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Pedestrian Improvements Planned at Location of Fatal Pedestrian Accident in Edgewood

County Executive Craig pleased with response from the state

(Bel Air, MD) - - Nearly eight months after an accident took the life of 20 year-old Mary Saludares at the intersection of MD Rt. 24 and Edgewood Road in Edgewood, the State Highway Administration is planning to make improvements to the area to enhance pedestrian safety. Saludares, of Washington D. C., was struck and killed by a motorist on February 20, 2009 shortly after 10:00 p.m. as she was attempting to cross MD Rt. 24.

Shortly after the incident, County Executive David R. Craig, County Councilman Dion Guthrie and several business and community leaders, met with representatives of the Maryland State Police and Maryland State Highway Administration to review the accident scene and discuss the traffic situation and need for improvements for pedestrian and vehicular traffic safety. Subsequently, SHA conducted a sidewalk feasibility review of the intersection.

Improvements to the intersection are to include the installation of a sidewalk with ADA ramps for pedestrian refuge at the southeast and southwest corners of the intersection. Additionally, the existing crosswalk and median island cut through located on MD Rt. 24 will be upgraded to improve safety.

The SHA anticipates the pedestrian safety improvements to be completed before the end of the calendar year.

Commenting on the proposed enhancements to the intersection, County Executive Craig stated, "The unfortunate death of Ms. Saludares has helped us to move forward in a timely manner to address sorely needed improvements to this intersection. We appreciate the commitment from the State of Maryland to address this problem and hope that once completed these safety measures will aid in avoiding similar tragedies in the future," Craig remarked.

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