

Meeting Summary
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Agency: SHA (MDOT)

Date of Meeting: March 19, 2010

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the SHA Stat on March 19, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

General Discussion

- **Real-Time Travel Information:** SHA discussed the recent publicity regarding the real-time travel information posted on overhead message boards at locations on I-95. Some motorists complained that the estimated travel time information provided was causing drivers to reduce speed while reading the message boards, thereby creating congestion. The agency responded to this criticism by removing one overhead message board at a point on the Capital Beltway of particularly high congestion. However, the agency found no evidence of the real-time information causing congestion at any other point on I-95, and announced that they will continue provide estimated travel time information at all other locations. The agency believes that the information being provided is useful to drivers, and that any congestion caused by the signs will decrease as drivers become more accustomed to the information provided.
- **Pedestrian Safety:** In response to the concerns of area residents, the agency announced that they recently started construction on a \$1 million project to improve pedestrian safety in Silver Spring. The entire project will be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and improvements will be made to six downtown intersections along Colesville Rd. The agency plans on providing new traffic lights, light poles, audible pedestrian signals (APS), wider crosswalks and ADA-compliant ramps at all six intersections. The project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2011.
- **Workzone Speed Camera Pilot:** The agency reviewed preliminary data on its workzone speed camera pilot. The pilot program is being conducted as a safety measure to reduce vehicle speeds at construction workzones. The data collected revealed that one location, I-95 Inter-County Connector, had a significantly lower violation rate than the other two workzones. The agency reported that they would monitor violation rate patterns closely during the pilot as they proceed toward an expected full roll-out of workzone speed cameras in August 2010.

Percentage of Violations in Work Zone, by Location, Oct. 09 to Present

