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Part of Forge Road to Close

(Towson, March 29, 2010) Baltimore County will temporarily close a small section of Forge Road on Monday, April 5 east of the Belair Road intersection. The businesses near the intersection will retain access to Belair Road, but residential traffic will be channeled to Honeygo Boulevard.

In conjunction with the closure, the traffic signal at the *Forge Road-Belair Road intersection* will be reset to ***flash***. And most of the Forge Road traffic will be directed to use the recently-completed leg of Honeygo Boulevard.

This latest effort is consistent with the long term plans for Honeygo Boulevard which included provisions for reducing traffic on Forge Road and removing the traffic signal at US 1 (Belair Road) and Forge Road.

“The Forge Road closure (expected to last 60 to 90 days) is easier to navigate than it is to describe,” note Darrell Wiles, the County’s Chief of Traffic Engineering. “The closure is calculated to encourage drivers to use the Honeygo Boulevard connection to reach Belair Road.”

The new traffic signal at *Belair Road and Honeygo*, which was activated four weeks ago, is a replacement for (or relocation of) the *Belair Road – Forge Road* signal. “However,” explains Wiles, “old habits die hard and many drivers continue to use Forge as their main thoroughfare. Closing a portion of the road is an attempt to change driving habits. After a test period, we’ll take the temperature of the public and make a final determination about the closure and the intersection.”

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