

Riverdale Road over Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River Bridge Replacement Project Virtual Meeting Announcement - September 2021

The meeting will be held using Microsoft Teams, **September 21, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** The meeting link will be posted on the Riverdale Road Bridge over Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River Project Portal Page, which can be accessed at:

<https://bit.ly/MDOTSHA-Riverdale-Rd-Anacostia-River>

or by using the QR Code below. The phone number to call in to the meeting (audio only) is: **1-443-409-5228**. People calling in will be able to hear the presenters and discussion, but will be unable to see the presentation. We encourage you to use the meeting link posted on the Project Portal Page to view all meeting materials.

The meeting will familiarize attendees with the project details. MDOT SHA representatives will be available to answer project-related questions. The public is encouraged to leave comments and ask questions in an online comment form, located under Community Outreach and Newsletters on the Project Portal. We encourage sending questions and comments in advance so that we may address them during the virtual meeting. Attendees will also be able to send written questions or comments through the Chat feature during the meeting.



Construction Expected to Begin Spring 2023; Virtual Public Meeting Scheduled

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) invites you to attend a virtual pre-construction informational meeting about the Riverdale Road over Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River Bridge Replacement Project, in Prince George's County. Work is scheduled to begin spring 2023. The project should be complete by late 2024.

← *Click here for access to virtual meeting link on September 21, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.!*

Para ver esta información en español, visite:
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Project Background and Overview

The purpose of the project is to provide a safe and reliable crossing for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians and enhance community connectivity. The bridge is a dual-span, concrete arch bridge constructed in 1931 that serves more than 5,500 vehicles and several hundred pedestrians per day. The bridge crosses the Northeast Branch of Anacostia River and provides east-west connectivity within the Town of Riverdale Park. While it is structurally safe for travel, the bridge is nearing the end of its useful service life and needs to be replaced. The proposed replacement bridge will include two 11-foot lanes, 5-foot shoulders, and sidewalks on both sides. Replacing the bridge will reduce maintenance costs and support the safety and mobility of motorists and pedestrians. Other improvements include:

- Constructing continuous sidewalks on both sides of the structure and approach roads for improved pedestrian travel
- Relocating underground and overhead utilities
- Constructing drainage and stormwater management facilities
- Installing high-visibility crosswalks

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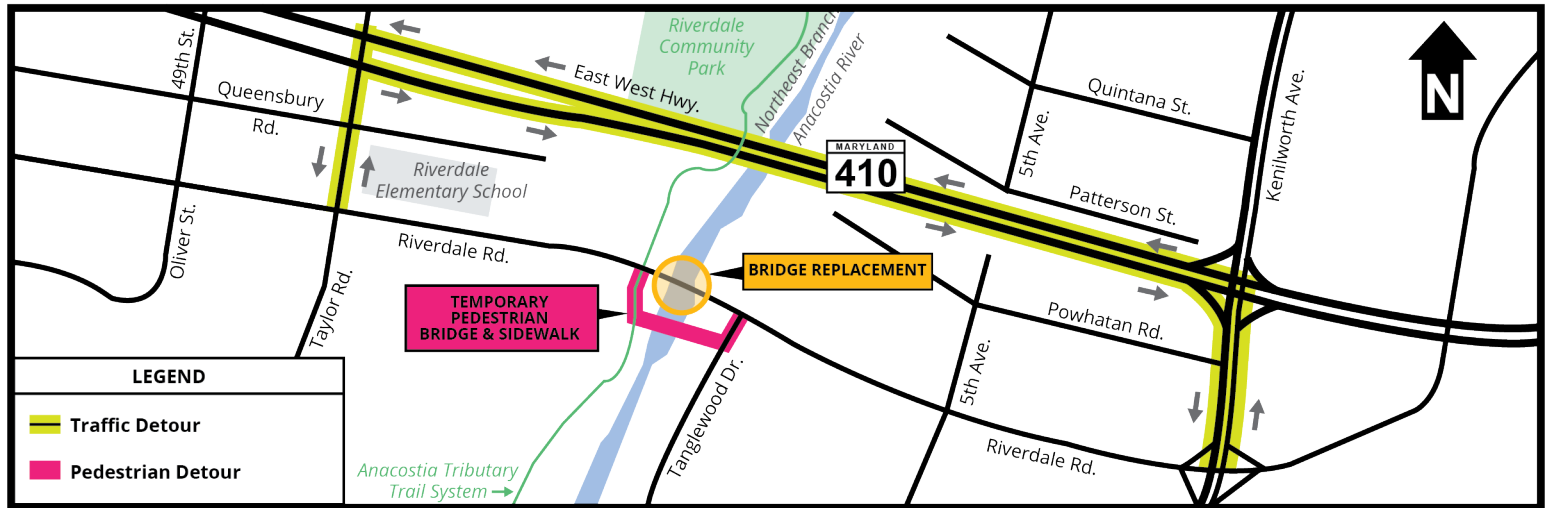
Project Background and Overview (Continued)

The existing bridge, part of MDOT SHA's Historic Highway Bridge Program, was built in 1931 and is one of four concrete arch bridges in Prince George's and Montgomery counties. Because of its age, the bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. MDOT SHA is seeking input from the Maryland Historical Trust, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and local residents regarding the removal of the bridge as required by the state and federal historic preservation laws, including the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

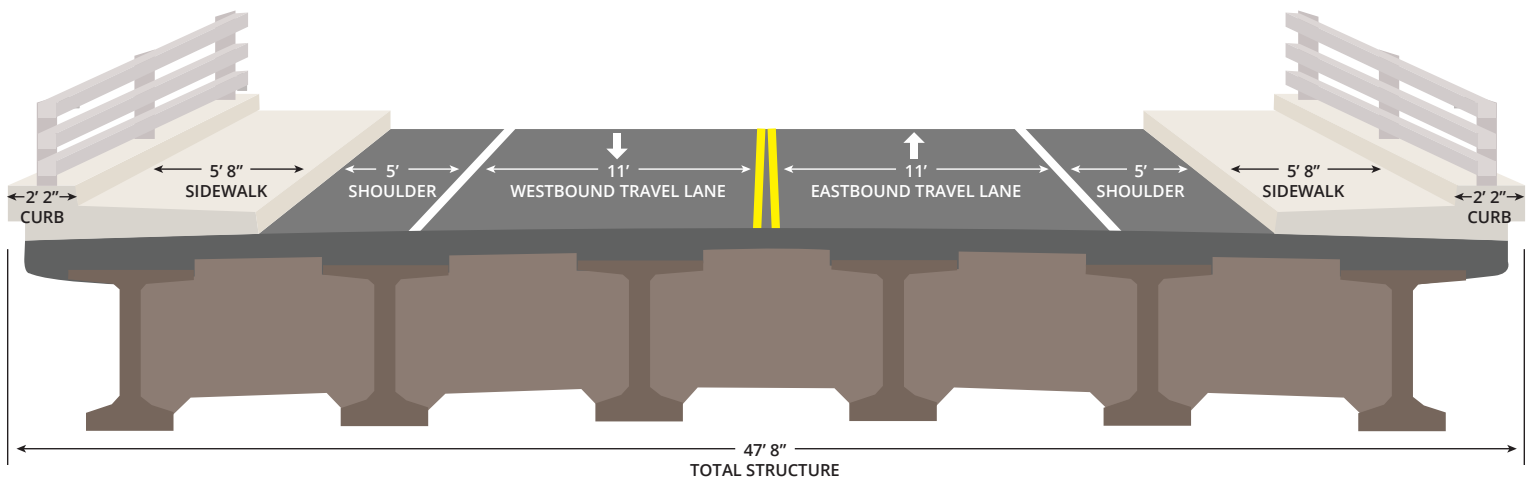
What to Expect During Construction

Several utility relocations must be completed before the new bridge can be constructed. Tentatively, utility relocation work is scheduled to begin as early as spring 2023. Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2024 at which time traffic will be detoured to the adjacent MD 410 bridge. The detour, necessary for the safety of work crews and the traveling public, will remain in effect for approximately six months, weather permitting. The full road closure will allow crews to safely replace the bridge in a shorter period of time.

Crews will construct a temporary pedestrian bridge to the south, connecting to the Northeast Branch Trail and Tanglewood Drive. The trail crossing will remain open.



New Riverdale Road Bridge - Typical Section

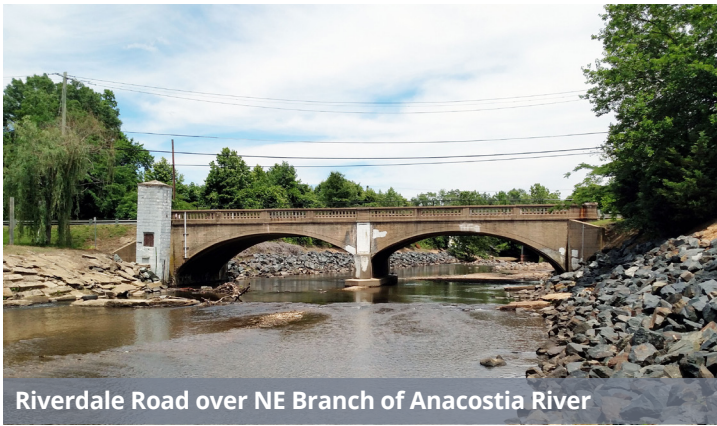


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Other Alternatives Considered

The existing two-span arch bridge cannot be removed in stages because of its inherent design characteristics. An option to construct a new bridge on a parallel alignment was considered. This would avoid the need for a detour, but it would involve impacting several acres of the Anacostia River Stream Valley Park. It was decided that a full closure would provide the maximum benefit to worker safety, speed of construction, and environmental stewardship.



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For More Information

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