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## Virtual Public Meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 4PM – 5PM

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**The meeting will be held to discuss the road closure and detour plans for pedestrian/bicyclist and vehicular traffic. Please see the link below for the public meeting. This event is open to the public. MCDOT will be taking questions via chat.**

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This is a special edition newsletter to inform the traveling public and County residents that the intersection of Executive Boulevard at Old Georgetown Road will be completely closed to vehicle traffic starting on March 22, 2021. This temporary closure and detour will remain in place for approximately five (5) months.

Prior to the intersection closure, MCDOT and its prime contractor, Corman Kokosing Construction Co. will ensure that the new section of Grand Park Avenue between Old Georgetown Road and Banneker Avenue is open to traffic on or before that same date. In addition, the scheduled improvements along Executive Boulevard between Nicholson Lane and Banneker Avenue will be completed before the intersection closure. The opening of Grand Park Avenue and the improvements to Executive Blvd. will lessen the impact to traffic getting to the Conference Center and Pike & Rose residences and businesses. Mobile Variable Message Sign (VMS) Boards will be in place Monday, March 8 2021 advertising the closure.

#### *Closure Duration and Necessity:*

Per Corman Kokosing's approved schedule, the Contractor will close the Executive Boulevard/Old Georgetown Road intersection from March 22, 2021 to approximately August 22, 2021. Work hours will be from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm Monday through Friday. No overnight shift is planned at this time.

The primary reason for closing the intersection is safety. In particular, the Contractor has faced the following:

- A crew foreman in the work area adjacent to the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Executive Boulevard was fatally injured after being struck by a car as he was climbing out of a manhole;
- Numerous "near misses" involving vehicles proceeding through red lights for both Old Georgetown Road and Executive Boulevard;
- Vehicles exceeding the posted limits and making dangerous lane changes in the intersection;
- Residents and vehicles entering the work areas protected by barrels, cones, and concrete Jersey Barrier walls.

In addition to the overarching safety concerns, factors beyond our control have contributed to schedule delays. Like all businesses and residents, every major utility company has felt the impacts of COVID-19. Each company's administrative, including management, and their field/construction staffs have suffered through quarantines that have impeded crucial operations, resulting in delays that have in turn impacted Corman Kokosing's Critical Path Method (CPM) Schedule.

#### *Closure Limits and Detour Plan:*

**The detour plan is currently in development. The final plan will be presented at the upcoming public meeting and will be posted on the project webpage on March 10, 2021.**

MCDOT and MDOT/SHA have approved the following configuration:

- Eastbound traffic on Executive Boulevard ends at the traffic signal for 6000 Executive Boulevard;
- Southbound traffic on Old Georgetown Road coming from Rockville Pike can only go as far as Grand Park Avenue;
- Local southbound traffic on Old Georgetown Road coming from Rockville Pike will have access to the PALLAS Apartment Parking Garage and to the T-Mobile parking lot;
- Northbound traffic on Old Georgetown Road will be required to make a right turn onto Nicholson Lane to get to northbound MD 355 or a left turn onto Tilden Lane;
- Local northbound traffic on Old Georgetown Road will be permitted to get to the service entrance to the M-NCPPC Aquatic Center and Wall Park;
- Northbound through traffic on Old Georgetown Road should use Nicholson Lane to get to northbound MD 355;

Local traffic on Executive Boulevard will be able to access the medical offices and other businesses down to 6000 and 6001 Executive Boulevard; traffic moving in and out of the 6001 Executive Boulevard offices from Towne Road will continue to enter and exit unimpeded.

During the closure, Ride-on Buses will continue to service Executive Boulevard stops. Ride-on buses will make a U-turn just past the traffic signal for 6000/6001 Executive Boulevard to be able to proceed with their routes. ONLY Ride-on buses will be allowed to proceed past the traffic signal.

We understand that you may experience impacts and delays travelling through the area during the five (5) month closure of the intersection. However, this approach is necessary to ensure the safety of construction crews and those who walk, bike, and travel through the work zone. Upon completion of this critical phase of work, on or about August 22, 2021, the Old Georgetown Road/Executive Boulevard intersection will reopen with motor vehicle, pedestrian and Ride-On transit routes returning to the same configuration they were on March 21, 2021. Look for further updates on the closure as the project proceeds.

Questions or concerns during the closure can be directed to Paul Bender, Senior Resident Engineer at: 301-343-1527 or [paul.bender@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:paul.bender@montgomerycountymd.gov).