

Bethesda BRAC Updates, June 10, 2015:

- MCDOT's MD 355 (Rockville Pike) Multimodal Crossing Project, including improvements at the intersection of Rockville Pike/Jones Bridge Road/Woodmont Avenue: Sealed bids are due from prospective contractors in mid-July. This will be followed by an intensive review process. MCDOT hopes to make a final selection later in the summer, possibly in time to provide updates at the September 15 BIC meeting.
- SHA Intersection Projects:
 - MD 355/Cedar Lane: Construction is moving forward. Obviously there are traffic issues at the intersection during construction, which had been anticipated from the outset. SHA and MCDOT are looking at ways to expedite improved traffic flow during construction but drivers who can utilize alternative routes (Beltway, Strathmore, etc.) should be doing so until the construction clears. Weather permitting, completion of the ongoing construction is anticipated late summer 2016.
 - Old Georgetown/West Cedar Lane: Utilities relocation proceeds in advance of construction. This project is less complex than the 355/Cedar Lane project and completion is anticipated summer 2016, weather permitting.
 - Connecticut Avenue / Jones Bridge Road: SHA is still negotiating Right Of Way (ROW) and existing easements before it can begin utilities relocation and storm water management, which precede construction of additional turn lanes from eastbound JBR onto northbound Conn. Ave. Project completion TBD.
- News:
 - SHA has identified funding to extend the Trolley Trail shared use path south along Old Georgetown Road from Charles Street to Lincoln Street (near the NIH gates). Weather permitting, construction is anticipated next year, from spring through the end of 2016.
 - Weather permitting, MCDOT hopes to go to construction on Platt Ridge Drive extension Winter 2015, with completion Fall 2016.

- An MCDOT reconstruction project of the Elmhirst Parkway Bridge is expected to run from March through August 2016.
- Reminders:
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