

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **LONG-AWAITED HARFORD/JOPPA PROJECT TO START**

When I ran for office in 2010, I stood with a sign at the corner of Harford and Joppa Roads that read “Fix This Intersection.” This junction of two major corridors has been gridlocked for decades, and rebuilding the intersection has been a top priority since I was elected.

I am very pleased that after ten years, the State Highway Administration will [begin work to expand and improve this corner](#).

The bulk of the work includes adding a third through-lane along southbound Harford Road and a third through-lane along westbound Joppa Road for about 700 feet in every direction. Signals will be updated, as well as ramps, sidewalks, signage, and driveways.

Work will begin in 2020 and conclude by late 2022. To accommodate motorists, construction will occur after rush hour.

As a freshman Councilman in 2012, I brokered an agreement between the state, county, Carney

Improvement Association, and the developer of the CVS that helped led to these improvements. The CVS developer committed to donating right-of-way that could be used for the project.



It has taken far too long for work to start, but I am excited we are closer to breaking the bottleneck at this intersection. I would like to thank my partners in the state and local governments, as well as the Carney Improvement Association, for their support—and in advance, would like to thank the public for patience over the next two years.

BRIDGES TO BE RENOVATED AT MOUNT VISTA PARK



Baltimore County will be renovating two decaying bridges at Kingsville’s Mount Vista Park. The count is stripping the boardwalk, strengthening the undercarriage of each bridge, putting in new railing, and installing bollards to prevent vehicles from driving over the bridges. Both bridges should be restored by December.

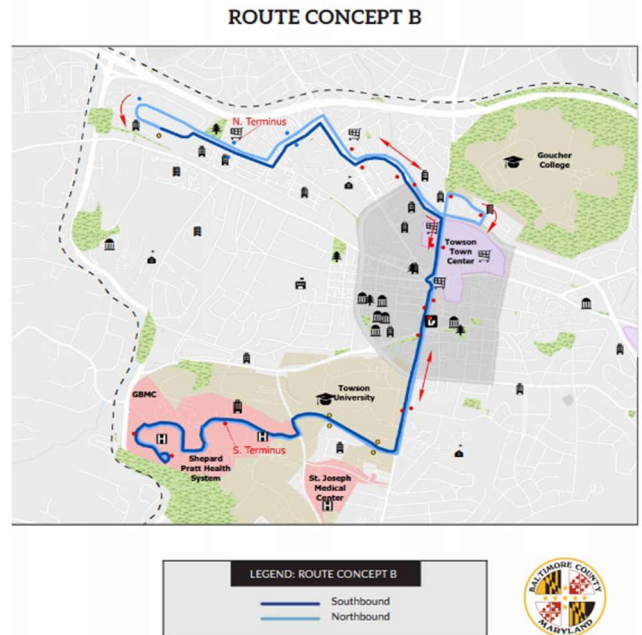
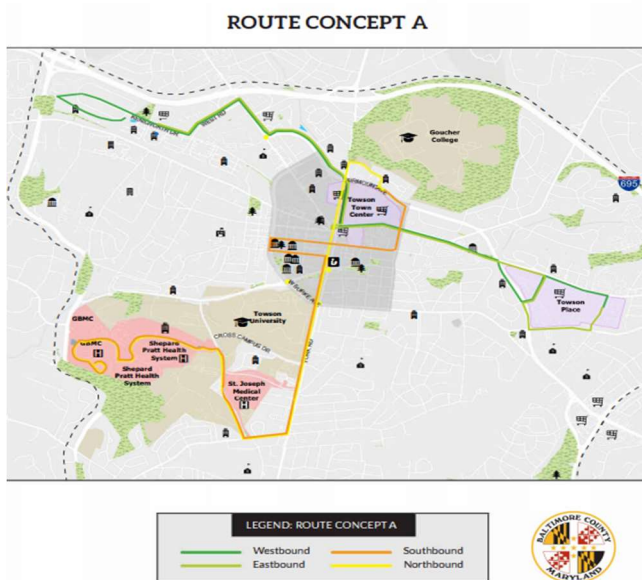
AFTER A DECADE OF WORK, TOWSON CIRCULATOR CLOSE TO REALITY

Councilman Marks has been an advocate for the Towson Circulator for more than ten years. In 2015, he worked with the Greater Towson Committee to generate a study that recommended routes for the project. In October, County Executive Olszewski and Councilman Marks announced plans to purchase a bus fleet—using federal funding—and design final routes.

The Circulator is important because places like Downtown Towson have very little capacity to expand or build roads.

Input meetings are scheduled for November. Learn more by viewing the concept routes on this page, and by visiting this page:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/publicworks/traffic/transportation/towson-circulator.html>



COUNCILMAN MARKS: LONG-TERM SCHOOLS PLAN NEEDS REWORKING

Councilman Marks recently wrote to the Baltimore County School Superintendent and Board of Education regarding the recently-released Multi-Year Improvement Plan for All Schools. The plan can be viewed here: <https://www.bcps.org/system/myipas/>

Despite its name, the plan focuses on high school improvement strategies, recommending a 500-seat addition at Towson High School and additions at many other campuses throughout the county. Councilman Marks urged the Superintendent and Board of Education to instead prioritize a renovation at Towson High School—already one of the smallest sites in the county—and the construction of a new high school in northeastern Baltimore County.

[Land has been identified for a new high school in White Marsh.](#)