MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road)
Intersection Reconstruction Project
South of Center Drive to North of West Cedar Lane/Oakmont Avenue

***TRAFFIC ALERT***

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION BEGINS TOMORROW MORNING IN BETHESDA

West Cedar Lane Traffic Reduced to a Single Left/Through/Right Lane Until Late Fall

(August 5, 2015) – Beginning tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.(weather permitting), the Maryland Department of Transportation’s (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin daytime closures of the right turn lane on westbound West Cedar Lane at MD 187 (Old Georgetown Road) in Bethesda for sidewalk construction. Weather permitting, this phase of construction should be complete by late fall.

Drivers will use one lane to turn left, right or continue straight through the intersection during the day. The right turn lane will reopen no later than 4 p.m. each weekday. SHA placed electronic message boards near the intersection earlier this week to warn drivers of the upcoming temporary lane restriction. Drivers should add extra commute time and expect delays during the sidewalk construction. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained at all times, although sidewalk users may have to use the safest crossings within the work zone including those on the opposite side of street.

QUESTIONS

The following SHA representatives are available to answer questions regarding work on this MD 187 project:

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In addition to this project, drivers may also encounter mobile or short-term work zones. Click here for a listing of major SHA projects in Maryland. Always expect the unexpected, pay extra close attention and drive slowly through any work zone. Whether it’s a tree trimming operation or a bridge project, be aware when orange is there: Think Orange (the color of construction equipment and signs), stay alert and slow down. Everyone is at risk.

In four out of five work zone-related crashes, it is the driver or passenger who is injured or killed. In 2014, nine people lost their lives in Maryland work zone crashes, including four highway workers. While SHA and its transportation partners work hard to keep traffic safely moving in work zones, please partner with us because work zone safety is everyone’s business – slow down and stay alert. Safer driving. Safer work zones. For everyone.