



NEWS RELEASE

I-270 Study Shows Options for Southern Portion; Highway Administration Taking Comment

FREDERICK, MD – Aug. 13, 2018: The comment period is open for the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) State Highway Administration (SHA) plan to improve the southern section of Interstate-270. Focus on the northern section that runs through Frederick County is proposed for a later phase.

On Aug. 24, MDOT SHA will have information on display at the Frederick Keys game at Harry Grove Stadium. MDOT SHA has proposed to add up to two lanes in each direction to the southern section of I-270, for a potential eight lanes between I-495 and I-370. Through the I-370 interchange, it would transition back to the existing six lanes, which are eventually reduced to two lanes north of MD 121. Mayor Michael O'Connor has requested reconsideration of the proposal, so that coordination of the entire corridor can be done to better accommodate existing and future traffic.

“We continue to believe congestion on the northern segment of I-270 is as much of a concern to our residents as the southern segments,” O'Connor said. “Improving the transportation congestion regionally must remain a priority.”

“I encourage everyone to send comments to the state Transportation Department to better inform the planners as they make their decisions,” O'Connor said.

Updated information on the study and public involvement opportunities can be found on the MDOT SHA website at <https://495-270-p3.com/program-overview/>.

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MDOT's display will be set up by 7 p.m., Aug. 24 inside Harry Grove Stadium, 21 Stadium Drive, where Keys game attendees may visit. All people have an opportunity to see and comment on the MDOT plan in one of several ways:

- via a survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VYQ5P9N>
- on a comment page, <https://495-270-p3.com/contact/>
- via email at 495-270-P3@sha.state.md.us
- by phone toll-free at [833-858-5960](tel:833-858-5960)
- by regular mail to:

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