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Open House Offers Details of Armory Road Improvement Project

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md. – March 14, 2013 – The Calvert County Department of Public Works is planning a major road improvement project for Armory Road and Dares Beach Road in Prince Frederick, with construction set to start in late spring.

Details of the project will be shared during a public open house scheduled for Monday, March 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the lower level of Courthouse Square, 205 Main Street in Prince Frederick.

As part of the project, the Armory Road name will be changed to Chesapeake Boulevard and a number of improvements will be made. Property owners on the road have been notified that their addresses will change. Road enhancements include new sidewalks, wider shoulders, pedestrian lights and a traffic circle at the intersection of Chesapeake Boulevard and Dares Beach Road. The project is part of the larger Prince Frederick loop road and is expected to take about 18 months to complete.

Construction plans split the project into four phases. There will be partial road closures during different phases and Fairground Road will serve as a detour route during a portion of the construction.

The project will start at the intersection of Armory Road and Dares Beach Road. A traffic circle will be built in two phases, with a different detour route for each phase. Armory Road north of Dares Beach Road will be temporarily closed to traffic for a portion of this phase.

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In the second phase, the second half of the traffic circle, the new portion of Chesapeake Boulevard and Monnett Court will be built. Monnett Court is a new road that will intersect with Chesapeake Boulevard and serve the cluster of businesses just to the south of the Dares Beach Road traffic light. During this phase a detour route will be provided for traffic south of Dares Beach Road.

In phase three, Monnett Court, the Fairground Road entrance and the southern portion of Chesapeake Boulevard will be finished. The traffic circle and portions of Chesapeake Boulevard will be open to traffic, except for the portion just north of Fairground Road.

In the final phase, the center of the traffic circle will be finished; splitter islands for the circle will be completed on Dares Beach Road; curbs will be constructed; and final pavement and markings will be finished at the project site. Traffic will be using normal patterns for this phase.

During the open house on March 25, participants will be able to see maps of the project and ask any questions they have for project engineers.

The maps and information are also available at www.co.cal.md.us/roadproject. For more information about the project, contact Karl Deugwillo at deugwikr@co.cal.md.us or 410-535-1600, ext. 2546.

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