



STATE HIGHWAY
ADMINISTRATION

SPRING 2017
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE
Streetscape Project
MD 500 (Queens Chapel Road)
From MD 208 (Hamilton Street) to
MD 410 (East West Highway)

To enhance pedestrian and traffic safety, revitalize neighborhoods and meet the transportation needs of communities, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is constructing a \$10.6 million “streetscape” project along on a one-mile section of MD 500 (Queens Chapel Road) in the City of Hyattsville in Prince George’s County. The project involves enhancing pedestrian safety by making sidewalk, crosswalk and pedestrian signal improvements, adding bike lanes and converting an existing painted median into a raised median from MD 208 (Hamilton Street) to MD 410 (East West Highway).

To improve intersection operations, crews will also install a double-left turn movement from northbound MD 500 onto Belcrest Road. The State Highway Administration (SHA) will provide new and upgraded sidewalks, traffic and pedestrian signals with audible pedestrian and countdown signals. Bicycle-compatible lanes also will be built along the outside travel lanes of MD 500. Other improvements include pedestrian lighting and pavement resurfacing within the project limits. Currently, 23,550 vehicles travel this section of Queens Chapel Road each day, with traffic projected to increase to 31,200 vehicles per day by 2030.

Currently, the project is 50 percent complete. Weather permitting, the entire project should be complete by late spring 2018. After a review of the project schedule this winter, the project's original estimated completion date of late fall 2016 was adjusted for the design, approval and inclusion of new permanent street lighting into the project.

To date, crews have completed water and sanitary sewer utility infrastructure and significant portions of storm sewer drainage work for the project. Between now and late fall, crews will work during weekday daytime hours, and occasional Saturdays, to construct remaining storm drains, landscape walls, curb and gutter, and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant sidewalks and, ramps and driveways in addition to new street lighting infrastructure.

Pedestrians are encouraged to follow signs directing them to safe crossings within the work zone. SHA may use electronic message boards, construction cones, barrels, arrow boards and a flagging operation to direct motorists through the work zone. SHA asks for your patience as crews work to finish this phase of the project. Residents and travelers are advised that equipment used for construction can be loud and disruptive.

To complete all phases of work, crews may temporarily close one or two lanes in both directions of MD 500:

- **Monday through Saturday, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.**
- **Overnight, Sunday through Thursday, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.**

Additional work hours and lane closure times may be needed to expedite the project and keep it on schedule. The following SHA representatives are available to answer questions regarding work on this MD 500 project:

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- **Mr. Abiodun Abudu, SHA Project Engineer, aabudu@sha.state.md.us , 240-467-0500**

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