1. **What is the purpose and scope of the project?**

   The existing roadway is currently in poor condition, limited in width, and lacks adequate drainage. The project will reconstruct the roadway from approximately 300 feet east of the bridge over Northeast Creek to the intersection of Lums Road and Bouchelle Road. The new road will have two 12'-0" travel lanes and two 2'-0" shoulders.

2. **The existing road currently is restricted to vehicles of 10 Tons or less. Will the new road allow heavier vehicles?**

   The Department of Public Works will be designing and constructing a new roadway to modern standards that will be able to carry all legal loads and it is our intent to open the road to all vehicles, including trucks.

3. **What is the project schedule?**

   - **Concept Plans**: May 2016
   - **Preliminary Engineering Plans**: September 2016
   - **Semi-Final Plans**: January 2017
   - **Final Plans**: April 2017
   - **Begin Property Evaluation and Acquisitions**: May 2017
   - **Begin Utility Relocations**: October 2017
   - **Project Advertisement for Bidding**: November 2017
   - **Project Award and Contractor Notice to Proceed**: January 2018
   - **Begin Onsite Construction**: Spring 2018
   - **Construction Complete**: Fall 2018

   All dates are tentative and subject to change based on engineering and environmental approvals, property acquisitions and Cecil County project funding approvals.

4. **How will the real estate process go?**

   It is estimated that we will begin right of way evaluations, coordination, and development of plats and appraisals in April 2017. Property owner contact is estimated in May 2017. Please refer to Real Estate Flyer for additional information.
5. *Why are you taking so much right of way/property?*

The following generally affect the amount of property acquired; wider road and a new shoulder, roadway alignment adjustments, storm water ditches, and new utility easements. The County will only acquire the land it needs to build the project.

6. *Will there be impact to sewer, water or other utilities?*

No sewer or water utilities are included in this project. Chesapeake Gas is in the planning stages and is considering installing gas along Lums Road.

7. *Will there be impact to overhead utilities?*

The project corridor has both power and communication utilities overhead supported by utility poles. The existing utility poles along the majority of the reconstructed length will be impacted by the project requiring relocation behind the roadside storm water and drainage swales.

8. *What kind of delays and detours can be expected?*

The proposed detour will be approximately four miles and will utilize Bouchelle Road, Mechanics Valley Road, Rt 40 and MD 272.

9. *How long will the project be in construction?*

The duration of construction is currently estimated to be five to six months.

10. *Will I have access to my property during construction?*

During construction and while the road is detoured access to properties within the construction area will be provided at all times. We will attempt to minimize the day-to-day impacts on property owners within the construction area, however there will be times when access to properties may be limited during operations to reconstruct driveway entrances, paving operations, and other construction activities. The County and contractor will directly coordinate with affected property owners in advance when access will be limited.