

MD 450 Post-Action Outreach Report

AX469B51, bridge replacement over Bacon Ridge Branch

Background

- AADT of about 9,000 vehicles.
- Important connector between the Bowie/Crofton and Annapolis areas; serves as an important alternate route to US 50. Local residents use MD 450 frequently.
- Project involved the replacement of a small bridge with a precast structure. A portion of the roadway east of the bridge area was slated for elevation (fill) to eliminate flooding that had plagued this stretch of 450 for decades.
- MD 450 was closed to traffic on June 17 and reopened on August 22.

Outreach Goals

- Inform local businesses about project; form quick relationships to allow leveraged distribution of project brochures and information through local businesses to customers and employees.
- Inform local residents about project through direct contact (phone, email) and indirect contact (brochures, HOA leaders and community publications).
- Respond to citizen inquiries within one calendar day, seven days a week.
- Form good working relationship with Annapolis Mall. Disseminate project information to Mall employees and customers through internal vehicles and Mall informational outlets/displays.
- Form good working relationship with management of Heritage Harbour, a senior-oriented community of about 2,000 residents located near project site. Disseminate project information to residents through Heritage Harbour newsletter, local television and management.
- Use photos and captions as primary source of progress reporting for public. Provide direct link to PLC photo page with every email distribution.
- Publicly commit to project timeline.

Methodology & Results

- Project Planning issued pre-construction project announcements to local residents via mass mailing.
- D5 Construction met with local community representatives, including the Ridges community, well in advance of the project start. Conveyed pending road closure and fielded and addressed community concerns.
- Radio campaign announced pending closure and detour.
- Project brochure was created featuring road closure information, project details, construction schedule, e-news solicitation (contact info) and detour map. Project brochures were distributed in conjunction with radio campaign. Approximately 700 brochures were handed out in person to local businesses (including copies left with businesses to distribute). Distribution was never time-constrained – the

project was explained in person, in detail to anyone interested, and questions were answered immediately.

- Adopted “constant contact” approach to citizen inquiries. Calls and emails answered within one day, even on weekends. More than three dozen calls and 200 emails were exchanged in less than 10 weeks.
- An active e-news distribution list was created. Included with every citizen email or phone contact was an invitation to join the e-news distribution list. E-news distribution reached about 50 people directly and several thousand indirectly (estimated) through business and community leaders who participated in e-news updates and information dissemination.
- E-news updates were distributed in response to visible project progress. E-news featured concise text with link to PLC photos page. Three general updates were issued, with special contact provided to organizations as needed (e.g., Annapolis Bicycle Club, Heritage Harbour, Annapolis Mall.)
- Photos were placed on PLC with detailed captions to describe construction process in lay terms and convey rapid progress. Same-angle shots (before/after) were used to enhance sense of progress.
- Secured participation of Annapolis Mall management in regular outreach to Mall merchants and customers. Roadwork closing and opening dates and progress updates were featured in weekly newsletter to all Mall merchants. Messaging encouraged merchants to spread the word to store employees about the pending road closure. Annapolis Mall concierge/kiosks were enlisted to disseminate project information. Project brochures were stocked in Mall information display near concierge desk. Concierge staff were given basic project details and encouraged to direct shoppers to project brochures for specifics.
- Project brochures were provided to Heritage Harbour prior to project start for distribution at front office to residents and guests. Project announcements and updates were featured on local Heritage Harbour television channel and in community newsletter (*Harbour Lights*).
- Established working relationship with Annapolis Bicycle Club president. Pending road closure, project updates and road opening were all featured in ABC’s *Tailwinds* newsletter.
- MD 450 provides access to the Maryland Renaissance Festival for many local residents and visitors. The road was re-opened to traffic one day before the Festival kickoff. Open to Traffic announcements were posted on *Friends of Faire*, a Web blog devoted to the Maryland Renaissance Festival.
- An informal three-question outreach survey was embedded in the email announcing the August 22 re-opening to traffic. Responses were overwhelmingly positive.

Documents

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Examples of survey responses and feedback (emails)

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Examples of correspondence with citizens and community groups

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Friends of Faire blog

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Huntington Woods Property Owners Association newsletter page

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Annapolis Preserve newsletter pages

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Harbour Lights newsletter page (Heritage Harbour)

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Tailwinds newsletter pages (Annapolis Bicycle Club)

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PLC project photo pages

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Annapolis Mall kiosk with project brochures

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Project brochure

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E-News Updates

Robert Rager

From: georiggs@verizon.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2008 9:38 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: RE: MD 450 OPEN to traffic

Responses below.

George Riggs

georiggs@verizon.net

On Fri, Aug 22, 2008 at 8:03 AM, Robert Rager wrote:

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Kind Regards,

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
410-841-1020

MD 450 Bridge Replacement and Roadway Elevation

1) Do you feel that you were adequately informed in advance about the closing of MD 450?

If not, what could SHA have done better?

Yes. I received the closing notification by mail a few weeks before the closing.

2) Do you feel that you were kept adequately informed about the progress of this project?

What could SHA have done better?

Yes. I signed up for the email updates. The emails were informative. SHA may consider sending more frequent brief emails on progress just to say the project is on schedule, may be delayed etc.

3) If you've driven this road since it re-opened, are you satisfied with the improvements?

I really like the improvements, wider road shoulders, wider bridge, and raised roadway to avoid the tidal flooding of the roadway.

Any additional comments would be welcome:

The email updates were a good way to learn about how the project was going. They also prompted me to look at the SHA website to learn more about SHA and projects.

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Robert Rager

From: Pat Garrett [sticks856@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 10:06 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: RE: MD 450 OPEN to traffic

SEE THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS BELOW.

Subject: MD 450 OPEN to traffic
Date: Fri, 22 Aug 2008 08:03:55 -0400
From: RRager@sha.state.md.us
To: RRager@sha.state.md.us

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If not, what could SHA have done better? I ONLY RECEIVED 2 EMAILS, BUT IT WAS BETTER THAN NOTHING. THANK YOU

2) Do you feel that you were kept adequately informed about the progress of this project?

What could SHA have done better? I GUESS A COUPLE OF MORE EMAILS

3) If you've driven this road since it re-opened, are you satisfied with the improvements? THE IMPROVEMENTS LOOK GREAT. IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL STOP THE FLOODING BUT ONLY HIGH TIDE WITH A LOT OF WATER WILL TELL FOR SURE

Any additional comments would be welcome:

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Robert Rager

From: Joan Welch [jmcgwelch@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 8:31 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Route 450 Project

Congratulations on a job well done. Route 450 looks great. Bring on a big rainstorm!

Joan Welch
Cheval Trails Neighborhood
Davidsonville, MD

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Robert Rager

From: jsadowsky@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 1:29 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Reopening of MD 450

Mr. Rager,

When Rt 450 was closed between Crownsville Road and Crofton, you said that it would be reopened before school and it is reopened by the first day of school. The SHA did an excellent job of planning and predicting how long the bridge repair would take. Thank you so much for your professional job and dedication to the citizens of Maryland.

We in the cast of the Maryland Renaissance Festival are quite pleased and proud of your hard work and success.

John Sadowsky

Robert Rager

From: GEORGE SWEGER [gmsweger@verizon.net]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 12:41 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 OPEN to traffic

Robert,

I am a local resident at the Ridges community off of Rte 450, within 1/2 mile of the project. I am very impressed with the way you managed and completed this project. Your periodic notices to the impacted residents were timely and informative. It was impressive how you completed the project seemingly ahead of schedule. The road markers and detour signs were more than adequate and I was impressed how you added to the signage based on my recommendation. The completed bridge and elevated roadway seem to be very well done. Nice job of doing the work without impacting the local wetlands or woodlands or "gouging" the environment. It appears to completely solve the flooding problem during high tides. The new wider bridge seems safer and there is now less impact to automobiles crossing the span with its smoother seams.

Al in all, a nicely run project and a job well done. Thanks.

George Sweger
 618 Woodsman Way
 Crownsville

----- Original Message -----

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To: Robert Rager <RRager@sha.state.md.us>
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What could SHA have done better?

3) If you've driven this road since it re-opened, are you satisfied with the improvements?

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Robert Rager

From: Jim Claffey [jclaffey@erols.com]
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 10:20 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 open

Thanks for the info. We appreciate you keeping us up-to-date. I'll put out a message to our members.

Jim Claffey

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: jclaffey@erols.com
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2008 9:48 AM
Subject: MD 450 open

Jim,

I assume you've heard... MD 450 opened to traffic Friday Morning, August 22. Looks and rides great. Many thanks for spreading the work about this project through ABC. Any comments you or others at ABC might have about the project or about SHA's efforts to keep the public informed would be most appreciated.

Don't hesitate to contact me anytime regarding this or any other SHA projects or plans!

Kind Regards,

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Robert Rager

From: Mark Quigley [MQuigley@ncd.gov]
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2008 5:06 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: RE: BRIDGE 2072 OVER BACON RIDGE BRANCH

Thank you Bob. Congratulations to all who worked on the project. The bridge looks great.

From: Robert Rager [mailto:RRager@sha.state.md.us]
Sent: Fri 8/22/2008 3:58 PM
To: Mark Quigley
Subject: RE: BRIDGE 2072 OVER BACON RIDGE BRANCH

Mr. Quigley,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the MD 450 bridge project. I'm happy to report that the roadway was re-opened to traffic this morning, August 22. We'll still have a work zone in place for several weeks as we finish the job, but it will remain open to through traffic.

Feel free to contact me anytime with questions or comments about this project.

Kind Regards,

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
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410-841-1020

From: Mark Quigley [mailto:MQuigley@ncd.gov]
Sent: Fri 8/22/2008 1:38 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: BRIDGE 2072 OVER BACON RIDGE BRANCH

Hi: When will this bridge open up? Thank you.

Mark S. Quigley
Davidsonville, MD

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Robert Rager

From: Jo-Ann Welling [joannwelling@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 11:18 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 OPEN to traffic

Thanks for the information on the opening. I was informed by mail before the road closer. It gave me plenty of time before the road closed also had other information about the construction time zone for the work to be done. I just did not know what date it was going to reopen. I did not see any information in the newspaper during this time to know how well the work was coming along. If it was in the Capital I missed it. Then I read on the information sheet that was mailed to me that I could email Robert Rager which I did. He emailed me right back with the good news of the date that it might reopen. Again I received another email with better news that the road was open. I will travel the road Tuesday morning . I know I will find the road and the workmen on it very helpful. I have been living in Annapolis for 10 years and have been through all of the other road repairs for the flooding of the road. This is the first time that it had to be closed, but they did not have to put in a new bridge the other times. It will be nice to able to travel the road with out it covered in water when it rains. I hope that just like the other times the water found another place to come on to the road. Good luck that if does not appear in a new spot.

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 If not, what could SHA have done better?

2) Do you feel that you were kept adequately informed about the progress of this project?
 What could SHA have done better?

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Robert Rager

From: Jack [jjf@covad.net]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 10:07 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 OPEN to traffic

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: [Robert Rager](#)
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 8:03 AM
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Yes

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Yes

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Drove it this evening - a well done project.

Any additional comments would be welcome:

Robert Rager

From: jay gee [joejoe9796@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 7:04 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 OPEN to traffic

Thanks Bob for keeping me up to date. Great job on the bridge, I was one of the 1st cars to cross it this Morning.

Regards

JGillis

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Robert Rager

From: mlprokop@aol.com
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 11:05 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 OPEN to traffic

TO;

Bob Rager
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410-841-1020

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1) Do you feel that you were adequately informed in advance about the closing of MD 450?

If not, what could SHA have done better? **Yes by all means. Road signs were posted in plenty of time to inform the public and I heard radio announcements on the Annapolis radio station.**

2) Do you feel that you were kept adequately informed about the progress of this project?

What could SHA have done better? Definitely! Emails were received with updates and photos of the project and I commend SHA for a job well done!

3) If you've driven this road since it re-opened, are you satisfied with the improvements? No but I will next week and look forward to not having to drive in a flood area anymore!

Any additional comments would be welcome: **CONGRATULATION! SHA DID WHAT THEY PROMISED AND THE ROAD IS OPENING ON TIME!**

Even though the public was asked to use a detour the outcome far outways the inconvenience!

THANK YOU!

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Robert Rager

From: Marc Clasen [mtclasen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 10:39 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 OPEN to traffic

To all 3 survey questions, the answer is YES! SHA did a great job in all respects.

Robert Rager <RRager@sha.state.md.us> wrote:

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Robert Rager

From: Laura Andrews & Heritage Harbour Comm. Assoc. [hhca1@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 9:35 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 re-opening

Hi Bob

I know, I traveled it. It looks wonderful! Thanks for a great job. I'll get on TV8.

Laura

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: [Laura Andrews & Heritage Harbour Comm. Assoc.](#)
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 7:59 AM
Subject: RE: MD 450 re-opening

Laura - MD 450 opened to traffic this morning!

Bob Rager
 Maryland State Highway Administration
 District 5 Community Liaison
 410-841-1020

From: Laura Andrews & Heritage Harbour Comm. Assoc. [mailto:hhca1@comcast.net]
Sent: Thu 8/21/2008 8:33 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 re-opening

Good Morning Mr. Rager

Thank you so much for keeping us informed. We published info and photos in our August newsletter and I'm sure you have received some calls from our residents. Since I travel this roadway everyday to work, I appreciate the work you all have done to improve the roadway and ease disruption in many of our busy lives. Thank you and all the crew for all the work and planning that went into the project!
 Laura, Lodge Office

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: [hhca1@comcast.net](#)
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 7:00 PM
Subject: MD 450 re-opening

TO: Heritage Harbour residents and employees

The MD 450 bridge replacement project is proceeding on schedule and we expect to re-open MD 450 to traffic by no later than Monday, August 25. We are making every effort to open the roadway earlier in anticipation of the Renaissance Festival this weekend. As of today, it appears likely that we will be able to open the road to traffic by Friday night. Please note that weather could impact our efforts to open the road early. Also note that safety is our paramount concern, and the Maryland State Highway Administration will not open this or any roadway until it is safe to do so.

Our goal with this project was to complete all work when schools were out - between June 15 and August 25. The new bridge sections were placed by crane in late July. The roadway where flooding frequently occurred was elevated several feet in late July and early August, and paving of both the roadway and bridge took place last week.

Photos of this project are available at
<http://www.marylandroads.com/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectPhotos.asp?projectno=AX469512>.

Again, we are proceeding on schedule to re-open MD 450 to traffic by our August 25 target date, and are working diligently to open the road earlier, by Friday night, August 22 if possible. Once the road is open, the work zone will remain in place for a few more weeks as workers finish the job and clean up.

Thanks for your patience and cooperation. Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime with questions about this or any other SHA project.

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Robert Rager

From: mistypuppy@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2008 9:23 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 OPEN to traffic

Yeah! Yeah! Yeah!! Great job! It looks and rides wonderful.
 I was sooooo tickled to drive over the bridge to work this morning that I honked my horn and waved to the crew.

MD 450 Bridge Replacement and Roadway Elevation

- 1) Do you feel that you were adequately informed in advance about the closing of MD 450? If not, what could SHA have done better? **I think, for those who travel the bridge daily, we had plenty of advance notice via the media and advance signage.**
- 2) Do you feel that you were kept adequately informed about the progress of this project? What could SHA have done better? **I really did appreciate the regular progress reports via e-mail. I shared those with friends and co-workers who travel 450 regularly.**
- 3) If you've driven this road since it re-opened, are you satisfied with the improvements? **The bridge looks wonderful. I was so busy being delighted to breeze through this morning that I really only took a quick look-see. CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE>.....**

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Most of the shadows of this life are caused by standing in our own sunshine.
 R.W. Emerson

Bark less ~ wag more

Smile! The fresh air is good for your teeth!
 Sandi

----- Original message -----

From: Robert Rager <RRager@sha.state.md.us>
 MD 450 over Bacon Ridge Branch near Annapolis was re-opened to traffic this morning, Friday, August 22. The Maryland State Highway Administration thanks you for your patience during this project, and reminds drivers and passengers to buckle up and *Choose Safety for Life*. Visit www.choosesafetyforlife.org.

Note that while the roadway is open to traffic, a work zone will remain in place while we close out this job over the next few weeks. Please help ensure the safety of our employees and contractors - slow down and stay alert when driving through this or any work zone.

Your participation in a quick three-question survey below would help improve future SHA community outreach efforts. Any response or comments via email or phone would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again for your patience during this project. Feel free to contact me anytime with questions about this or any SHA project.

Kind Regards,

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
410-841-1020

MD 450 Bridge Replacement and Roadway Elevation

1) Do you feel that you were adequately informed in advance about the closing of MD 450?
If not, what could SHA have done better?

2) Do you feel that you were kept adequately informed about the progress of this project?
What could SHA have done better?

3) If you've driven this road since it re-opened, are you satisfied with the improvements?

Any additional comments would be welcome:

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Robert Rager

From: Laura Andrews & Heritage Harbour Comm. Assoc. [hhca1@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2008 8:34 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 re-opening

Good Morning Mr. Rager

Thank you so much for keeping us informed. We published info and photos in our August newsletter and I'm sure you have received some calls from our residents. Since I travel this roadway everyday to work, I appreciate the work you all have done to improve the roadway and ease disruption in many of our busy lives. Thank you and all the crew for all the work and planning that went into the project!

Laura, Lodge Office

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: hhca1@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 7:00 PM
Subject: MD 450 re-opening

TO: Heritage Harbour residents and employees

The MD 450 bridge replacement project is proceeding on schedule and we expect to re-open MD 450 to traffic by no later than Monday, August 25. We are making every effort to open the roadway earlier in anticipation of the Renaissance Festival this weekend. As of today, it appears likely that we will be able to open the road to traffic by Friday night. Please note that weather could impact our efforts to open the road early. Also note that safety is our paramount concern, and the Maryland State Highway Administration will not open this or any roadway until it is safe to do so.

Our goal with this project was to complete all work when schools were out - between June 15 and August 25. The new bridge sections were placed by crane in late July. The roadway where flooding frequently occurred was elevated several feet in late July and early August, and paving of both the roadway and bridge took place last week.

Photos of this project are available at <http://www.marylandroads.com/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectPhotos.asp?projectno=AX469512>.

Again, we are proceeding on schedule to re-open MD 450 to traffic by our August 25 target date, and are working diligently to open the road earlier, by Friday night, August 22 if possible. Once the road is open, the work zone will remain in place for a few more weeks as workers finish the job and clean up.

Thanks for your patience and cooperation. Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime with questions about this or any other SHA project.

Kind Regards,

Bob Rager
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Robert Rager

From: steveholcomb1@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 5:29 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: Route 450 Construction and Renaissance Festival

Thank you for your reply. I appreciate you getting back in touch so quickly. I look forward to the reopening and hope all goes well this weekend. Again, thanks.

Steve Holcomb

Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

From: Robert Rager <RRager@sha.state.md.us>
Date: Wed, 20 Aug 2008 12:24:26 -0400
To: Steve and Diane Holcomb<steveholcomb1@comcast.net>
Subject: RE: Route 450 Construction and Renaissance Festival

Mr. and Ms. Holcomb,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the MD 450 bridge replacement project. This project is proceeding on schedule and we expect to re-open MD 450 to through traffic by August 25. We are also making every effort to open the roadway earlier in anticipation of the Renaissance Festival this weekend. As of today, it appears likely that we will be able to open the road to traffic by Friday night. Please note that weather could impact our efforts to open the road early. Also note that safety is our paramount concern, and that the Maryland State Highway Administration will not open this or any roadway until it is safe to do so.

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Kind Regards,

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
410-841-1020

From: Steve and Diane Holcomb [mailto:steveholcomb1@comcast.net]
Sent: Mon 8/18/2008 9:42 PM

Robert Rager

From: Mark Elert [mark.elert@verizon.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2008 9:10 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: RE: Rt. 450 bridge project

Mr. Rager,

Thank you for your complete and very prompt response. I certainly didn't expect to hear back from you on Saturday evening! I will pass this information along to our homeowners, along with the great link to pictures of the project. Thanks again.

Mark Elert

On Sat, Aug 16, 2008 at 9:01 PM, Robert Rager wrote:

Mr. Elert,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the MD 450 bridge replacement. This project is proceeding on schedule and we expect to re-open MD 450 to through traffic by August 25.

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Kind Regards,

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
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From: Mark Elert [mailto:mark.elert@verizon.net]
Sent: Sat 8/16/2008 12:59 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Rt. 450 bridge project

Mr. Rager,

Robert Rager

From: Jim Claffey [jclaffey@erols.com]
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2008 2:18 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 update

Great news. Chesterfield works well, and we'd use it often even with 450 open, but it's a bit hilly if you're tired or a new rider.

Thanks for keeping us informed.

Jim Claffey

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: jclaffey@erols.com
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2008 12:28 PM
Subject: MD 450 update

Hi Jim,

I hope this email finds you and yours well. Just wanted to let you know that paving took place yesterday and we expect to re-open MD 450 over Bacon Ridge Branch by August 25. Possibly sooner with good weather and progress.

We'll still be working there into September but the open-to-traffic date is the one everyone wants to hear.

Have a great weekend!

Bob Rager
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Robert Rager

From: Joan Welch [jmcgwelch@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2008 11:19 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: Route 450

Oh I've checked out the photos and forwarded the link to my neighbors. Although it was an inconvenience, we are all thrilled to not have to drive through the flood anymore.

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Rager <RRager@sha.state.md.us>
To: Joan Welch <jmcgwelch@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, 6 Aug 2008 9:47 am
Subject: RE: Route 450

Ms. Welch,

Thank you for writing regarding MD 450. Our goal with this project was to completely replace the bridge before school starts in Anne Arundel County on August 25. I'm happy to report the bridge replacement and roadway elevation are proceeding on schedule. Weather permitting, we anticipate having the road re-opened to traffic by the end of this month, with all construction completed in September.

Progress photos are posted at <http://www.marylandroads.com/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectPhotos.asp?projectno=AA651212>

Please feel free to contact me anytime with additional questions.

Kind Regards,

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
410-841-1020

From: Joan Welch [<mailto:jmcgwelch@aol.com>]
Sent: Wed 8/6/2008 8:22 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Route 450

I was wondering if there is an estimated opening date for Route 450. I know I am anxious for it to reopen, but at the same time ecstatic that it is being repaired!

Joan Welch
Cheval Trails Neighborhood
Davidsonville, MD

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Robert Rager

From: Laura Andrews & Heritage Harbour Comm. Assoc. [lhca1@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2008 2:06 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 Road Construction Update

Thanks. Will do.
 Laura

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: lhca1@comcast.net
Cc: billcrowley@comcast.net
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2008 1:28 PM
Subject: FW: MD 450 Road Construction Update

TO: [Heritage Harbour](#)

Here's the latest on the MD 450 road construction and bridge replacement project between Annapolis and Crofton. Photos attached; feel free to use them in Harbour Lights if you wish. These are posted with captions at <http://www.marylandroads.com/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectPhotos.asp?projectno=AA651212>.

Feel free to call anytime with questions.

[Bob Rager](#)
 Maryland State Highway Administration
 District 5 Community Liaison
 410-841-1020

From: Robert Rager
Sent: Friday, July 04, 2008 5:23 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: MD 450 Road Construction Update



July 3, 2008

Update on the MD 450 Bridge Replacement over Bacon Ridge Branch

MD 450 was closed to through traffic at Bacon Ridge Branch on June 17. Detour signs have been posted directing motorists to use MD 424 and US 50.

Utility work that started in April is complete as utility companies relocated their lines underground. A portable curtain dam and pump system were installed in Bacon Ridge Branch to keep the work area dry without interrupting the flow of the creek. This also serves as a containment system for work area debris. The old bridge, constructed in 1925, was removed in mid-June along with most of the end walls. New support columns or "piles" have been driven in place on the east side of the bridge area, where most of the work took place in June. Concrete reinforcing bar or "rebar" is being installed, and new concrete end walls will be poured around

this metal in the coming weeks. Placement of stone fills has begun along MD 450 east of the bridge site to raise the road elevation and eliminate flooding.

What's Next:

Driving of piles on the west side of the bridge area should start the week of July 7.

The new bridge will be a precast structure and will be brought to the site in about 12 sections. This type of design allows SHA to replace a small bridge quickly and with minimal environmental impacts. Weather permitting, MD 450 over Bacon Ridge Branch is on schedule to be re-opened to traffic in September.

Photos:

A link to construction progress photos will be provided in the next update in mid-July.

Feel free to contact me anytime with questions, and remember to "think orange" for safety. When driving in a construction zone -- slow down, stay alert and expect the unexpected.

*Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
410-841-1020*

You are receiving this email because you asked to be included in the e-news updates for this SHA project. If you received this email in error or if you wish to unsubscribe, send the project name along with "unsubscribe" in an email to rrager@sha.state.md.us.

Robert Rager

From: Jim Claffey [jclaffey@erols.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 4:36 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450

Thanks. I'll get a note in the July newsletter, which should go out sometime near the beginning of next week.

jac

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: [Jim Claffey](#)
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 4:31 PM
Subject: RE: MD 450

Jim,

Both bridges are passable for bicyclists - no closures. But certainly some cautions. The Oceanic Drive bridge has been reduced from two lanes in each direction to one lane in each direction during construction. We've put concrete barriers down the center line and are working on half of the bridge at a time. No flagging, no shoulder room to speak of, so cyclists might treat the bridge like any 2-lane road and work into traffic when crossing. While it's possible for cyclists to use the opposing lane if it's empty, I wouldn't encourage it since many of the ramps to the bridge are sharp and traffic can appear out of nowhere pretty quickly. Fortunately, there isn't any real traffic to speak of during the week.

Rockhold Creek is a different animal. Rather than close this two-lane bridge entirely, we are reducing it from one lane in each direction to one lane TOTAL. We've installed traffic signals at each end of the bridge to regulate flow since both directions will be using the same lane to cross the bridge. This also allows us to work on half the bridge at a time while keeping it open to traffic. While the single lane here may be wide enough to accommodate cyclists, I think it might be safer to wait and work into traffic from the red signal (so that the vehicle immediately behind you knows where you are and will serve as a buffer) as opposed to staying to the side and having a parade of anxious drivers pass you on the bridge.

Hope this helps!

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
410-841-1020

From: Jim Claffey [mailto:jclaffey@erols.com]
Sent: Mon 6/23/2008 4:06 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450

Just checking - are the Oceanic Drive and Rockhold Creek bridges passable (with care) for a cyclist, or are they completely blocked as 450 is?

Jim Claffey

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)

To: jclaffey@erols.com

Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 7:36 AM

Subject: MD 450

Jim,

Many thanks for mentioning the MD 450 closure/detour in your June Tailwind. Attached are a few progress photos. We are really moving on this and have every expectation that the road will be open to traffic again by early September.

If you don't mind... I'd love any comments you have or may have heard regarding the cycling detour. Please encourage AABC members to contact me directly with questions, comments, complaints, etc.

Not sure if it affects AABC members - but we're also working on the Oceanic Drive bridge (Sandy Point State Park access - the bridge over US 50) and the Rockhold Creek bridge (MD 258 headed into Deale). Happy to provide details on these if you need them.

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
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Robert Rager

From: Scott DeGraffenreid [SDEGRAFFENREID@us.westfield.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 9:38 AM
To: Robert Rager
Cc: Adam Tracey; Peter Goodman
Subject: RE: MD 450 road update

Thanks, I'll put the information in this week's memo to our tenants.

Scott deGraffenreid / Marketing Director / Westfield Annapolis
 2002 Annapolis Mall / Annapolis, MD 21401
 T 410.266.5432 / M 410.562.0212 / sdegraffenreid@westfield.com



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From: Robert Rager [mailto:RRager@sha.state.md.us]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 9:28 AM
To: Scott DeGraffenreid
Subject: MD 450 road update

Hi Scott,

Hope all is well. I haven't seen any road info in the Mall update and wanted to make sure everyone is aware of the MD 450 closure and schedule.

MD 450 was closed to traffic on June 17, about 1 mile west of the Crownsville Road/South Haven Road intersection. This is about 5 minutes west of Annapolis Mall. It will remain closed through early September while a bridge is replaced and the roadway is elevated to eliminate flooding.

Detour signs are posted. Motorists who normally use MD 450 between Annapolis and Bowie/Crofton are encouraged to use US 50 and MD 424.

As of June 23, the MD 450 bridge over Bacon Ridge Branch has been removed and work is progressing according to schedule.

Bob Rager
 Maryland State Highway Administration
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Robert Rager

From: Scott DeGraffenreid [SDEGRAFFENREID@us.westfield.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2008 10:32 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: RE: Mall traffic - brochures

Drop them off anytime...at my office or the shopping concierge center. Thanks for following up.

Scott deGraffenreid / Marketing Director / Westfield Annapolis
2002 Annapolis Mall / Annapolis, MD 21401
T 410.266.5432 / M 410.562.0212 / sdegraffenreid@westfield.com

From: Robert Rager [mailto:RRager@sha.state.md.us]
Sent: Tue 5/27/2008 11:29 AM
To: Scott DeGraffenreid
Subject: Mall traffic - brochures

Hi Scott,

We met a few weeks ago regarding road state highway work that may affect mall traffic. Per our discussion, I have some brochures ready for the information kiosk and was wondering... can I just drop them in or is there a formal process for this?

Thanks!

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
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Robert Rager

From: GEORGE SWEGER [gmsweger@verizon.net]
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2008 1:37 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: MD 450 Bridge Project

Bob Rager,

Help. The entrance to our community, The Ridges, is immediately adjacent to the road closure on MD 450. Very few cars turn back at Crownsville Road, even though there is a "Road Closed" sign, and so they end up at the blocked road and turn into our community looking for a way to get through. We are getting loads of traffic on our deadend street, Woodsmans Way, for all the wrong reasons. I am requesting that a large sign be immediately erected at the community entrance (Ridges Gateway) clearly stating there is no way to detour or way to get past the work zone.

George Sweger
618 Woodsman Way
410-266-9375 (H)
410-971-6174 (C)

Robert Rager

From: Jim Claffey [jclaffey@erols.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 12:01 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: More cycle-related closures

Thanks for the note and the photos. Our newsletter will go out next weekend, and I'll try to put a note about this out at the same time.

jac

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: [Jim Claffey](#)
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 8:22 AM
Subject: More cycle-related closures

Hi Jim,

Hope you had a good weekend. Wanted to let you know that 1) Rutland Road is still closed and Anne Arundel says it will be closed for another week or so, and 2) SHA has begun work on the MD 908D bridge. This is the bridge over US 50 going into Sandy Point State Park - last exit from US 50 eastbound before the Bay Bridge. I've seen several cyclists crossing this bridge and it is dangerous. We've cut the road in half with concrete barriers down the center and there now is only one lane in each direction with little shoulder space. (Normally this bridge is two lanes in each direction). This will allow us to keep the roadway open during construction since workers can repair half of the bridge at a time behind the barriers. We'll be doing a complete deck overlay/resurfacing this summer and into early fall.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Bob Rager
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Robert Rager

From: Jim Claffey [jclaffey@erols.com]
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2008 11:50 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 near Crownsville to close in June
Attachments: June08.pdf

Sure, the detour should be fine. We do have a small group of 'hard-core' that ride that route off and on each summer, and we have no problems with any of those roads - in fact, I was on parts of that route yesterday.

I've attached a preliminary copy of the newsletter. I've an artical to add, and a bit of wordsmithing to complete, but the notice on the closure is in the middle of page one.

Jim Claffey

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: [Jim Claffey](#)
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2008 8:57 AM
Subject: RE: MD 450 near Crownsville to close in June

Thanks, Jim. I drove the cycle detour route - there are no shoulders or limited shoulders along St. Stephens Church and Chesterfield. Also a lot of shade on Chesterfield. Might help to advise cyclists not to use this road too early or too late in the day since it can get dark.

Thank you very much for offering to put a notice in the June newsletter. I'll look for it online. Don't hesitate to call if there's anything I can do to help you or the Annapolis Bicycle Club.

Enjoy the holiday weekend!

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
410-841-1020

From: Jim Claffey [mailto:jclaffey@erols.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2008 1:01 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 near Crownsville to close in June

After I sent my last inquiry, I realized I was looking at the wrong bridge. I thought you were going to work on the bridge over the North River, which is only a few hundred feet west of the intersection of St Stephens Church and 450. Rereading your email, I see that it is clear you are to be working on the bridge which is nearly a mile east of that point.

Sorry about the confusion. I'll put a notice in our June newsletter, which should go out at the end of this month.

Jim Claffey

| ----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: President@annapolisbicycleclub.org
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 10:09 AM
Subject: MD 450 near Crownsville to close in June

TO: President, Annapolis Bicycle Club

The Maryland State Highway Administration will close MD 450 (Defense Highway) to through traffic between Rutland Road/St. Stephens Church Road and Crownsville Road on or about June 9, 2008, for replacement of the MD 450 bridge over Bacon Ridge Branch (headwaters of the South River). Vehicle traffic will be detoured via MD 424 (Davidsonville Rd) and US 50. Bicycle traffic will be detoured via Crownsville Road, Chesterfield Road and St. Stephens Church Road. Signs will be posted for both detour routes.

Construction will include elevation of MD 450 east of the bridge to eliminate flooding. The new bridge will also feature wide shoulders to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian traffic. MD 450 is scheduled to reopen to traffic in September.

I will include ABC in our e-news updates on the project. Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime with questions.

Sincerely,

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
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Robert Rager

From: Jim Claffey [jclaffey@erols.com]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 2:52 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 near Crownsville to close in June

Thanks for the clarification. We often find that bikes can safely pass through areas closed to cars, although we realize we need to be doubly careful when doing that.

Yes, I'll be running the Crabtowne 'Hills of Crownsville' ride - I'm also a member of the ski club. We expect to come south on St. Stephen's Church, east for a few feet on 450, and then south again on Rutland. That's the only scheduled ride I'm aware of in the area, although there are some other clubs that might use that area as well. (Annapolis Bicycle Racing Team (the old Snow Valley group), Annapolis Triathlon, and Severna Park Pelathon are possible.)

But actually, I've seen little bike traffic up there, at least in any organized sense. We have a small group of about 4 -8 that often ride in that area on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, but they don't always past 450 at that point, and are flexible enough to just turn around and try something else if it's blocked. Our Saturday morning rides out of the Davidsonville Park and Ride at 424 and US 50 do head that way once or twice a summer, but as long as we know it's closed it'll be no problem.

The Davidsonville Park and Ride does host a lot of different groups on Saturday mornings over the summer. I have been thinking I needed to develop a list of them, but I haven't had time. Anyway, the Baltimore Bike Club and the Washington Area Bicycle Association (WABA) might be interested. And contacting the Bike Doctor stores in Parole and Severna Park and Capital Bicycles in Annapolis would probably help get the word out.

Oh, and the county still has Rutland closed...I drove though there this afternoon.

I'll pass on the information to anyone I see.

Thanks
 Jim Claffey

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](#)
To: [Jim Claffey](#)
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 11:25 AM
Subject: RE: MD 450 near Crownsville to close in June

Good point of clarification; I do apologize for any confusion. Yes, cyclists should be able to cross MD 450 between St. Stephens Church Road and Rutland Road, depending of course on Anne Arundel County's plans for those roads. (Both are County-maintained roads.) Rutland was actually closed at MD 450 this past weekend due to storm damage. County crews are working to install a pipe and refill/resurface this portion of Rutland.

Do you or Crabtowne have any events planned that would touch this area - MD 450 or nearby sidestreets? I'm wondering if perhaps this construction could have an impact on event permits. Does the Crownsville Hills ride bring you through here?

Any insights you can share regarding cycling traffic on these roads would be MUCH appreciated.

Thank You!

[Bob Rager](#)

Maryland State Highway Administration
 District 5 Community Liaison
 410-841-1020

From: Jim Claffey [mailto:jclaffey@erols.com]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 10:52 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: MD 450 near Crownsville to close in June

Thanks for the 'heads up'.

If I read my map correctly, this means it will not be possible for a bicycle to cross 450 from St Stevens Church to Rutland Rd during the closure?

Thanks again for the warning. As soon as you verify that, I'll notify the bike ride leader of Crabtowne Skiers.

Jim Claffey
 President, Annapolis Bicycle Club

----- Original Message -----

From: [Robert Rager](mailto:Robert.Rager@annapolisbicycleclub.org)
To: President@annapolisbicycleclub.org
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 10:09 AM
Subject: MD 450 near Crownsville to close in June

TO: President, Annapolis Bicycle Club

The Maryland State Highway Administration will close MD 450 (Defense Highway) to through traffic between Rutland Road/St. Stephens Church Road and Crownsville Road on or about June 9, 2008, for replacement of the MD 450 bridge over Bacon Ridge Branch (headwaters of the South River). Vehicle traffic will be detoured via MD 424 (Davidsonville Rd) and US 50. Bicycle traffic will be detoured via Crownsville Road, Chesterfield Road and St. Stephens Church Road. Signs will be posted for both detour routes.

Construction will include elevation of MD 450 east of the bridge to eliminate flooding. The new bridge will also feature wide shoulders to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian traffic. MD 450 is scheduled to reopen to traffic in September.

I will include ABC in our e-news updates on the project. Please don't hesitate to contact me anytime with questions.

Sincerely,

Bob Rager
 Maryland State Highway Administration
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Robert Rager

From: Ed Caldeira (Caldeira Quality) [Ed@FirstTimeQuality.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2008 3:37 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: RE: Bicycle detour- MD450 over Bacon Ridge Branch

Thanks Bob.

-Ed Caldeira

-----Original Message-----

From: Robert Rager [mailto:RRager@sha.state.md.us]
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 9:52 AM
To: Ed Caldeira (Caldeira Quality)
Subject: RE: Bicycle detour- MD450 over Bacon Ridge Branch

Mr. Caldeira,

Thank you for your inquiry. SHA will post signs for the bicycle detour, which is scheduled to run from from Crownsville Rd. to Chesterfield Rd. to St. Stephens Church Rd. I don't have an exact mileage but would be glad to get that if it would help - just let me know. Note that the new bridge will have wide shoulders to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
410-841-1020

From: Ed Caldeira (Caldeira Quality) [mailto:Ed@FirstTimeQuality.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 18, 2008 4:27 PM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Bicycle detour- MD450 over Bacon Ridge Branch

Bob, Regarding MD450 over Bacon Ridge Branch

Will the bridge outage affect the ability for bicycles to pass?
If so, what detour route would cyclists use, considering US 50 is not an option.

-Ed Caldeira

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Robert Rager

From: joanschulz@verizon.net
Sent: Monday, May 19, 2008 11:28 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Re: RE: Rutland Road

Thanks for the info.

From: Robert Rager <RRager@sha.state.md.us>
Date: 2008/05/17 Sat AM 07:09:19 CDT
To: joanschulz@verizon.net
Cc: John Mays <JMays@sha.state.md.us>, Gregory Welker <GWelker@sha.state.md.us>, James Folden <jfolden@sha.state.md.us>, Kellie Boulware <kboulwarel@sha.state.md.us>, David Buck <DBuck1@sha.state.md.us>, Charlie Gischlar <CGischlar@sha.state.md.us>, Sandra Dobson <SDobson1@sha.state.md.us>
Subject: RE: Rutland Road

Rutland RoadMs. Schulz, Thank you for your inquiry regarding Rutland Road. In general, the Maryland State Highway Administration maintains numbered roadways (e.g., MD 450) and intersections. This portion of Rutland Road is maintained entirely by Anne Arundel County.

I spoke with Anne Arundel County officials this morning upon receiving your email, and have been informed that construction is scheduled to begin today for the portion of Rutland Road you referenced. This road was undermined during last week's storm - the water flow was so strong during the storm that it washed out underneath the road, creating an unsafe driving condition. Anne Arundel County officials determined that the best solution was to close the road temporarily and install a new pipe under the road to reduce the risk of future flooding and road damage. Detour signs have been posted and will remain in place during construction. Anne Arundel County expects construction to be completed by early next week, weather permitting. Note that this construction is not related to SHA's upcoming replacement of the MD 450 bridge just east of Rutland Road. I will gladly keep you informed of SHA's progress on that project if you like - just let me know. Thank you again for your inquiry. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have additional questions. Sincerely, Bob RagerMaryland State Highway

AdministrationDistrict 5 Community Liaison410-841-1020
From: joanschulz@verizon.net [mailto:joanschulz@verizon.net]
Sent: Sat 5/17/2008 7:21 AM
To: Robert Rager
Subject: Rutland Road

Mr. Rager:

How long will Rutland Road(AA County)between MD 450 and Lavall Drive be closed?

Joan

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Half man - Half demon

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road closure affecting those who take "traditional
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Found on the Lj of Acroyear:

Baltimore Traffic Examiner - SHA To Close Section Of MD 450 Near Annapolis Over the Summer - Examiner.com:

(June 3, 2008) - Beginning in mid-June, the Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) will close a section of MD 450 (Defense Highway) to through traffic between Crofton and Annapolis to replace the bridge over Bacon Ridge Branch (headwaters of the South River).

The road will close between Rutland Road and the Ridges Gateway Road after schools are dismissed for summer break and remain closed until this fall, weather permitting, and detour signs will be posted.

Motorists will be detoured to MD 424 (Davidsonville Rd) and US 50 (John Hanson Highway) during the construction: Eastbound MD 450 traffic will be directed to turn right onto MD 424 and proceed south; turn right onto the ramp for eastbound US 50 / US 301 ramp, then connect to the ramp for MD 450 (Defense Highway) exit heading east. Westbound MD 450 traffic will be directed to take US 50 / US 301 ramp heading onto westbound US 50, and turn left onto westbound MD 450. The detour will be lifted prior to the fall start of the 2008-2009 school year. All construction is expected to be completed by the end of September, weather permitting.

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Visitors

We have had
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8/25/05.

This road was the main route recommended by the festival back in the 90s and early 2000s, the one published in their newspaper advertisements. Many performers still use it and probably need to be reminded it won't work.

The better route is that posted on the MDRF website - 50 to Aris T Allen, first right to Riva Road, right at the stoplight for Harry S. Truman (Shell station is across the street on your left), follow that around to it's T-intersection end at South Haven and take a right. South Haven turns into Crownsville Rd and there you are.

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"Oh, that's all we need, a god gone mad from lack of sleep." - Beowulf



uppityactor

Fest Rat




King Henry VIII
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Bring hither the next
wife!



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Remarkable lack of titles, except for August through October



englishrose

Mundane



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Re: road closure affecting those who take "traditi

« Reply #2 on Jun 22, 2008, 9:08pm »



It would be nice if it were lifted by the time it's open to the public.
Lord knows I won't remember it's closed 😞

Lumpy

King o' ye Realm

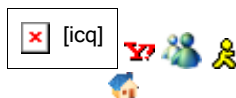
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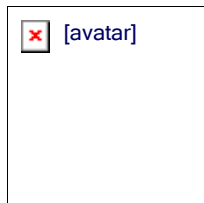


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willpaisley
Friend of Faire



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Lumpy

King o' ye Realm



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who take "traditi

« Reply #3 on Aug 15, 2008, 9:54am »

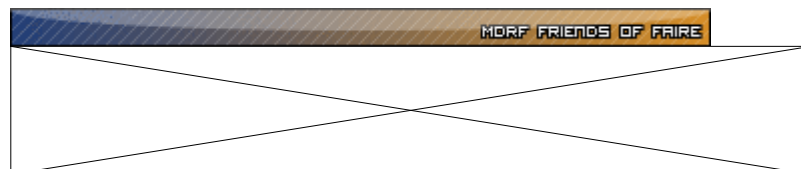


quote

450 is open from Generals Hwy to Crownsville Rd, past Crownsville rd it is closed to traffic.

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"A friend is one who knows who you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still gently allows you to grow."
William Shakespeare



Re: road closure affecting those who take "traditi

« Reply #4 on Aug 15, 2008, 12:24pm »



quote

Aug 15, 2008, 9:54am, Lumpy wrote:

450 is open from Generals Hwy to Crownsville Rd, past Crownsville rd it is closed to traffic.

Dumb question (my specialty) - this will affect the general after-faire exodus to Famous Dave's/Red Robin/Restaurant Row, will it not (or have I completely reversed the open/closed sections)?

« Last Edit: Aug 15, 2008, 12:26pm by willpaisley »

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Master Will Paisley - Minstrel, Interrupted
Yeoman-Purser of the Frigate Up Royally (now under new management!)
Bard #400 (the CD bard)
Faire name - "Flo's husband"
Manservant to Mistress von Cleavage, awaiting other accoutrements

Re: road closure affecting those who take "traditi

« Reply #5 on Aug 15, 2008, 12:31pm »



quote

Aug 15, 2008, 12:24pm, willpaisley wrote:

Aug 15, 2008, 9:54am, Lumpy wrote:

450 is open from Generals Hwy to Crownsville Rd, past Crownsville rd it is closed to traffic.



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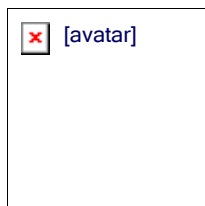
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I'm in ur grove, aerializing ur trees



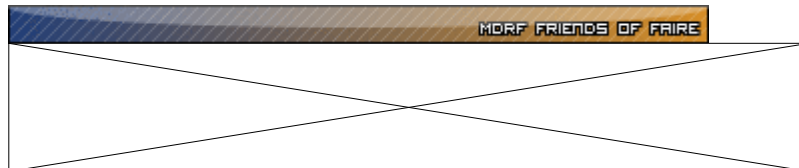
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jubilee

Dumb question (my specialty) - this will affect the general after-faire exodus to Famous Dave's/Red Robin/Restaurant Row, will it not (or have I completely reversed the open/closed sections)?

Yes you have it reversed.

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 William Shakespeare



Re: road closure affecting those who take "traditi

« Reply #6 on Aug 25, 2008, 8:07am »



MD 450 near Crownsville OPENED to traffic on Friday morning, August 22. Bridge replacement is finished. Work zone will remain in place for a few more weeks as we wrap up the job but the road will remain OPEN. I work with the State Highway Administration, Annapolis office. Would appreciate any feedback on the project or the manner in which SHA kept the public informed about the road closing and construction progress. Thank you!

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Re: road closure affecting those who take "traditi

« Reply #7 on Aug 25, 2008, 10:46am »



Aug 25, 2008, 8:07am, shad05 wrote:

Would appreciate any feedback on the project or the manner in which SHA kept the public informed about the road closing and construction progress. Thank you!

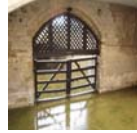
Saturday morning I noticed that the warning about the road closure was gone from the festival's web site, but the alternate directions were still posted. The SHA web site still said that the project was underway, and there was no mention of the road being open again.

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(Peanut)

Rennie

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Traitors Gate at the tower of London



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Re: road closure affecting those who take "traditi

« Reply #8 on Aug 25, 2008, 11:13am »



If anyone wants yet another alt route to take: From 50 take the exit for 3 (I think 13?). Go past 450 on 3 and take a right on to St Stephen's Church Road. You'll go about half a mile before the road veers to the right. Follow the road for about 3 or 4 miles. Take a left on to Chesterfield Rd (I think?) and follow that out to Crownsville Rd. Just take a left and you'll recognize where you are.



LadyGodith
 Mundane



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Re: road closure affecting those who take "traditi

« Reply #9 on Aug 25, 2008, 11:50am »



Okay, I'll be honest here, I was totally blonde Saturday morning and came up my old route: Rt50 to 3 to 450, through 2 lights and left to the Faire. It was OPEN folks, and it looks like it will remain open.

~Kerri

shad05
 Mundane



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Re: road closure affecting those who take "traditi

« Reply #10 on Aug 25, 2008, 12:00pm »



Please spread the word to fellow Friends of Faire - MD 450 is indeed OPEN and will remain so as we work to wrap up the project. Comments and questions about this project are welcome at contact below. Thanks!

Bob Rager
 Maryland State Highway Administration
 District 5 Community Liaison
 410-841-1020
 rrager@sha.state.md.us

apacuska
Mundane



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Joined: Aug 2008
Gender: Female
Posts: 6
Karma: 1

Oz & Amustela
Friend of Faire



member is offline



"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy" -Benjamin Franklin-

Joined: Mar 2006
Gender: Male
Posts: 455
Location: Reston, Va.
Karma: 18

jenniferlynn aka Irish
Playtron



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Co-Founder of the
Screaming Drunken
Wenches



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Re: road closure affecting those who take "traditi

« Reply #11 on Aug 25, 2008, 12:45pm »



Good thing it's reopened, I look forward every weekend morning to those happy curves and sun dappled soggy zones. I didn't know what I'd do without those curves.

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Noblesse Henchbabe

Re: road closure affecting those who take "traditi

« Reply #12 on Aug 25, 2008, 3:56pm »



Much quicker way to go is to stay on RT50 and get off at the Parole exit (exit 21 or 21) make a left 2 lights down, go a couple miles and turn right on Crownsville rd. This route is way faster with little or no traffic.

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Re: road closure affecting those who take "traditi

« Reply #13 on Aug 26, 2008, 6:33am »



What Oz n' A said 😊

I believe it's exit 23 - Parole - and hug the right curb!!! It's a sharp exit!!! But WAY quicker...

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jenn ~ SDW
www.myspace.com/truirishredhead
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~ Hold on now ~ Don't leave don't let it go ~ Dance away the waltz of life ~ Right or wrong ~ The seed we never sow ~ That's our loss ~ Our sacrifice... Kamelot



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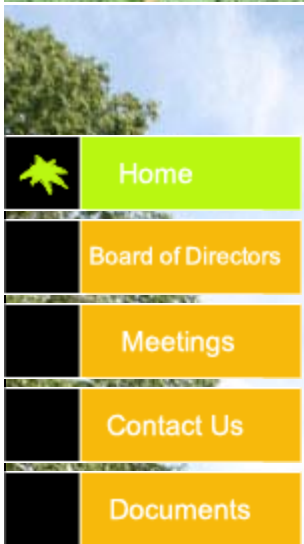
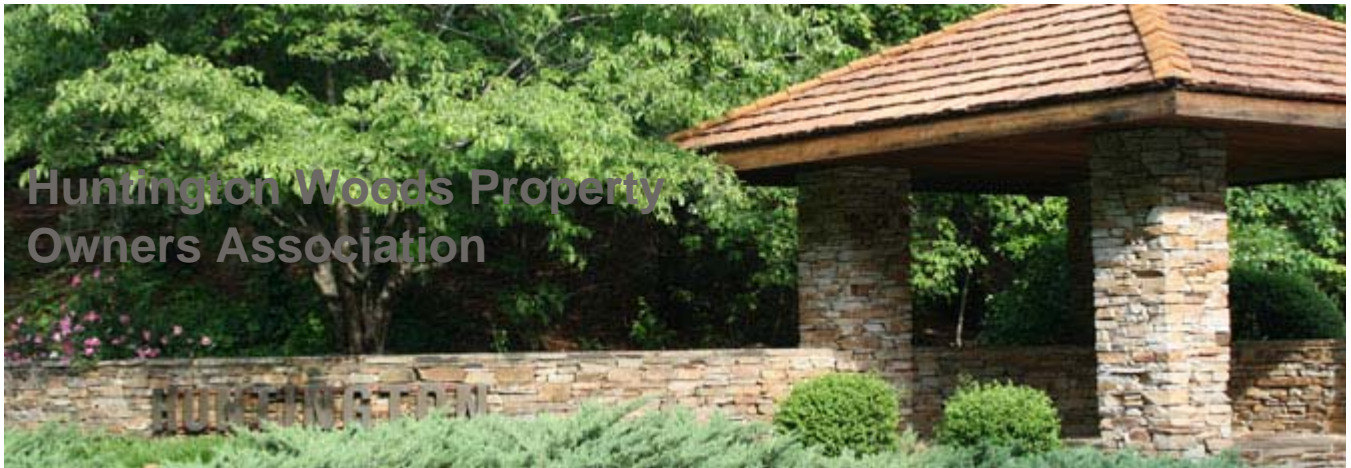


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Huntington Woods

Huntington Woods is located in Gambrills, Maryland. The community is situated off Md. 450 between Md. 424 (Davidsonville Road) and the South River.

The neighborhood is distinctive for its preservation of a wooded environment for its 64 homesites. The community is surrounded by woods, flood plain, and open spaces, which give a feeling of seclusion, yet the neighborhood is only minutes from major thoroughfares that place Annapolis, Washington, and Baltimore within easy reach.


Rt. 450 Bridge Update

Rt. 450 east of Huntington Woods reopened on August 22, a few days ahead of schedule. The road has been closed this summer for a bridge replacement project where Rt. 450 crosses the headwaters of the South River. Pictures of the project are available on the [MDSHA web site](#). It's smooth sailing from Huntington Woods to Annapolis again!

[Community Location Map](#)

Robert Rager

From: Arch Blocher [ABlocher@Verizon.Net]
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2008 6:48 PM
Cc: Robert Rager
Subject: Annapolis Preserve Bulletin: State Highway Administration Solicits Comments & Feedback



Annapolis Preserve
Homeowners Association


Date: August 22, 2008 Issue: 2008/2

State Highway Administration Solicits Annapolis Preserve Resident Comments and Feedback

The Maryland State Highway Administration is interested to hear from local residents concerning the conduct of the recent MD 450 bridge replacement project.

This is the first SHA project where they have made a concerted outreach effort to residents both before and during construction. The SHA encourages residents to respond to the below short survey as well as provide further comment that may be appropriate.

SHA Survey Questions



MD 450 Bridge Replacement and Roadway Evaluation

- 1) Do you feel that you were adequately informed in advance about the closing of MD 450?
- 2) Do you feel that you were kept adequately informed about the progress of this project?
- 3) What could SHA have done better?

Replies may be submitted to Bob Rager, SHA District 5 Community Liaison at RRager@sha.state.md.us or call at 410-841-1020

Responsible Annapolis Preserve community feedback is encouraged as a means of improving Maryland SHA awareness and responsiveness to our resident future needs or concerns.

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Community Bulletin

Robert Rager**From:** ABlocher [ablocher@verizon.net]**Sent:** Monday, August 18, 2008 10:33 PM**Cc:** Robert Rager**Subject:** Annapolis Preserve Bulletin: MD 450 Bridge Replacement Project Update


Annapolis Preserve
Homeowners Association

August 17, 2008 Issue: 2008-1

Status Update
MD 450 Bridge Replacement Over Bacon Ridge Branch

This Bulletin is provided to you in order to communicate the status of the bridge replacement work along MD 450.

The Maryland State Highway Administration has reported that the project work is on schedule for completion on August 25 at which time it will be open to through traffic. This will allow traffic flow in time for the start of new school year.

Below find details as provided by Highway Administration—

This project is proceeding on schedule and we expect to re-open MD 450 to through traffic by August 25.

Our goal with this project was to complete all work when schools were out - between June 15 and August 25. The new bridge sections were placed by crane in late July. The roadway where flooding frequently occurred was elevated several feet in late July and early August, and paving of both the roadway and bridge took place last week.

Again, we are proceeding on schedule to re-open MD 450 to traffic by August 25. Once the road is open, the work zone will remain in place for a few more weeks as workers finish the job and clean up.

Bob Rager
Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison

Photos of the project work are available at —
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Community Bulletin

Update on the MD 450 Bridge Replacement over Bacon Ridge Branch - July 3, 2008

MD 450 was closed to through traffic at Bacon Ridge Branch on June 17. Detour signs have been posted directing motorists to use MD 424 and US 50.

Utility work that started in April is complete as utility companies relocated their lines underground. A portable curtain dam and pump system were installed in Bacon Ridge Branch to keep the work area dry without interrupting the flow of the creek. This also serves as a containment system for work area debris.

The old bridge, constructed in 1925, was removed in mid-June along with most of the end walls. New support columns or "piles" have been driven in place on the east side of the bridge area, where most of the work took place in June. Concrete reinforcing bar or "rebar" is being installed, and new concrete end walls will be poured around this metal in the coming weeks. Placement of stone fills has begun along MD 450 east of the bridge site to raise the road elevation and eliminate flooding.

What's Next: Driving of piles on the west side of the bridge area should start the week of July 7.

The new bridge will be a precast structure and will be brought to the site in about 12 sections. This type of design allows SHA to replace a small bridge quickly and with minimal environmental impacts. Weather permitting, MD 450 over Bacon Ridge Branch is on schedule to be re-opened to traffic in September.

Feel free to contact me anytime with questions, and remember to "think orange" for safety. When driving in a construction zone -- slow down, stay alert and expect the unexpected.

Bob Rager

*Maryland State Highway Administration
District 5 Community Liaison
410-841-1020*



Large stones have been placed along MD 450 east of the bridge in preparation for road work. The roadway will be raised several feet in its current location.



Steel piles (columns) were driven in the creek bed at the east side of the bridge opening. The metal reinforcing bars (rebar) were then tied together and anchored to the piles. The new concrete wall will be poured around the rebar assembly.



Sandbag walls are being erected to channel stormwater runoff through sediment controls such as stones, silt fence, straw bales or grass. This process helps keep excess silt from washing into the stream. This control system is on the east side of the bridge area, where MD 450 will be elevated to eliminate roadway flooding.

Welcome Verizon

On Friday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. in the Lodge Auditorium, a Verizon representative will answer questions about Verizon services and provide help if needed. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*Tom Russell, Chair
TV Committee*

Are You
Bonking on
Long Rides?
See Page 2

Tailwind



“George Washington rode here”

June 2008

Saturday Rides start at 8AM



Beginning Saturday, June 7th, Saturday rides will roll at 8 AM. Remember that we now are looking for slower riders to ride with us from the Park and Ride at Route 50 and Maryland 424 (Davidsonville Road). We usually try to make Galesville and back on country roads (about 30 miles) but we'll adjust to whatever the group prefers.

Try to get there a little early – enthusiastic riders get a little anxious if forced to wait for a late arrival! And if you can't make it by 8 AM, or Saturday is a bad day, or Saturday rides are too fast, check out Crabtowne-Skiers.org We've been invited to ride with them!

Maryland 450 (Defense Highway) Detour

Defense Highway will be closed between Rutland and Crownsville Roads on or about June 9th this summer. Bicycles will be detoured via Crownsville, Chesterfield, and St Stephen's Church roads. St Stephens Church and Chesterfield are nice rides, but are narrow, may be dark, and often are without shoulders – so stay alert! Automobile traffic will be detoured via MD 424 (Davidsonville Road) and US 50.

The detour is to allow replacement of the MD 450 bridge over the headwaters of the South River, and to raise MD 450 on the east side of the bridge to help eliminate the flooding that occasionally occurs there. Cyclists will be able to cross 450 at the St. Stephens Church/Rutland Road intersection.



This Month's Big Bicycle Event!



You're sure to be hearing and seeing a lot about this one. On June 7th riders begin mounting their bikes in Oceanside, California, and will be hitting the finish line 3,000 miles later in Annapolis. Finishers are expected to reach Annapolis between June 17th and June 20th. There are four divisions, solo and two, four, and eight person teams.

This is not a staged race – it starts in California, runs 30% farther than the Tour de France, and ends in Annapolis. With no stops or rest days the riders finish in half the time of the famous Tour. This is basically a 3,000 mile, 14 state time trial with 100,000 feet of climbing thrown in for good measure! Check out the web site at www.raceacrossamerica.org And try to be around the City Docks during that week to help greet the riders, or, volunteer to help!



Annapolis Bicycle Club Transcontinental Tour

Riding a bit slower than the RAAM contestants, but still headed this way, long-time ABC members Wayne and Kristina Carpenter are also on their bikes, having started 15 April from Laguna Woods, California. Wayne is seen at the left, with Amber supervising. When last heard of earlier this week, they were in Fort Hancock, Texas, right near the Mexican border. You can follow their adventures at <http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/racinglizards>

Tailwind



“George Washington rode here”

July 2008

The Summer Swim and Ride is Back!



August 10th will see us riding, swimming, and eating at another fun-filled ABC summer event! We'll have an optional, easy, no-drop ride, followed by a pot-luck around Pinto Soin's pool in the Mulberry Hill area, near the Naval Station and David Taylor Research Center. Past experience tells us there'll be plenty to eat, and this year there'll be a grill available in case you want to bring some hot dogs or burgers to grill.

SAVE THE DATE, SUNDAY, 10 AUGUST 2008. And begin thinking about what you'd like to bring for the pot luck picnic. We'll supply more details as we get closer to the event.

Local Team completes California to Annapolis Race!



Annapolis Mayor Ellen Moyer welcomes local team

Ken Shuart, Annapolis; Jody Bennett, Washington DC; Stuart Levy; Vienna VA; and Stuart “Buster” Laurenson, Loudon County, VA completed the ride from Oceanside California in 7 days, 16 hours, and 30 minutes for an overall average of 16.34 miles per hour. Amazingly, the team riders all looked happy and in good shape as they crossed the finish line at Annapolis Mall! Team members were also involved in the Ride4Melanoma ride in Galesville on April 20th where they raised over \$3000 to support the Children's Melanoma Prevention Foundation's SunAware program, and they hope to generate even more funds for the program as a result of this ride.

The most unbelievable ride was turned in by Jure Robic, a Slovenian Army Officer. He completed the ride in 8 days, 23 hours, and 33 minutes – but of course, he didn't ride continuously. He is reported to have had a whole 18 hours off the bike, total, for eating and sleeping during the entire ride. Crossing the plains states, he acquired a big tailwind and was clocked at 45 mph for nearly a whole day. Samuel Zbogor, Slovenia's Ambassador to the United States was on hand to congratulate Robic. This is Jure's fourth win of the RAAM His website is <http://www.jurerobic.net/> but unless you read Slovenian, it's not too informative. Nice videos, though!

Tailwind

Detours of the Month



Areas to avoid if possible, otherwise, use extreme care:

- Oceanic Drive bridge (Sandy Point State Park access - the bridge over US 50)
- Rockhold Creek bridge (MD 258 near Deale).

As for MD 450, Don't even think about it – see the photo on the right!



Photo: MD State Highway Admin

Rides This Month:

- Saturday rides (ABC) start at 8 AM
- Monday rides, 6 PM from Bike Doctor, Annapolis - 410 266-7383
- Thursday rides, 5 PM from Capital Bicycles, Annapolis - 410 626-2197
- Saturday rides, 8 AM from Capital Bicycles, Annapolis - 410 626-2197
- Sunday, July 6: 9 AM – 12 PM: Bike the Hills of Crownsville – Jim Claffey 410 956-5219
- Saturday, July 16: 9 AM – 6 PM: Bike Ride and Splash (CT) – Teddy Blandi 410 827-6671
- Saturday, July 19 8 AM – 4 PM [Mid Atlantic Bent](#), Linthicum, MD
- Sunday, July 20: 9 AM – 12 PM: Davidsonville/Galesville (CT) – Jim Claffey 410 956-5219
- Saturday, July 26 - [Shenandoah Valley Bike Festival](#)
- July 24-27 - [CAM](#) (Cycle Across Maryland)

CT indicates a Crabtowne Skiers ride. We've been invited to ride with Crabtowne, so feel free to call them. Their rides usually include a group riding at a slower pace than the ABC rides. Info is available at <http://crabtowne-skiers.org/biking.html> For all rides, call the number listed for distances and speeds expected.

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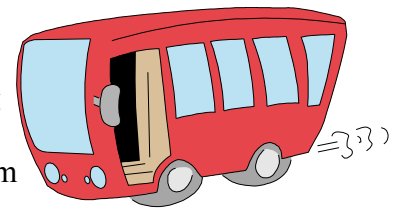
The next time you're in downtown Annapolis, stop by the Harbormasters' office at the City Docks. They have bikes available for you to use around town, and the price is right – *they're FREE!*

Yes, just swipe a credit card and get a nice, new, city bike to use during the day. They give you a lock, and the bikes are equipped with a large basket so you can easily carry your purchases. They're available from while the Harbormaster's office is open, currently 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM.

Baltimore Area Buses Get Bike Racks

By this Fall, all of Baltimore's buses will be equipped with bicycle racks on the front of the bus. John Porcari, Maryland's Secretary of Transportation has announced that the MTA will equip their entire fleet, and some buses already have the racks in place.

This is a big win for One Less Car, the advocacy organization that is trying to improve Maryland's transportation situation. They got over 300 signatures requesting the MTA make its bus fleet during last October's Tour de Port, sent them to the Governor, and for once, it worked!



The MTA web site has information on the use of the racks and which routes already have them. Check out <http://www.mtmaryland.com/resources/bikesonmta/> for details.

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MD 450 - Picture of old bridge, originally constructed in 1925.



MD 450, May 2008 - Picture of flooding condition prior to construction. In conjunction with the bridge replacement, SHA will elevate the roadway here to eliminate flooding.



MD 450, June 2008 - This portable curtain dam in Bacon Ridge Branch creates a safe work area and protects the environment without impeding water flow to the South River.



MD 450, July 2008 - Sandbag walls are being erected to channel stormwater runoff through sediment controls such as stones, silt fence, straw bales or grass. This process helps keep excess silt from washing into the stream. This control system is on the east side of the bridge area, where MD 450 will be elevated to eliminate roadway flooding.



MD 450, July 2008 - Steel piles (columns) were driven in the creek bed at the east side of the bridge opening. The metal reinforcing bars (rebar) were then tied together and anchored to the piles. The new concrete wall will be poured around the rebar assembly.



MD 450, July 2008 - Large stones have been placed along MD 450 east of the bridge in preparation for road work. The roadway will be raised several feet in its current location.



MD 450, late July 2008 - In conjunction with the bridge replacement, MD 450 east of Bacon Ridge Branch is being elevated to eliminate roadway flooding. This photo was taken from the same angle as the photo above.



MD 450, late July 2008 - The end wall (abutment) on the west side of Bacon Ridge Branch has been poured. Both end walls are now in place and nearly ready for the new bridge beams to be placed on top. Note the old end wall in front of the new one. The new bridge span will be almost 20 feet longer than the old one, and the larger opening will facilitate water flow from Bacon Ridge Branch to the South River.



MD 450, late July 2008 - Looking east along MD 450 from the bridge area you can see the elevated section of roadway taking shape and almost ready for asphalt.



MD 450, August 2008 - This is the elevated section of MD 450 east of the bridge when the road was re-opened to traffic on August 22.



MD 450, August 2008 - This is the new bridge when the road was re-opened to traffic on August 22.



MD 28 - This photo shows Concrete General placing and finishing the concrete with a Bidwell for the new bridge deck riding surface.



MD 28 - Concrete General is placing material, and compacting material for new roadway approaches to the bridge. Paving will follow shortly.

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Bridge Replacement

MD 450 (Defense Highway) between Rutland Road and The Ridges Gateway

WHAT:

Replacement of MD 450 bridge over Bacon Ridge Branch in Anne Arundel County. Improvements will include:

- Bicycle and pedestrian-compatible shoulders
- Grade and elevation enhancements to improve drainage and reduce flooding along the roadway.
- Prefabricated bridge structure to significantly reduce total construction time and minimize environmental impacts.

WHEN:

- Construction is expected to begin in June 2008 with completion estimated for September 2008, weather permitting.

WHY:

- Bridge was built in 1925 and last inspected in 2006.
- It is more cost effective to replace the existing bridge than to continue to repair and maintain it.
- Existing bridge remains structurally adequate for existing traffic volume and weight.
- Bridge replacement will provide opportunity to elevate roadway and reduce flooding.

*Martin O'Malley, Governor
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Replacement of MD 450 Bridge Over Bacon Ridge Branch Near Annapolis



Frequently Asked Questions

When will work start?

Utility work is currently underway and construction is scheduled to start when the public school year ends in mid-June.

When will work be completed?

Estimated completion is September 2008, weather permitting. This dramatically accelerated bridge replacement schedule is possible because the new bridge can be prefabricated, then transported to the site for installation.

Will I be able to access my property?

MD 450 will be closed to through traffic. Anyone who lives, owns property or conducts official business (e.g., U.S. Postal Service) within the work zone will continue to have access from either side of Bacon Ridge Branch but will not be able to cross until construction is completed.

Will emergency services (police, fire) be able to get around the construction?

Yes. Police, fire and emergency responders will be notified of the road closure and will adjust their routes and response mechanisms accordingly.

Will the road be closed?

YES. MD 450 (Defense Highway) will be closed to traffic in mid-June and will remain closed through September. Detour signs will be posted. Motorists are encouraged to become familiar with alternate routes as soon as possible.

Where will traffic be detoured?

The arrows on the map below show the detour route. Traffic traveling EAST along MD 450 prior to the project will need to:

- Turn right onto MD 424 and proceed south.
- Make a right turn onto the US 50 / MD 301 ramp

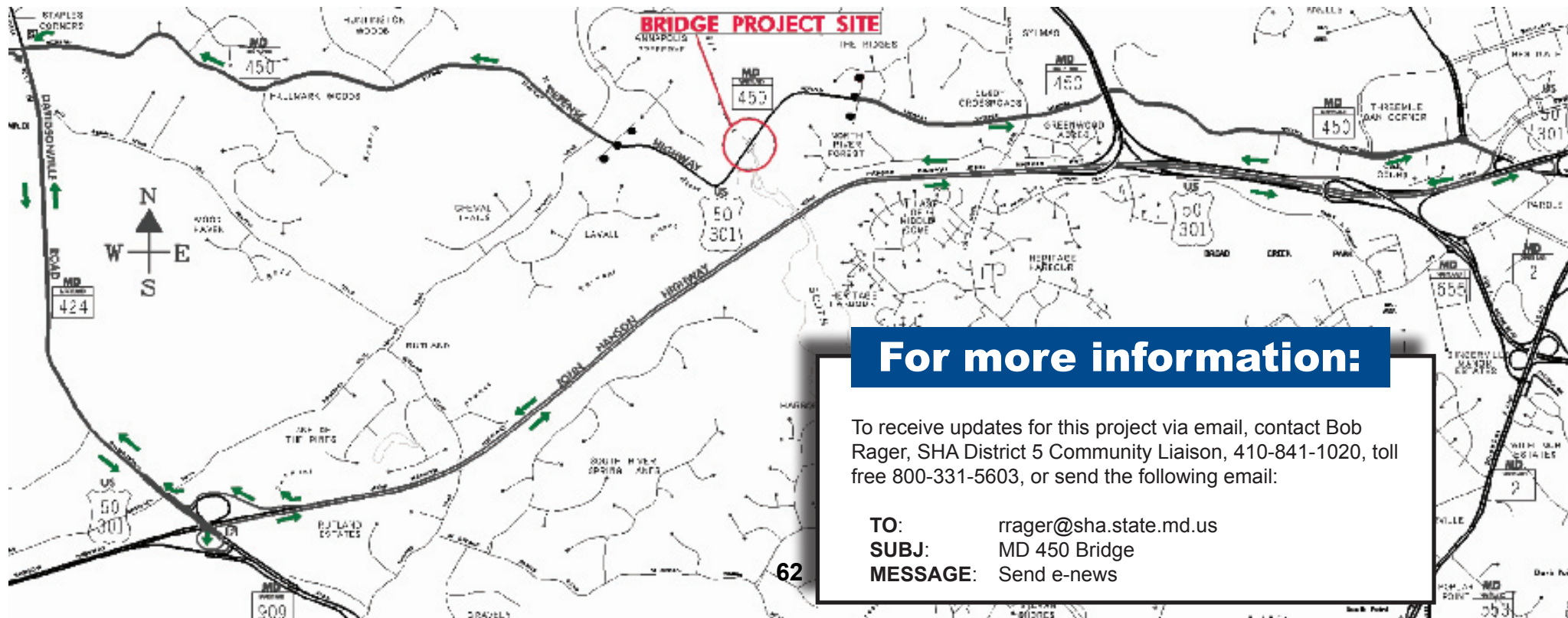
heading east. Travel east for 6.5 miles on US 50 / MD 301 to MD 450.

- Take the MD 450 (Defense Highway) exit. Follow signs to continue on MD 450 east or west.

Traffic traveling WEST along MD 450 prior to the project will need to:

- Take US 50 / MD 301 ramp heading west. Travel west for 6.5 miles on US 50 / MD 301 to MD 424.
- Take the MD 424 exit heading north.
- Make a left turn onto MD 450 (Defense Highway) heading west.

See green detour arrows on the map below



For more information:

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August 1, 2008

Update on the MD 450 Bridge Replacement over Bacon Ridge Branch

Work continues on schedule for a late summer finish. Weather permitting, MD 450 should be reopened to traffic by early September and all work should be completed by the end of that month. Photos have been posted at the link below. The latest photos show the new end walls and roadway elevation taking shape.

<http://www.marylandroads.com/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectPhotos.asp?projectno=AA651212>

Feel free to contact me anytime with questions, and remember to "think orange" for safety. When driving in a construction zone -- slow down, stay alert and expect the unexpected.

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July 3, 2008

Update on the MD 450 Bridge Replacement over Bacon Ridge Branch

MD 450 was closed to through traffic at Bacon Ridge Branch on June 17. Detour signs have been posted directing motorists to use MD 424 and US 50.

Utility work that started in April is complete as utility companies relocated their lines underground. A portable curtain dam and pump system were installed in Bacon Ridge Branch to keep the work area dry without interrupting the flow of the creek. This also serves as a containment system for work area debris. The old bridge, constructed in 1925, was removed in mid-June along with most of the end walls. New support columns or "piles" have been driven in place on the east side of the bridge area, where most of the work took place in June. Concrete reinforcing bar or "rebar" is being installed, and new concrete end walls will be poured around this metal in the coming weeks. Placement of stone fills has begun along MD 450 east of the bridge site to raise the road elevation and eliminate flooding.

What's Next:

Driving of piles on the west side of the bridge area should start the week of July 7.

The new bridge will be a precast structure and will be brought to the site in about 12 sections. This type of design allows SHA to replace a small bridge quickly and with minimal environmental impacts. Weather permitting, MD 450 over Bacon Ridge Branch is on schedule to be re-opened to traffic in September.

Photos:

A link to construction progress photos will be provided in the next update in mid-July.

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