

MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

State Highway Administration To Host Public Open House For Us 15/Us 40 Improvement Project In Frederick County

2026-10-09

Source: Maryland State Highway Administration

(October 8, 2026) – The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration will host a public open house from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 15, at Governor Thomas Johnson Middle School located at 1799 Schifferstadt Blvd. in Frederick, to share information and receive feedback on the upcoming project to improve traffic operations and safety along US 15 (Jefferson National Pike) and US 40 (Frederick Freeway) from I-70 (Eisenhower Memorial Highway) to MD 26 (Liberty Road) in Frederick County.

The purpose of the project is to improve safety, reduce congestion and enhance traffic flow. The project, a priority of the Moore-Miller Administration, is currently in the design phase, with construction anticipated to start in late 2027.

The public open house is an opportunity for residents, businesses and commuters to learn more about the project and view the design details.

Attendees may arrive any time during the open house to view maps and displays, speak with State Highway Administration representatives and provide feedback. There will be no formal presentation. Project materials will be available on the US 15/US 40 Project Portal page after the open house.

Those requiring assistance to participate in the open house, including interpreter needs for hearing/speech difficulties or assistance with the English language, may email shatilevi@mdot.maryland.gov before the event. Please indicate the desired language in the subject line. Maryland Relay Service can assist teletype users at 7-1-1.

Questions about the open house or general inquiries can be directed to Project Manager John Delaney at JDelaney@mdot.maryland.gov or Community Relations Manager Holly Pearl at HPearl@mdot.maryland.gov.



Image courtesy of Maryland State Highway Administration.

This project is consistent with the Maryland Department of Transportation’s Serious About Safety initiative, a department-wide commitment to advance improvements that drive safety goals and save lives. In 2025, Governor Wes Moore highlighted the US 15/US 40 project as part of a package of transportation initiatives. For a list of all major State Highway Administration projects, news and travel information, visit roads.maryland.gov.

[Read the original release](#)

FREDERICK WATCH

Fire & Rescue Open House Saturday at FSK Mall; FredScanner Bringing Handheld Scanner Museum Display

2026-10-07

Source: Frederick Watch

Frederick County Fire & Rescue will host an open house Saturday, October 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at FSK Mall, 5500 Buckeystown Pike in Frederick.

Families can tour emergency vehicles, watch live demonstrations, learn lifesaving skills and meet local firefighters, EMTs and public safety partners. Family-friendly activities will offer an up-close look at the people, equipment and skills that help protect Frederick County.

The FredScanner team will also be there, bringing a special handheld scanner museum display.

For scanner enthusiasts, and anyone curious about the radios behind the calls, it’s a chance to explore a piece of public safety listening history and meet the team behind Frederick Scanner. Stop by, check out the collection and say hello!

Food options will include Wonder Bowls, Bruster’s Ice Cream, Old Fireman’s BBQ and B-Dub’s Island Soul Food. Free Country 99.9 WFRE will broadcast live from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., presented by Airtron Heating & Air Conditioning.

Bring the family for an afternoon of exploration, public safety demonstrations and community connections—and make the FredScanner display part of your visit.



Image courtesy of Frederick Watch.

FREDERICK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Howard County Man Convicted By Jury Of Murder And Attempted Murder Following 2025 Interstate 70 Drive-By Shooting

2026-10-09

Source: Frederick County State's Attorney's Office

HOWARD COUNTY MAN CONVICTED BY JURY OF MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER FOLLOWING 2025 INTERSTATE 70 DRIVE-BY SHOOTING

Frederick, MD – On Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, a jury in the Circuit Court for Frederick County found 26-year-old Jeffrey Josue Diaz of Howard County guilty of Second-Degree Murder, 5 counts of Attempted Second Degree Murder, 6 counts of Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Crime of Violence, 2 counts of First Degree Assault, Possession of Handgun by Prohibited Person, and Unlawful Carrying of a Loaded Handgun.

The convictions are the result of an incident that occurred late Saturday, June 14, 2025.

At approximately 11:38 p.m., a 9-1-1 caller reported that their vehicle had been fired upon by a passing vehicle while traveling eastbound on Interstate 70, just prior to the Mt. Airy exit in Frederick County. The victims' vehicle, a 2018 Red GMC Sierra carrying six individuals, sustained damage from at least 10 shots fired into it by the passing vehicle. Three of the passengers had sustained gunshot wounds.

The driver of the targeted vehicle pulled over at a Shell gas station located at 649 Lakeview Drive in Mount Airy, Maryland, where police and emergency personnel responded.

20-year-old Eduardo Alexander Alvarado Urrea, the front middle seat passenger, suffered gunshot wounds to the chest and upper back and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The driver of the targeted vehicle was shot in the upper shoulder but survived the shooting and was transported to Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, for medical treatment.

[Read the original release](#)

A third passenger sustained an injury to the right side of his face from broken glass.

The Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division – Homicide Unit conducted the investigation.

Investigators learned that earlier that evening, the six occupants of the GMC Sierra had attended an event at the Frederick County Fairgrounds in the City of Frederick.

Through witness interviews and surveillance footage, law enforcement determined that a physical altercation occurred at the fairgrounds between one of the vehicle's occupants and the defendant Jeffrey Diaz.

An event security guard reported interacting with Diaz shortly after the altercation, noting that Diaz had a cut and was bleeding from his forehead.

The security guard observed Diaz leave the fairgrounds in a dark colored pickup truck shortly after the GMC Sierra.

Upon reviewing footage from the red-light cameras at the intersection of East Patrick Street and Monocacy Blvd., investigators identified the suspect vehicle as a Black 2022 Dodge Ram associated with a friend of Diaz.

Cell phone mapping of the Defendant's and victim's devices, and location information from the Red GMC's infotainment system, showed the Dodge Ram caught up to the GMC Sierra on Interstate 70 eastbound and was in close proximity to it at the time the shooting occurred.

Additional investigation revealed that Diaz was seated in the rear driver's side seat of the Dodge Ram travelling on Interstate 70 eastbound when he observed the GMC Sierra, lowered his window and fired multiple rounds into the GMC Sierra as they drove past it.



Image courtesy of Frederick County State's Attorney's Office.

Diaz was arrested by the Maryland State Police on June 29, 2025 and booked into the Frederick County Adult Detention Center on a no bond status. Diaz remains held without bond pending sentencing.

The investigation was handled by the Maryland State Police Criminal Enforcement Division – Homicide Unit with assistance from the Mt.

Airy Police Department, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, Frederick City Police Department, and the FBI CAST unit. The State of Maryland was represented in this case by Chief Counsel Ricky Lewis and Assistant State's Attorney Samantha Slattery.

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techfrederick Expo

October 14, 2026

Source: techFrederick

A regional technology expo built for visibility, relationships, and growth. Attendee Registration Your \$20 registration includes all of this. One ticket covers the entire day — breakfast through happy hour. Four seminars throughout the day Hear from speakers and leaders covering topics relevant to today’s technology and business landscape. Food & drinks all day Breakfast, lunch, and happy hour are included with your registration. Come for the programming, stay for the connections.

Networking with the tech community Meet technology professionals, business leaders, entrepreneurs, students, and others who are helping shape Frederick’s future.

To register, go to techfrederick.org/events.

[View the event details](#)

Our 10-Year Anniversary Video Premiere Look back at the people, events, and moments that have helped build tech-frederick over the past decade.

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 · 10:00 am – 6:00 pm · Warehouse Cinemas, Frederick, MD What’s happening that day Doors open at 10:00 am and the day runs through Happy Hour at 6:00 pm.

One \$20 ticket covers all of it — the presentations, the demo floor, catered food and drink throughout, and the evening Happy Hour.



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10-Year Anniversary Video Premiere The full techfrederick story on the big screen at Warehouse Cinemas — the people, partnerships and programs behind the last ten years.

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The Day’s Run Log

Complete call activity for Friday, October 9. Excludes medical calls.

ALARMS

6:49 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

400 block E. PATRICK ST — SAPUTO DAIRY (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E33, TT4

FIRE & RESCUE

7:49 am

Vehicle Fire

12500 block JESSE SMITH RD

UNITS: E152, PE251, A158

7:54 am E152 on scene, smoke from the hood of the vehicle, no fire present.

7:57 am E152 requesting ambulance for one with minor burns to hair. Small fire in the engine compartment.

8:08 am A158 evaluating one patient.

8:14 am A158 requesting ALS resource.

ALARMS

8:50 am

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

1800 block WHISPERING MEADOW CT (WALNUT RIDGE)

UNITS: E11

8:55 am E11 on the scene, reports active smoke detectors, unable to make access to the residence (homeowner not answering door). House appears to be filled with smoke. Requesting full assignment to be dispatched.

8:57 am E11 reports homeowner finally answered door. No smoke nor fire present. Upon further inspection, windows on the residence have a haze, which appeared to be smoke. Cancelling Box Alarm assignment. E11 crew speaking with homeowner about fixing smoke detectors, but resident is not allowing them in.

ALARMS

9:19 am

Commercial Fire Alarm

1500 block TILCO DR (FREDERICK)

UNITS: E331, TT4

9:25 am TT4 reports occupants are testing the alarm system. No fire department services needed.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

10:13 am

Vehicle Accident - High Mechanism - Als

5200 block WESTVIEW DR — GOLDS GYM

UNITS: A318, ALS31, PE311, R3, BC903, EMS902

10:13 am PE311 on the scene, vehicle into the building. Occupants are out.

10:14 am PE311 reports property damage collision only. No injuries. Holding A318, PE311.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

10:24 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls

7900 block FINGERBOARD RD (URBANA)

UNITS: A239, ALS23, R14, E231, TT23, EMS901, C23

10:27 am C23 on the scene, vehicle into a utility pole. Occupant still inside. Establishing command.

10:31 am C23 requesting Fire-Police to shut down Rte. 80 between Park Mills Rd and Hopeland Rd.

10:39 am C23 reports patient has been extricated, EMS assessing in A239. C23 requesting utility company to respond to repair damaged pole.

10:45 am M239 transporting a patient with serious injuries to Meritus Medical Center.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

10:50 am

Vehicle Accident - Bls

I-70EB / RT17 (MYERSVILLE)

UNITS: A89, A78, R8, RE74, E121

10:53 am A89 in the area, attempting to locate. Frederick ECC advises call received from third-party provides updated location possibly between Ridge Rd and Hollow Rd.

11:01 am R8 reports nothing found between Rte. 17 and Washington County line.

11:02 am A78 reports nothing found on I-70EB between Rte. 17 and Rte. 40A.

11:09 am All responding units checked the area, nothing found.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

11:20 am

Vehicle Accident - Entrapment

STAUFFER RD / CRUM RD, IAO (WALKERSVILLE)

UNITS: A247, ALS17, R24, R3, E111, C11-B, BC902, EMS902

11:24 am C11-B on the scene, one vehicle in the roadway with a utility pole down on the vehicle.

11:26 am C11-B reports one patient for evaluation.

11:27 am C11-B reports no entrapment.

11:29 am BC902 on scene, establishing command.

11:30 am BC902 requesting utility companies to expedite, patient is still inside vehicle. Utility companies need to secure power / stabilize pole before patient can be removed.

12:14 pm E111 reports patient has been removed from vehicle. A247, ALS17 evaluating patient.

12:22 pm M247 transporting a patient with serious injuries to FHH.

FIRE & RESCUE

2:08 pm

Outside Fire

8600 block REICHS FORD RD

UNITS: E331

FIRE & RESCUE

3:04 pm

Appliance Fire Contained

5600 block JEFFERSON BLVD

UNITS: E121, E201, TW7, EK204, C20-B

3:08 pm E121 on the scene, 2-story residential. Nothing evident.

3:14 pm C20-B reports crews located a small fire contained in the dryer. Crews in process of ventilating the residence.

3:22 pm E121 reports dryer has been removed from second floor of the residence. Continuing to hold units on scene while ventilation is completed.

3:30 pm Units clearing the scene.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

3:09 pm

Pedestrian Struck - Als

100 block STADIUM DR (FREDERICK)

UNITS: A318, PE311, EMS901

3:12 pm A318, PE311 on the scene; pedestrian conscious and alert.

3:14 pm A318, ALS provider from PE311 assessing patient.

ALARMS

3:35 pm

Residential Fire Alarm (Single Family Resd/ Mobile Home)

2800 block IVY MEADOW CT (URBANA)

UNITS: E231

PUBLIC SAFETY

5:02 pm

Outside Investigation Of Smoke

STONE SCHOOL LN / ZOE LN (PRESERVE AT LONG BRANCH)

UNITS: E331

5:05 pm E331 on the scene, investigating. Smoke evident from the area of the Amvets Farm.

5:15 pm E331 confirms a controlled burn at the Amvets Farm. No fire department services needed.

TRAFFIC & ROADS

5:26 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

US-15SB / AUBURN RD (CATOCTIN FURNACE)

UNITS: A229, A299, R10, PE102, E291, E221, BC902

5:33 pm R10 on the scene. Single vehicle in the median. Checking on occupants.

5:35 pm R10 reports 2 patients for evaluation. Holding A229, R10, E102. Other responding units in service.

5:43 pm A229 obtained 2 patient refusals. Fire/Rescue clearing the scene.

PUBLIC SAFETY

6:43 pm

Outside Investigation Of Smoke

REELS MILL RD / RAILROAD XING

UNITS: E231

TRAFFIC & ROADS

6:52 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

1000 block W. PATRICK ST — H MART (WESTRIDGE SQUARE SHOPPING CENTER)

UNITS: A38, E11

6:59 pm E11 reports collision is property damage. No fire department services needed.

PUBLIC SAFETY

7:00 pm

Fuel Spill

7900 block REICHS FORD RD — T & S CUSTOMIZING

UNITS: E33

TRAFFIC & ROADS

7:15 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

W. PATRICK ST / HILLCREST DR (GIKDEN MILE)

UNITS: A18, E11

7:34 pm A18 obtained patient refusal. Units in service.

FIRE & RESCUE

7:20 pm

House Fire

13600 block UNIONVILLE RD

UNITS: E172, CCE141, E152, CCE101, E162, EK114, R15, TW11, K17, CCK14, CCEK84, A179, ALS17, C17, BC901, BC902, SAF901

7:22 pm Frederick ECC advises responding units that there is a controlled burn on file in the area. BC901 reducing all units down to a non-emergency response.

7:25 pm C17 on the scene, confirming a large pile of brush on fire. Property owners has burn permit on fire as well as water source. All units in service.

PUBLIC SAFETY

7:32 pm

Outside Investigation Of Smoke

CRUM RD / STAUFFER RD (WALKERSVILLE)

UNITS: TW11

PUBLIC SAFETY

7:54 pm

Flooding Condition

6100 block STONECAT CT (LAKE LINGANORE - OAKDALE)

UNITS: E331

TRAFFIC & ROADS

10:35 pm

Vehicle Accident - Bls

RT340WB / RT67 (WEVERTON)

UNITS: R19, PE52

FREDERICK, MARYLAND

7-Day Weather

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FRI
Oct 9

76° / 48°

Mostly Sunny

ISSUE DAY

SAT
Oct 10

72° / 59°

Mostly Cloudy

65% precip

SUN
Oct 11

67° / 63°

Rain then Showers And Thunderstorms

100% precip

MON
Oct 12

74° / 59°

Chance Rain Showers then Partly Sunny

45% precip

TUE
Oct 13

79° / 57°

Mostly Sunny

13% precip

WED
Oct 14

69° / 50°

Mostly Sunny

21% precip

THU
Oct 15

65° / 53°

Chance Rain Showers

30% precip

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