



CECIL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Oldfield Point Road Improvements From Breon Lane to Old Chestnut Road

Frequently Asked Questions

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

The project will address safety concerns with the road. Based on the Average daily traffic (1000 to 3000ADT, increasing as you go north through the project area) the road does not meet minimum criteria for pavement width, clear shoulder area, sight distance. There have been multiple severe crashes to include two deaths where poor road geometry was a factor. In addition, the project will improve the drainage throughout. Most of the major existing culverts will be increased in size to reduce flooding frequency. In particular the culverts over Jones Creek will be increased to a small bridge which will significantly reduce the frequency of road flooding events.

2. *What is the scope of the project?*

This project includes widening roadway, improving horizontal and vertical alignments, replacing culverts at Jones Creek, in addition to two smaller culverts and drainage improvements on Oldfield Point Road from Old Chestnut Road to Old Ferry Road. Utility relocations are required for this project. The project will also address stormwater management/ environmental site design issues to include construction of road side flat bottom swales and other stormwater BMPs

3. *What is the project schedule?*

Begin Semi-Final Engineering Design	February 2013
Begin Final Engineering Design	September 2013
Begin Property Evaluation and Coordination	July 2013
Begin Utility Coordination	July 2013
Begin Utility Relocations	July 2014
Project Advertisement for Bidding	October 2016
Begin Construction	July 2017
Construction Complete	July 2019

All dates are tentative and subject to change based on project funding.

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

We will be starting on right of way shortly, with appraisals starting this spring and negotiations starting this summer through the end of the calendar year. Please refer to Real Estate Flyer for additional information.

5. *Why are you taking so much right of way/property?*

Three factors generally affect the amount of property acquired; wider road and shoulder, stormwater 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 or water utilities?*

No sewer or water utilities are included in this project. However, we have been informed Artesian Water is considering servicing the area near Old Chestnut Road and Pine Hills area. Contact Adam Gould AGould@artesianwater.com 302-453-6908 for more information.

We have field located existing wells and reviewed septic field plans. Our field representative (Al Salisbury) has confirmed locations with almost all affected property owners.

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

The project corridor has both power and communication utilities overhead supported by utility poles. At this time it is anticipated that the majority of the existing poles will have to be relocated to facilitate construction of the new roadway. Some facilities may be placed underground as part of this project.

8. *How many culvert/bridge type structures will be constructed?*

The project has identified five larger culvert type structures and numerous smaller pipe crossings for the project. They cannot be constructed at the same time since this will “land lock” property owners. The order of construction will be coordinated with the roadway construction activities, including detours.

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

The roadway south of the Racine School Road intersection will be built while maintaining traffic since this is the only access in and out of this area. The roadway between Racine School Road and Old Chestnut Road will be built using a combination of detours and maintaining traffic. The local community will be advised through message boards along the project corridor when to expect a change in detour patterns. Old Elk Road will serve as the primary detour route for the project.

10. Will the project impact Elk Neck Elementary School?

The project will not impact the day to day functions of Elk Neck Elementary School. However, it is anticipated that bus routes will be affected by the project detours to Elk Neck Elementary School and bus routes for middle and high school routes. The Department of Public Works will work with the school district to minimize disruptions as much as possible.

11. How long will the project be in construction?

At this time the project has not been funded for construction, but it is anticipated to start in July 2017. If funds become available the project construction schedule will be advanced. Due to the size of the project, phasing of constructing five structures while maintaining traffic, it is anticipated to be approximately two years. The County will try to maximize construction activities through longer work days and weekend work during spring, summer, and fall when temperatures and conditions are more favorable for construction.

12. Will I have access to my property during construction?

Yes, access will be provided throughout construction. At times traffic may be limited to local traffic only. We will attempt to minimize the day-to-day impacts on the property owners. However, some delays and impacts will be felt by the property owner. The County and Contractor will directly coordinate with property owners when work will block access to a home, such as reconstruction of driveway pipes and entrances, paving operations, and other operations.

13. Racine School Road is in less than satisfactory condition and does not meet current roadway design standards. Will improvements be done on Racine School Road?

Racine School Road is scheduled to be reconstructed/widened in the summer of 2014 and is currently in final engineering design.