

March 2024 Public Comment Opportunity
Draft Regionally Significant for Air Quality Project Details

**Branch Avenue (MD 5) Widening: US
301 (North Junction) to North of I-95/I-
495**

CE1196

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Title	MD 5 Corridor
Project ID	CE1196
Lead Agency	Maryland Department of Transportation - State Highway Administration



PROJECT INFORMATION

Route/Facility Name	MD 5/Branch Avenue
From	I-95/I-495 Capital Beltway
To	US 301 (North Junction)
Primary Project Type	Road - Add Capacity/Widening
County	Prince Georges
Municipality	
Accommodations	Not Included
Complete Street Advance	Not Applicable
Primary Contact	Barry Kiedrowski
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Project Information URL	N/A
Project Description	This project is an upgrade of MD 5 to a multi-lane freeway from US 301 interchange at T.B. to north of I-95/I-495 Capital Beltway.

SCHEDULE AND FUNDING INFORMATION

Estimated Project Completion Date	2035
Current Implementation Status	No Project Activity
Total Project Cost	\$769,000,000.00

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CONFORMITY INFORMATION

Con Id	Improvement Type	Location Type	Facility	From	To	Projected Complete
441	Widen	Interchange	MD 5/Branch Avenue	Surratts Road		2035

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205	Widen	Road Segment	MD 5/Branch Avenue	US 301 at T.B.	North if I-95/I-495 Capital Beltway	2035

Con Id	Improvement Type	Location Type	Facility	From	To	Projected Complete
440	Widen	Interchange	MD 4/Branch Avenue	at Earnshaw Drive/Burch Hill Road		2035

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INFORMATION

Environmental Document Type Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Review Status Ongoing

- This project has been identified for the following potential environmental mitigation activities:
Air Quality, Floodplains, Geology, Soils and Groundwater, Noise, Socioeconomics, Wetlands

REGIONAL POLICY QUESTION RESPONSES

- 32a. This project promotes non-auto travel or can be expected to reduce VMT in the region.
- 32b. Please identify all travel mode options that this project promotes, enhances, or supports.
- **Carpool/HOV**
 - **Express/Commuter Bus**
 - **Local Bus**
 - **Metrobus**
 - **Metrorail**
 - **Single Driver**
33. This project improves accessibility for historically transportation-disadvantaged individuals (i.e., persons with disabilities, low-incomes, and/or limited English proficiency)

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- 34a. This project is physically located in an Equity Emphasis Area (EEA)
- 34b. Please provide additional written information that describes how this project further supports or advances equity as described by the TPB July 2020 resolution.
The project traverses portions of various Equity Emphasis Areas and aides in the connection to employment centers.
- 35a. This project begins or ends in an Activity Center.
- 35b. This project connects two or more Activity Centers.
- 35c. This project promotes non-auto travel within one or more Activity Centers.
- 35d. This project connects an Equity Emphasis Area to an Activity Center.
36. This project contributes to enhanced system maintenance or preservation.
37. This project is primarily designed to reduce travel time on highways and/or transit without building new capacity (e.g., ITS, bus priority treatments, etc.).
38. This project expected to significantly reduce fatalities or injuries among motorists, transit users, pedestrians, and/or bicyclists.
39. This project is expected to contribute to reductions in emissions of criteria pollutants, specifically, to attainment of ozone levels consistent with the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).
- 40a. This project is expected to contribute to reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases by 50% below 2005 levels by 2030.
- 40b. If the answer to question 40a. regarding contributing to greenhouse gas emission reductions was yes, then how is this project anticipated to reduce emissions?
41. This project enhances, supports, or promotes the following freight carrier modes.
- **Local Delivery**
 - **Long-Haul Truck**

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42. This project enhances, supports, or promotes the following passenger carrier modes.
- **Intercity Bus**
43. Please check each strategy that is implemented by this project.
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- 44a. Please provide additional written information that describes how this project further supports or advances the TPB Strategies.
- 44b. Please provide additional written information that describes how this project further supports or advances other regional goals or needs.
45. Federal Planning Factors: This project supports the following planning factors (select all that apply)
- **Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across and between modes for people and freight**
 - **Increase accessibility and mobility of freight**
 - **Increase accessibility and mobility of people**
 - **Increase the safety of the transportation system for all motorized and non-motorized users**
 - **Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area especially by enabling global competitiveness productivity and efficiency**