

September 19 Civic Association General Meeting

The September 19 Civic Association meeting on the highway and interchange situation here was an interesting one. Our speaker was Maryland state highway engineer, Neil Haines, who is the Assistant District Engineer for Construction for state District 7.

The problems and progress on the new Monocacy Blvd/Rte 15 interchange were discussed. The exit onto Rte 15 was expected to open within a month. We all appreciated that it is now easy to get to Thomas Johnson Road without any contact with Rte 15.

The work on the Md 85/I-270 interchange is not near completion. A finishing date is difficult to give – as it was Monocacy Blvd/Rte 15 interchange.

Only limited information was available on the highway of I-270. The plan now is focused on the work at the southern end of the highway. Little has been said about when and what will happen on this end. There is consideration for adding additional lanes but they likely will be toll lanes. Also the improvement will probably be a partnership between government and private venture. Some cost would then have to be paid back!

Many questions were asked and responded to by Neil Haines and 2 additional highway department staff who came to the meeting.