



**MD 43 (White Marsh Boulevard) Extended - “The Road to Opportunity”
Open to Traffic October 23, 2006
Project Fact Sheet**

COST: \$75.6 million
Project Cost Contributions:
\$56.3 million SHA \$ 2.5 million AV Williams Trust
\$15.3 million Baltimore County \$ 1.5 million Maryland Transit Administration

Additional contribution: Approximately 34 acres of land donated by AV Williams Trust

WHAT: A new 3.8 mile, four-lane divided highway extension of MD 43 (White Marsh Boulevard) between US 40 (Pulaski Highway) and MD 150 (Eastern Boulevard), across from Martin State Airport. Features include:

- Seven designated intersections (from west to east): ramp from US 40 to MD 43; the future Campbell Blvd; four intersections in AV Williams Tract; and MD 150.
- Two 11-foot lanes, 4-foot outside shoulders in each direction
- A raised median, which varies from 24 to 30 feet wide
- Five bridges at: US 40, White Marsh Run, Bird River Road, Windlass Run, and the AMTRAK/ MARC railroad crossing at Martin State Airport
- Rehabilitated three bridges: eastbound MD 43 over CSX, westbound MD 43 over CSX, and eastbound MD 43 over US 40; and widened the US 40 bridge over White Marsh Run Tributary
- A 10-foot trail along eastbound MD 43 between Bird River Road and MD 150.
- A graded 10-foot grass area along westbound MD 43 to accommodate future developer-funded sidewalks.
- Creation of 12 acres of wetlands and preservation of 116 acres of forested wetlands to offset the 9.8 acres affected by highway construction.
- Fourteen storm water management ponds
- 120,483 trees and plants planted

HOW: Construction groundbreaking August 2003
Section One: US 40 to Intersection #1 – Opened to local traffic fall 2005
Section Two: Intersection #2 to MD 150 – Oct. 23, 2006

Construction Contractor: American Infrastructure - Maryland of Fallston, Md.
Project Development Team: planned and designed in-house by SHA staff with consultants, including: KCI Technologies; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson; Whitman, Requardt & Assoc.; Rummel, Klepper & Kahl; Jacobs Civil, Inc; SYSTRA Consulting; Sabra Wang & Associates; McCormick Taylor & Associates; Sidhu Associates.

WHY: Economic development and quality of life improvement

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OTHER INFORMATION:

Current Average Daily Traffic along MD 43 (I-695 to US 40): 35,750 – 50,750 vehicles per day

Projected 2030 Average Daily Traffic along MD 43 Extended: 56,800 vehicles per day

The MTA/MARC parking lot was shifted to the west and expanded by 149 additional parking spaces for commuters for a total of 321 spaces.

New two-foot water line in the median was included in the project at the request of Baltimore County. The county-funded water line extends from Bird River Road to the new bridge over Amtrak. There will be access points to the water line at the future Campbell Boulevard intersection and future Intersections #1, #2, #3 and #4. In the future, developers may connect to the water line without disruption to the roadway.

Baltimore Gas and Electric and Verizon constructed an underground duct bank, concurrent with the road construction, to provide future services throughout the Middle River Development corridor.

INTERESTING FACTS:

During construction, contractors moved 1,359,970 yards of earth (135,997 truck loads at 10 yds/load)

Contractors laid 149,360 tons of asphalt (7,468 truck loads)

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