

PROJECT NEWSLETTER • SUMMER 2018

Project Construction Scheduled to Begin Spring 2019

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) is preparing for construction to begin on the MD 500 (Queens Chapel Road) Urban Reconstruction Project within the cities of Hyattsville and Mount Rainier in Prince George’s County. This project is designed to improve safety operations for vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles to travel along Queens Chapel Road. Work will extend from MD 500 at the Washington, D.C. line (Eastern Avenue) to MD 208 (Hamilton Street). Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2019.

Project Overview & Purpose

The MD 500 project design is nearly complete and will support current and future development in Hyattsville and Mount Rainier. The project also addresses operation and safety concerns throughout the corridor while improving multiple modes of transportation in the surrounding areas. The MD 500 project includes the following improvements:

- Roadway pavement reconstruction and widening along MD 500
- Reconstruction of the Intersection of Ager Road and MD 500
- Addition of a full traffic signal to the intersection of Russel Avenue and MD 500
- Construction of a landscaped median along MD 500 to improve roadway aesthetics
- Inclusion of sidewalks and curb-and-gutters that are compliant with the Americans Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Improved sidewalk ramps, crosswalks, driveway entrances, and pedestrian signals
- Addition of bicycle-compatible lanes and shoulders
- Improved drainage system and storm water management facilities
- Landscape improvements
- Modification and reconstruction of traffic signals and improved traffic signage
- Pedestrian lighting within the limits of the City of Hyattsville
- Relocation of utilities as necessary

How will traffic be impacted during construction?

Travelers should expect lane closures during off-peak hours throughout the duration of construction, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and overnight, Sunday through Thursday, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Additional work hours and lane closures may be necessary to expedite all phases of construction and keep the project on schedule.

How will traffic be detoured during construction?

During construction, access to Ager Road from eastbound MD 500 will be temporarily closed as the Ager Road/MD 500 intersection is realigned. Access to Ager Road from MD westbound 500 will be maintained throughout construction.

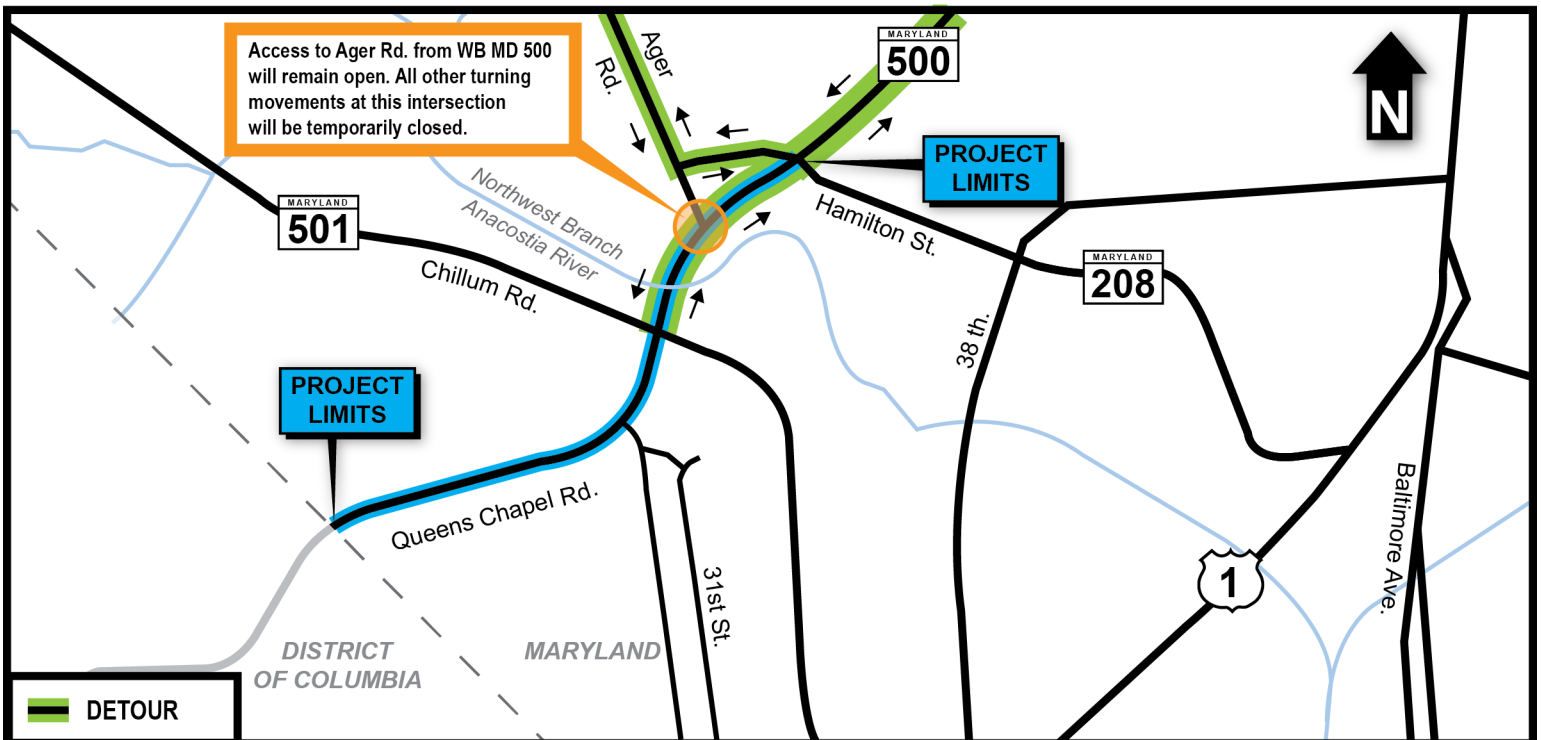
Simultaneously, access from Ager Road to MD 500 will also be closed in both directions, and traffic will be detoured through the intersection of MD 500 and Hamilton Street.

Project Schedule

This MD 500 project is currently funded for right-of-way acquisitions, utility relocations, and construction. Here is the current project schedule, progress permitting:

Complete Final Design	Fall 2018*
Begin Construction	Spring 2019*
Construction Completion	Fall 2021*

(*all dates are estimated and subject to change)



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Urban Reconstruction Project**

