



**Maryland Department of
Transportation's (MDOT) State Highway
Administration (SHA)
Bethesda Base Alignment and Closure
(BRAC) Intersection Reconstruction
Project Updates**

January 19, 2016

- **MD 355 (Rockville Pike) at
Cedar Lane/West Cedar Lane**
- **MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road at
Cedar Lane/Oakmont Drive)**



MD 355 (Rockville Pike) Intersection Reconstruction at Cedar Lane

STATUS

- **In construction, 73% complete**
- **Estimated completion date—late summer 2016 (weather and progress permitting)**

UPDATE

- Contractor crews continue box culvert work underneath both MD 355 and Cedar Lane
- Crews also continue to work on structural walls on southbound MD 355 and on Cedar Lane. Other upcoming work this winter includes widening of southbound MD 355 between the commercial entrance to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Wilson Drive and sidewalk construction on the northeast side of Cedar Lane near the contractor's storage yard. The sidewalk work is part of the construction of the project's shared use path. All work will be performed weather permitting.
- To expedite all phases of construction through the end of the project, road users may encounter lane closures within the work zone along MD 355, Cedar Lane and West Cedar Lane, weekdays, 9:00 a.m. to 3: 00p.m. and overnight, Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. Sidewalk users may be directed to the safest crossing within the work zone during all remaining phases of construction on this project—including ones on the opposite side of the street.

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MD 187 Intersection Reconstruction at West Cedar Lane/Oakmont Avenue

STATUS

- **In construction, 54% complete**
- **Estimated completion date—late summer 2016 (weather and progress permitting)**

UPDATE

- Crews continue utility relocation work necessary to complete subsequent project activity. Current activity that will continue through late winter (weather permitting) work includes water line, electricity/telecommunication pole relocations and traffic signal infrastructure work at the intersection. Other planned project activity this winter includes sidewalk and curb and gutter construction on westbound Cedar Lane. All work will be performed weather permitting.
- To expedite all remaining phases of construction through the end of the project, road users may encounter lane closures in both directions of the following roads within the work zone:
- **MD 187**—weekdays, northbound between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. and southbound from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Cedar Lane/Oakmont Avenue**—weekdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sidewalk users may be directed to the safest crossing within the work zone during all remaining phases of construction on this project—including ones on the opposite side of the street.

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1. What is holding up construction on W. Cedar westbound across from the fire station? Still no action since construction came to an abrupt halt in (Sept?).

A. The current utility relocation work along MD 187 was expected to start earlier, but is now underway and completion of this work will allow the current stage of work to complete. Additionally, a design issue temporarily halted construction this fall. Finally, the contractor is still waiting on MCDOT to make available a signal cabinet for the MD 187 / W. Cedar intersection which will allow this work to be completed.

2. Eastbound on W. Cedar at Rt 355 seems to be always backed up in late afternoon often all the way to Locust Ave. The issue seems to be the one lane for through traffic towards Kensington where most cars are headed. The backup causes a significant amount of cut through traffic in Maplewood with cars driving at rather excessive speeds. Anticipated date for opening a 2nd lane eastbound on W. Cedar across Rt. 355?

A. The second through lane for eastbound Cedar Lane will remain closed until project completion in summer of 2016. As we have stated before, if we are able to open this to traffic sooner we will certainly do so, but in order to complete the remaining work this lane must remain closed.

3. Status of the Rt. 355/W. Cedar Ln intersection improvements. Completion dates for what and when. Is project on schedule? Any night work anticipated to speed up the project?

A. The project's estimated completion date remains late summer 2016. This estimated completion date has not changed since the beginning of the project. Night work will be used as needed to complete activities that are impacted or restricted by daytime traffic volumes, such as traffic switches, repaving, etc. At this time the project remains on schedule.