

# Naval Support Activity Bethesda Commuter News

## Important Events

### March

**March 7 2011**

**-NNMC Command Orientation**

**March 8 2011**

**-Ridesharing Workshop**

**Building 1 Room 1643**

**1300**

**March 16 2011**

**-Make-Up Distribution**

**NCR Transit Benefits**

**Pass & ID Hallway Bldg 2**

**0900-1300**

**March 17 2011**

**-Transit Benefit Workshop**

**Building 1 Room 1643**

**1300**

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## ICC Opens In Montgomery County

The first phase of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) opened in Montgomery County on February 23, 2011 connecting I-370 to MD 97.

The construction will operate in phases with the second and third phase set to be completed by early 2012. These two phases will lengthen the roadway and will stretch from I-270 in Montgomery County to I-95 in Northern Prince George's County.

The new roadway, MD 200, was designed to aid commuters who need to travel from I-95 to I-270 and points in between. This will save time for motorists and ease congestion for those who travel on Maryland roadways to include I-495 and I-270.

This roadway will be a toll road. The fares will vary to help manage the amount of traffic on the roadway. The toll will be higher during peak rush hour periods and will be lower during nights and weekends. The toll will be collected by only using

E-Z Pass. No cash will be accepted.

There will be several lines of commuter busses that will operate on the ICC. The first two lines will be MTA Commuter Bus 201 and 202 and will run from Gaithersburg to BWI Airport and NSA/Fort Meade respectively. These lines will start running in early March.

After the second phase of construction completes in early 2012, MTA Commuter Bus lines 203 and 204 are projected to start. These bus lines would begin in Columbia and end in Bethesda.

Once operational, these bus services will have monthly passes and transit link card capabilities to link you from the bus to the Metro. The NCR Transit Benefit could be used to defray costs for these passes.

For more information on the project and bus service visit this site:

<http://www.mtaiccbus.com/>

## Every Choice Counts

We all have to make important choices in life. One important choice is how you will commute to work each day.

Like me, you are probably someone who likes to spend the least amount of time commuting to and from work. But with every increasing congestion on the roadways and constraints with the availability of staff parking, driving isn't always the answer. Why not make this Spring your time to reevaluate your commuting habits and see if a new commuting plan is in need.

Take one week to investigate commuting alternatives. Perhaps your week might look like this:

- Monday- Take the Metro.
- Wednesday- Carpool with a coworker.
- Friday- Take a local bus.

Benefits to a change in commuting habits range from saving time and money to providing more free time to sleep or read on your commute.

In upcoming issues of Commuter News, I will provide a narrative of my experience in trying out several forms of mass transit to commute to NSA Bethesda. The options that are open to me include:

- MTA Commuter Bus
- Metrorail
- RideOn
- MARC Train

Make your choice count as we continue to make NSA Bethesda a better place to work.

*Have you updated your badge & vehicle decals? Please go to the Pass & ID office in Building 2 to complete the process.*

*Detailed traffic plans are in place to assist in reducing impact to motorists. . .*

## Parking News

- Fencing will be erected in the northernmost portion of the "G" lot to support utility work for North Gate construction. The fencing will be up from February 28–March 11. This will impact roughly 22 spaces. Once work is complete, parking will be restored.
- South Gate construction will soon be underway. Stay tuned for details.
- Construction in Building 54 is transitioning from Phase I to Phase II. Work will shift from deck 5 to deck 4. During construction the floor below the floor that is under construction is blocked off for safety. Please be mindful of directional lights and barriers as you drive through this lot.
- Pre cast deliveries of concrete slabs for use in construction of the new 1200 space Multi Use Parking Structure off of South Palmer and Stokes Road is currently underway. These deliveries will span four months with about 7-14 per day. A detailed traffic plan is in place to assist in reducing impact to motorists.
- Closure of the current NEX and opening of a temporary NEX will occur in the near future. Construction offices have been set up and fencing has already been installed. As the phases of demolition and construction continue, fencing will be erected in phases over the majority of the parking lot in front of the NEX. Please be aware of changing conditions and signage as the construction project evolves.
- Try using the gates along Jones Bridge Road in the morning and afternoon. You might be surprised with the results.

## Road Construction News

- The bridge that spans Rock Creek on Cedar Lane will be reconstructed this Spring and Summer. The improved bridge will include three lanes instead of four and an 12' sidewalk for pedestrian access. The bulk of the work will occur after public schools break for the summer. From June 17 to August 24, Cedar Lane will be closed and vehicles will follow a detour. A temporary pedestrian bridge will be erected over Rock Creek.
- Construction on Old Georgetown Road from North Brook Lane to MD 355 will begin soon. The State Highway Administration will be repaving this area. Expect major delays during the evenings from 7:00pm–4:00am. This project is expected to last until Fall 2011.



## Ideas For Future Issues:

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