

SHA Continues Design Work, Schedules Public Meeting

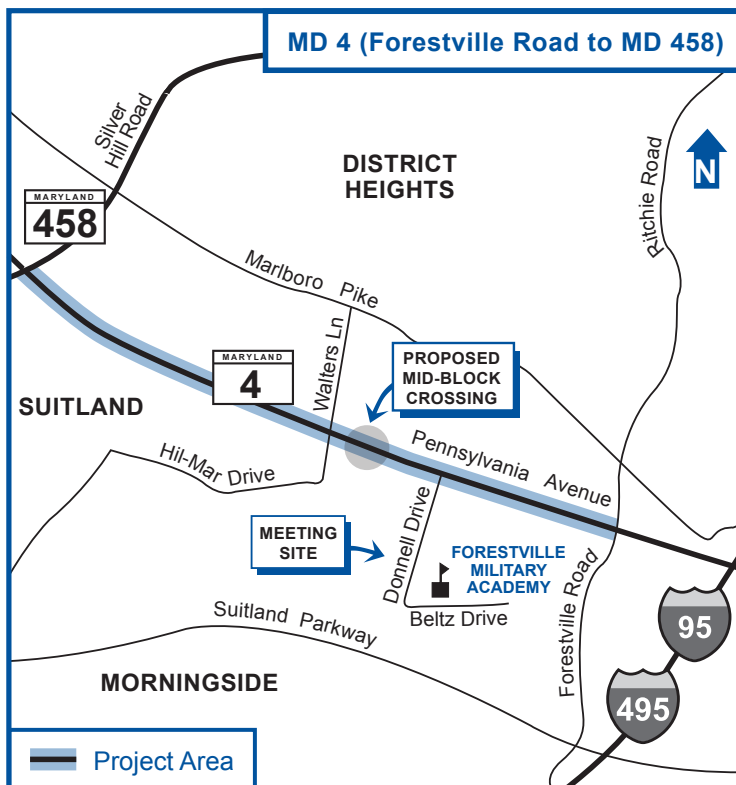
The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) continues design work on the MD 4 Community Safety and Enhancement Project along Pennsylvania Avenue in Prince George's County, where construction of a mid-block crossing signal between Donnell Drive and Walters Lane is scheduled for Spring 2013. This newsletter summarizes the project and its purpose, and provides information on the upcoming [Public Informational Meeting on March 7, 2013](#).

Project Overview and Purpose

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and access for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motor vehicles along MD 4 from Forestville Road to MD 458 (Silver Hill Road). Currently, continuous pedestrian facilities are not provided along this section of MD 4, and signalized crossings are spaced far apart with pedestrians choosing to cross mid-block. Proposed improvements include the following:*

- Provide continuous ADA-compliant (Americans with Disabilities Act) pedestrian facilities along both sides of MD 4, including an 8-foot wide hiker/biker trail on the north side of the road
- Add curb and gutter at the outside edge of MD 4 to separate pedestrian and vehicle traffic
- Narrow travel lane and shoulder widths, reducing overall width of pavement
- Upgrade drainage system and provide new stormwater management facilities
- Modify existing traffic signals and provide pedestrian countdown signals at each intersection
- Upgrade sidewalk ramps and crosswalks at each intersection

*See figure on reverse



Questions/Comments?

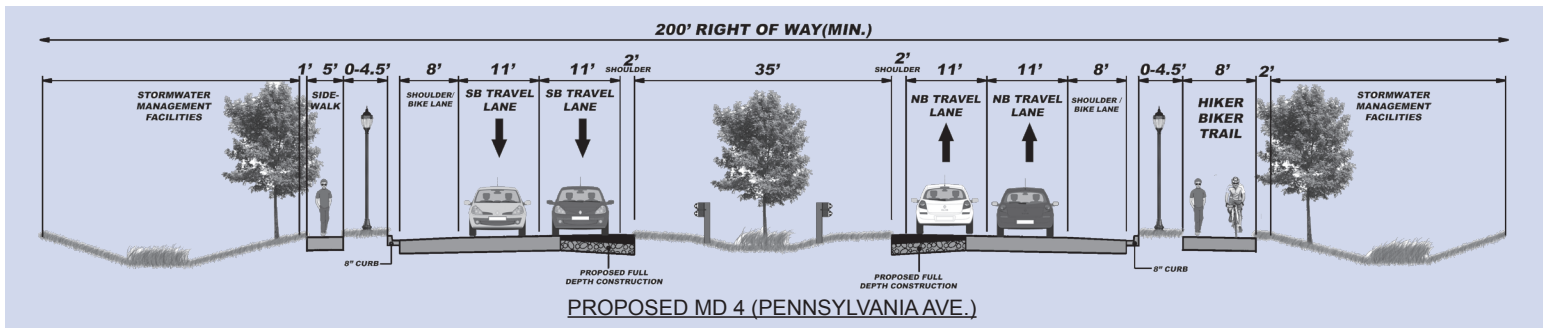
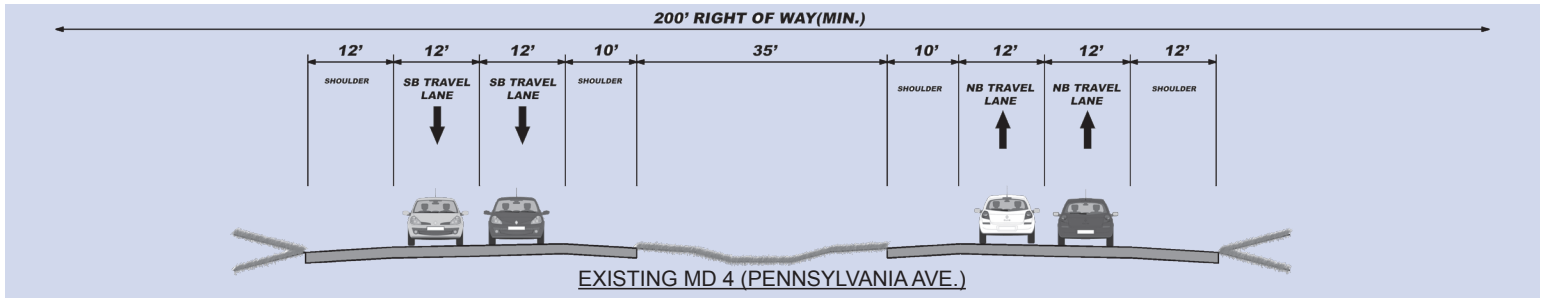
For additional information about this project, please visit SHA's website www.roads.maryland.gov, go to **Projects & Studies, Transportation Projects Page, Prince George's County**, and click on **MD 4, Pennsylvania Avenue/ Forestville Road to Silver Hill Road**. You may also contact:

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Mid-Block Crossing Signal

A significant number of pedestrians cross MD 4 at mid-block locations between Walters Lane and Donnell Drive, creating unsafe conditions for both pedestrians and motorists. To accommodate high pedestrian traffic in this area, SHA will construct a mid-block pedestrian crossing signal midway between Donnell Drive and Walters Lane providing a safe place for pedestrians to cross MD 4 and alerting motorists to the presence of pedestrians in the roadway. The proposed improvements include the following:

- Provide a traffic signal midway between Donnell Drive and Walters Lane
- Place concrete sidewalk landings in the median and on either side of MD 4
- Include marked crosswalks and pedestrian countdown signals at the crossing
- Install guardrail in the median between Donnell Drive and Walters Lane
- Provide flashing yellow advanced warning lights and improved signage on each approach to the crossing to alert motorists and pedestrians to the new signal



Attend the Public Meeting!

Request for Assistance

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 711. Persons requiring assistance to participate, such as an interpreter for hearing/speech disabilities or assistance with the English language, should contact Mr. Paper-Evers by February 28, 2013.

WHEN:	WHERE:
<p>Thursday, March 7, 2013</p> <p>6:00 PM – 8:00 PM</p> <p><i>*Snow Date: March 14, 2013</i></p> <p><i>Presentation will begin at 6:15 p.m.</i></p>	<p>Forestville Military Academy – Cafeteria</p> <p>7001 Beltz Drive, Forestville, MD 20747</p>

**Meeting will be held on snow date if county public schools are closed or if the county's snow emergency plan is in effect.*



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