



Maryland Department
of Transportation

Proposed Connecticut Avenue Salt Barn Kensington, Montgomery County

PROJECT NEWSLETTER • SPRING 2016

NEW SALT BARN PLANNED; PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED

The Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA) has developed plans for a new salt barn within the existing right-of-way in the northeastern quadrant of the I-495 / MD 185 (Connecticut Avenue) interchange in Montgomery County.

For additional information, you are invited to attend a Public Meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2016. The Informational Meeting will acquaint the public with the project and provide attendees an opportunity to inform MDOT of their project-related concerns. Maps and other displays will provide project details and SHA representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. **A formal presentation will be provided. You may arrive at any time during meeting hours and walk through the display areas at your own pace.** (See back of flier for meeting details.)

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED

Why is this salt storage facility necessary?

To enhance winter storm operations in Montgomery County, SHA is developing plans to construct a new salt storage facility at the I-495 (Capital Beltway) / MD 185 (Connecticut Avenue) interchange.

The proposed barn will have entry and exit points from the existing I-495 Outer Loop off-ramp at Connecticut Avenue. Traffic operations at the site will include an internal bypass lane enabling up to 40 trucks to wait to reload within the property. Landscape design elements will include multiple tree screens and fencing.

SHA investigated four other State-owned property locations in Montgomery County and determined that the MD 185 location was

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED (Continued...)

ideal due to its proximity to the Capital Beltway and other State routes. The proposed facility would include a 10,000 ton capacity salt barn, two 10,000 gallon brine storage tanks, one 10,000 gallon magnesium chloride storage tank, and a fueling station with a 6,000 gallon above-ground diesel fuel tank.

Lighting would only be placed within the site for safety, along with work lights that would be activated only during winter storm emergency operations.

What should I expect during construction?

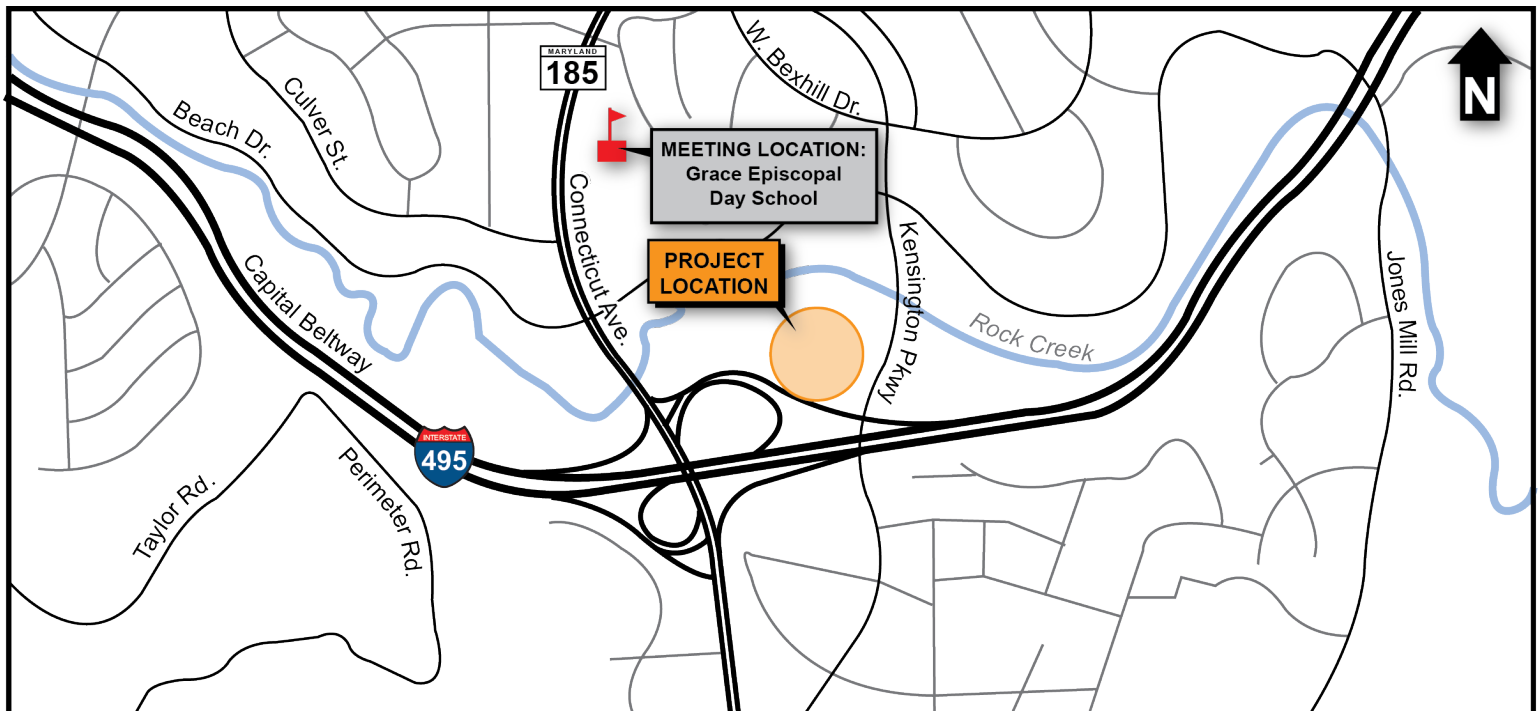
Construction activities would be limited primarily to the southern portion of the site. The northern and eastern part of the site, along with its exit onto Kensington Parkway, will not be impacted.

Why should I attend the meeting?

Community feedback is important during the project development process for the salt facility. MDOT encourages area residents to attend the meeting, and provide feedback to the project team. Information on the preliminary plans is available on the SHA website – www.roads.maryland.gov/d3. As the design phase continues to be developed, construction could begin in late 2017.

TENTATIVE PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Design Initiation.	Spring 2015
Community Meeting.	Spring 2016
Final Design.	Fall 2016
Proposed Advertisement for Construction.	Summer 2017
Proposed Construction Start.	Winter 2017





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WHEN:	WHERE:
Thursday, April 7, 2016 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. <i>A brief presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m.</i>	Grace Episcopal Day School (Cafeteria) 9411 Connecticut Avenue Kensington, Maryland 20895

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

The Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1. Persons requiring assistance to participate (interpreter for hearing/speech difficulties or assistance with the English language) should contact Lauren Baker by March 31, 2016.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For information on other Montgomery County projects, please visit SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov and click on **Projects**, **SHA Projects Page, Montgomery County**, or use QR Code.

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

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