mobility.

## How will traffic be impacted?

Starting in spring 2014, MD 140 will be reduced to three lanes, one of which will be reversible. Overhead traffic signals and a movable barrier will be used for traffic control. For the final phase in winter 2014 and spring 2015, all four lanes will be restored and the reversible lane condition will be discontinued. To increase traffic safety during the project, the speed limit will be reduced in the work zone, police enforcement increased, and bicycles detoured around the project location.

## Have any other alternatives been considered?

Several alternatives to maintain traffic during construction were considered. Maintaining all four lanes on MD 140 was not feasible due to bridge and approach roadways being too narrow to maintain all existing lanes while performing the required work. Consideration was also given to closing the roadway and detouring traffic to adjacent highways, but this was not ideal due to the large volumes of traffic on MD 140 and the adjacent roadway network.

## What is the project schedule?

Construction is scheduled to begin in September 2013 and be completed in spring 2015, weather permitting. SHA will make every effort to complete this project as quickly as possible in order to minimize impacts to local residents and motorists.

## Why was the project start postponed?

SHA previously held a workshop on this project in June 2012 in Reisterstown, when construction was anticipated to begin as early as fall 2012. The decision to begin in September 2013 allowed SHA to include additional safety enhancements related to the reversible lane, including avoidance of the lane reduction during winter months.

## How is the May 21 meeting different than the one on April 10?

The Baltimore Regional Transportation Board (BRTB) held an open house on this project in April 10, 2013 as part of the review process for its addition to the region's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for federal funding. The purpose of that meeting was to provide an opportunity for public comment about the addition of the project to the regional TIP, while the May meeting will include a presentation and will cover project details and what to expect during construction. Those with questions about the project are encouraged to attend on May 21.

## For More Information

For additional information on this project, please visit SHA's website at [www.roads.maryland.gov](http://www.roads.maryland.gov) and click on **Projects and Studies, SHA Projects Page, Baltimore County**, and **Bridge 03083 on MD 140 over North Branch of Patapsco River**. You may also contact:

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