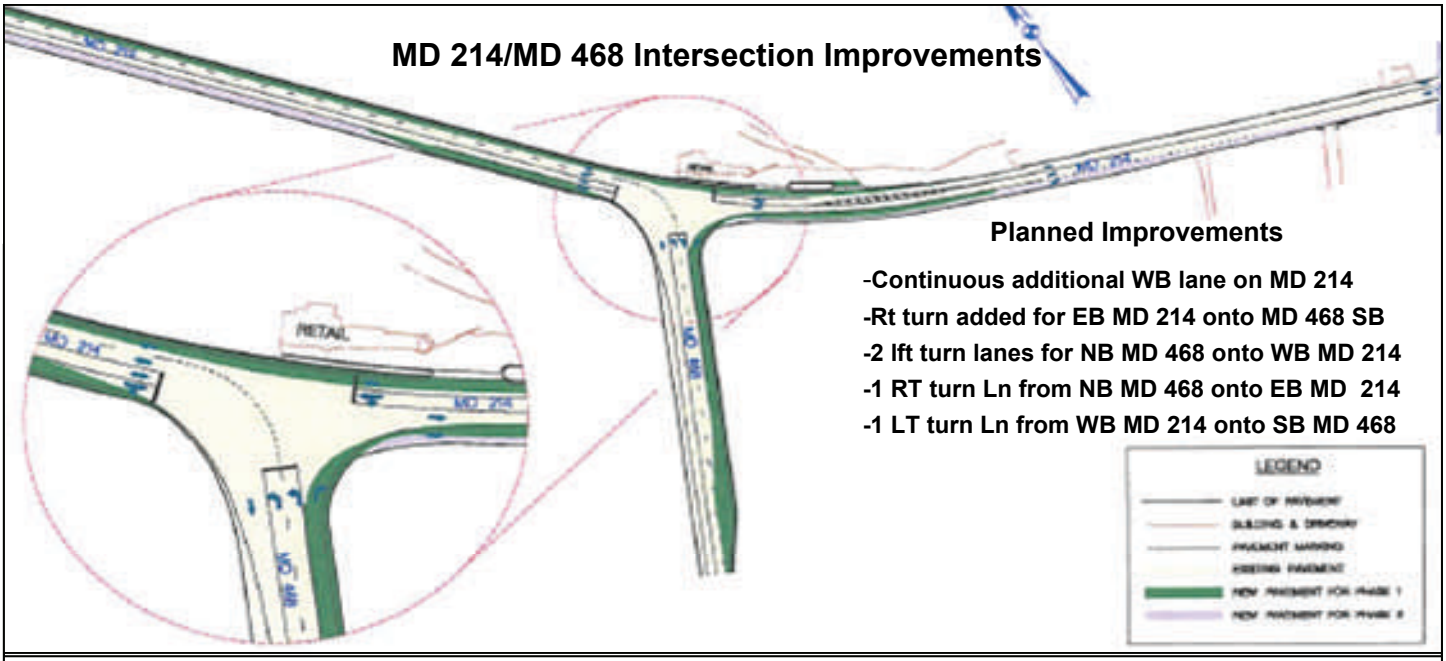
MD RT 214 AT MD RT. 468 IMPROVEMENTS



Project News

The concrete barriers adjacent to the signal were shifted northward on October 5 to increase the clearance for westbound traffic to get around left turning vehicles at the intersection. The barriers are still required for the storm drain construction and excavation necessary to widen the road.

Recent Delays

Relocating Utilities

Needed relocation of utilities have been in conflict with the proposed road widening. This is partly due to the State Highway Administration Road Work Permit provisions limiting work hours in order to minimize daytime traffic impacts.

As of Monday October 3, 2011, Verizon indicated that 2-3 months of work remains before the conflicting poles can be removed.

Unforeseen Underground Conditions

Original designs for the construction of a stabilized slope (similar to a retaining wall) needed to be modified due to unforeseen underground conditions. Unmodified, the estimated size of the grid behind the slope would have increased and forced a tremendous amount of additional excavation. It would have also effected the utility duct bank and wb lane on MD 214.

Design modifications for the stabilized slope are currently under SHA review.

Project Status

The County is making every effort to begin construction as soon as possible before the end of the year. Contractor mobilization and construction will be based on the outcome of efforts to address winter work restrictions with SHA and resolve scheduling conflicts with contractor.

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Background

MD Rt. 214 and MD 468 is a major crossroad with large volumes of traffic passing to access the Mayo peninsula and points south. Likewise, a large volume of vehicles access this part of the county during rush hours.

Benefits

- Improve the level of service and safety of a currently “failed” intersection
- Part of Edgewater/Mayo Small Area Plan
- Improve bicycle access and safety
- Improve traffic signaling