



# Southern Maryland Transportation Needs Assessment



The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland (TCCSMD) are conducting a 20+ year assessment defining the transportation needs for the Southern Maryland region of Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties. The assessment will focus primarily on regional transit and highway systems, but all modes of transportation will also be evaluated. Additionally, there will be a secondary focus on southern Prince George's and southern Anne Arundel Counties to ensure the study's consistency with existing planning efforts in those jurisdictions. Study oversight is being provided by a Commission appointed by the Maryland Senate.

## Transportation Open Houses – Fall 2007

**Wednesday, October 24**

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Charles County

**Thursday, October 25**

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

St. Mary's County

**Tuesday, October 30**

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Calvert County

### Study Purpose:

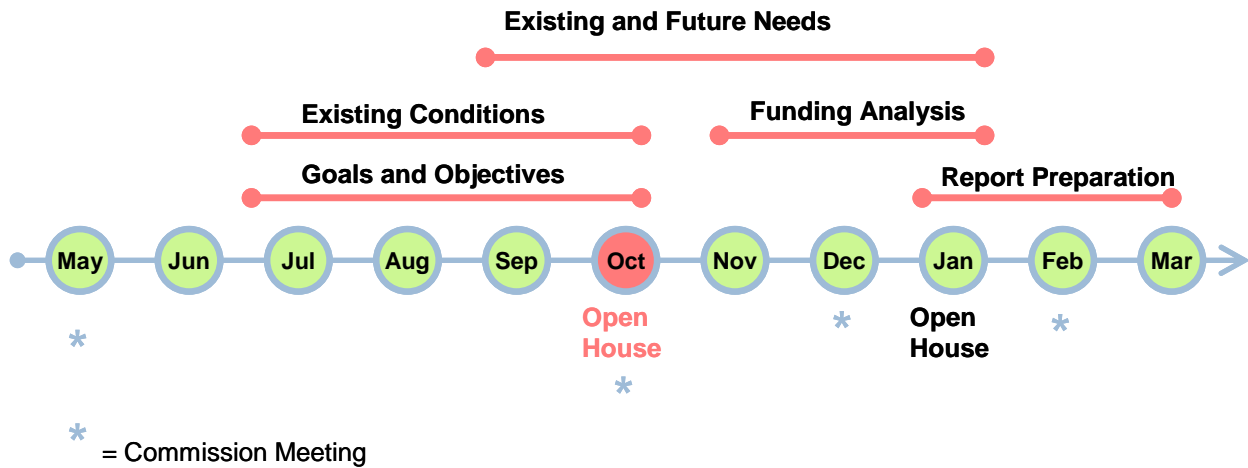
- To facilitate the Tri-County Council's update to the 1998 Southern Maryland Regional Strategy: An Action Plan for Transportation.
- To respond to Maryland Senate Bill 281 and the request by the Southern Maryland delegation for a comprehensive transportation needs assessment.
- To address the impacts of rapid population growth and significant long distance commuting in Southern Maryland. Currently around half of residents in Charles and Calvert Counties commute out of Southern Maryland for employment.



### Transportation Open House Purpose:

We encourage you to review the existing conditions and goals and objectives, and help us identify the highest priority transportation needs in the region.

## Study Schedule:



## Study Process:

- Review previous transportation studies.
- Study current and future transportation conditions, including traffic congestion, transit ridership, and related concerns.
- Recommend potential transportation strategies, projects, and programs for future investment.
- Study and make recommendations on funding needs.
- Assess barriers to transportation improvements.

The Maryland Senate established the Commission to provide oversight for the Southern Maryland Transportation Needs Assessment. It includes representatives from:

- Maryland Senate
- Maryland House of Delegates
- US Representative
- County Commissioners
- Council Members
- Maryland DOT
- Maryland Department of Budget and Management

## Coordination:

Because of the rapid growth of Southern Maryland, there are several ongoing or planned studies, in addition to the Needs Assessment, including:

- White Plains to Branch Avenue Transit Corridor Preservation Study
- US 301 Multimodal Corridor Study
  - US 301/MD 197 Interchange
  - Waldorf Bypass
- MD 5 Upgrades
- US 301, Governor Harry W. Nice Bridge Improvement Project

## Public Involvement Opportunities:

- Visit the Tri-County Council Website, [www.tccsmd.org](http://www.tccsmd.org)
- Attend Tri-County Council and Commission Meetings

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***We welcome you back in January 2008 to provide your input at the next round of Transportation Open Houses. Visit [www.tccsmd.org](http://www.tccsmd.org) for dates and locations.***