

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: July 3, 2013

1. Solar Installations

The recently completed report by Maryland Environmental Service (MES) recommended solar at the following locations:

- Park Maintenance Facility – Vehicle Maintenance Shed
- City of Bowie Senior Center
- Public Works Complex – Streets and Utilities Building
- Public Works Complex – Sludge/Salt Storage Barn
- Public Works Complex – Solid Waste Administration Building
- Public Works Complex – Wastewater Treatment Plant Dewatering Building
- Public Works Complex – Wastewater Treatment Plant Administration Building
- Kenhill Center
- City of Bowie Ice Arena

The contract has been awarded for the solar installation at the Parks and Grounds maintenance facility, and it should be fully operational by September 30.

2. SHA Work

There will be no work on the 50/301 ramp this weekend. Work will resume on Friday, July 12 at 9 p.m. and will continue through 5 a.m. on Monday, July 15. Please see the attached SHA “Traffic Alert”.

Attachment

For Immediate Release

Contact: Valerie Burnette Edgar (410) 545-0303

*****TRAFFIC ALERT*****

**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION RESURFACES US 50/US 301
INTERCHANGE RAMP IN BOWIE**

***Temporary Weekend Full Ramp Closures With Detour Begins Tonight;
Motorists Should Add Extra Commute Time, Expects Delays Next Two Weekends***

(June 21, 2013) – Beginning tonight at 9 p.m., the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin a \$1.8 million safety and ramp resurfacing project at the US 50 (John Hanson Highway)/US 301 (Robert Crain Highway) interchange in Prince George’s County. Weather permitting, the work should be complete this fall.

At 9 p.m., SHA will close the ramp from southbound MD 3/US 301 to eastbound US 50. The ramp will reopen no later than 5 a.m. on Monday, June 24 to assure that all travel lanes on the ramp are safe for travel and that the concrete overlay has the proper time to dry.

Drivers traveling on southbound on MD 3/US 301 should follow the signed detour route by traveling past the US 301/US50 interchange and making a right on MD 197 (Collington Road) to access eastbound US 50. Drivers should add additional time to their commute for the next two weekends.

As part of the project, SHA will apply a bonded concrete overlay called “whitetopping” to the ramp. SHA crews will fully close the ramp for two consecutive weekends (weather permitting) to perform the work.

“Whitetopping is a sustainable resurfacing solution that improves skid resistance and creates a smoother ride for drivers,” said District Engineer Brian Young. “Whitetopping typically lasts longer than traditional resurfacing methods, reduces rutting caused by larger vehicles that travel on the road surface and produces savings through less frequent road repairs, fewer lane closures and fewer construction zones because of its durability.”

More than 100,000 vehicles use the US 50/US 301 interchange daily. SHA’s contractor for the project is Concrete General, Inc. of Gaithersburg. As crews strive to keep work zones safe, stay alert – look for reduced speed limits, narrow driving lanes and highway workers. Slow down and don’t follow too closely. *Safer Driving. Safer Work Zones. For everyone!*

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