

A new traffic management plan will be implemented on a trial basis during some of the Maryland Renaissance Festival weekend events. The proposed measures, detailed below, were developed in coordination with Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works Bureau of Highways Traffic Engineering Division (County DPW), the County Police Department, the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) District 5 Traffic Office, the Renaissance Festival, and representatives of surrounding communities. The plan is a response to community concerns regarding the high level of traffic volume during Festival weekends.

The plan (see attachment) establishes road closures on Honeysuckle Lane, Chesterfield Road, and Hawkins Road. Also, the plan includes the prohibition of left turns onto Crownsville Road from Chesterfield Road. The traffic management plan would only be in effect between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays for two weekends. The first weekend will be September 7 and 8th. September 7th and 8th fall during the “low” attendance period of the festival. If the first weekend does not generate unexpected traffic operations issues, we will implement the traffic management plan on September 28 and 29th, during the “high” attendance period.

With the road closures and notifications planned, it is the intention that GPS Traffic Applications will not display these routes as viable alternatives to people traveling to or through the area. Implementation of the traffic management plan will be coordinated between County Police, County DPW, MDOT SHA, and the Maryland Renaissance Festival. These offices will monitor traffic conditions during weekends when this trial plan is inactive and active in order to assess performance.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nestor Flores or Erik Terry from the Anne Arundel County Traffic Engineering Division at 410-222-7331 or email pwcust00@aacounty.org

