

TRAFFIC ALERT

SHA AND MDTA ADVISE MOTORISTS TO STAY ALERT FOR NEW TRAFFIC PATTERNS ON ROADS APPROACHING THE ICC

(February 24, 2011) - The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) are cautioning motorists who are accessing the Intercountry Connector (ICC) from the eastern end at MD 28, and from the western end at I-370, to be aware of new traffic patterns following Wednesday's opening of the first segment of the ICC/MD 200.

Motorists who exit from I-270 onto I-370 to access Shady Grove Road or the Metro access road must now move to the far right lanes to make that exit. With the new traffic pattern in place, the left lanes of I-370 now lead motorists directly onto MD 200. Although new signage was in place Wednesday to direct motorists to the proper exits for Shady Grove Road and the Metro station, ICC crews added additional portable variable message system (PVMS) signs to alert motorists to the new traffic pattern.

Additionally, at the far eastern end of the first section of the ICC, motorists are reminded to use the additional through lane on northbound MD 97 (Georgia Avenue) at the intersection with MD 28 (Norbeck Road). A new third northbound through lane was added to provide additional capacity on northbound MD 97. The usage of all three lanes on northbound MD 97 will help to improve the flow of traffic on MD 97 approaching MD 28 at Norbeck Road, just south of the interchange with MD 200.

The first two weeks MD 200 is open to traffic have been designated as a "test drive" period, during which no tolls will be collected by MDTA. Toll collection begins on Monday, March 7 at 12:01 a.m.

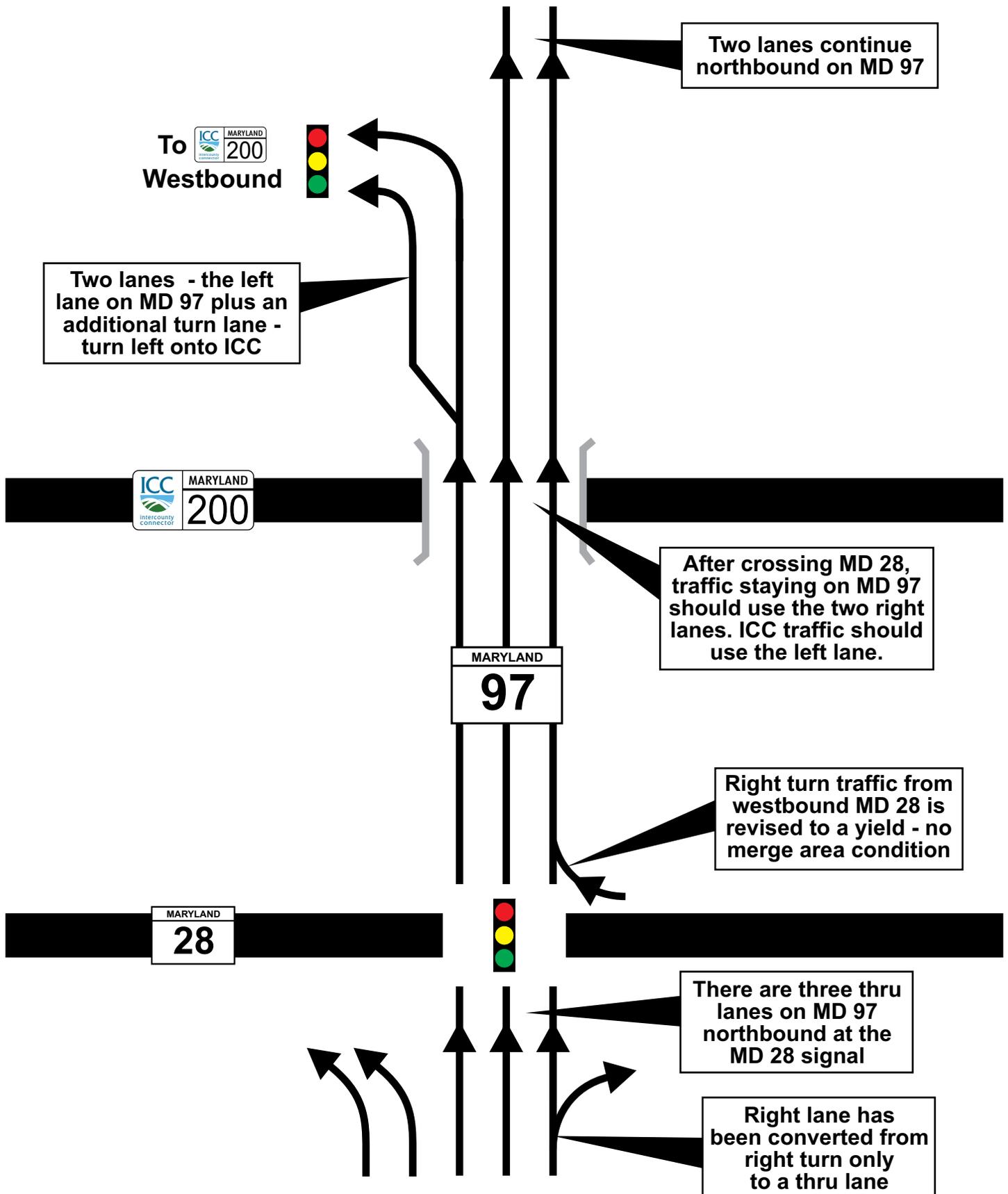
Motorists are reminded that traffic on local roads leading to and from MD 200 may be more congested than normal as motorists take advantage of the two-week non-tolled period. Those local roads include Shady Grove Road, Crabbs Branch Way, MD 28, MD 97 and MD 355.

For more information about the MD 200 project, persons may call the ICC Community Outreach staff at 1-866-462-0020. Persons may also visit the ICC project web site at www.iccproject.com and/or the MDTA web site at www.mdtamaryland.gov.

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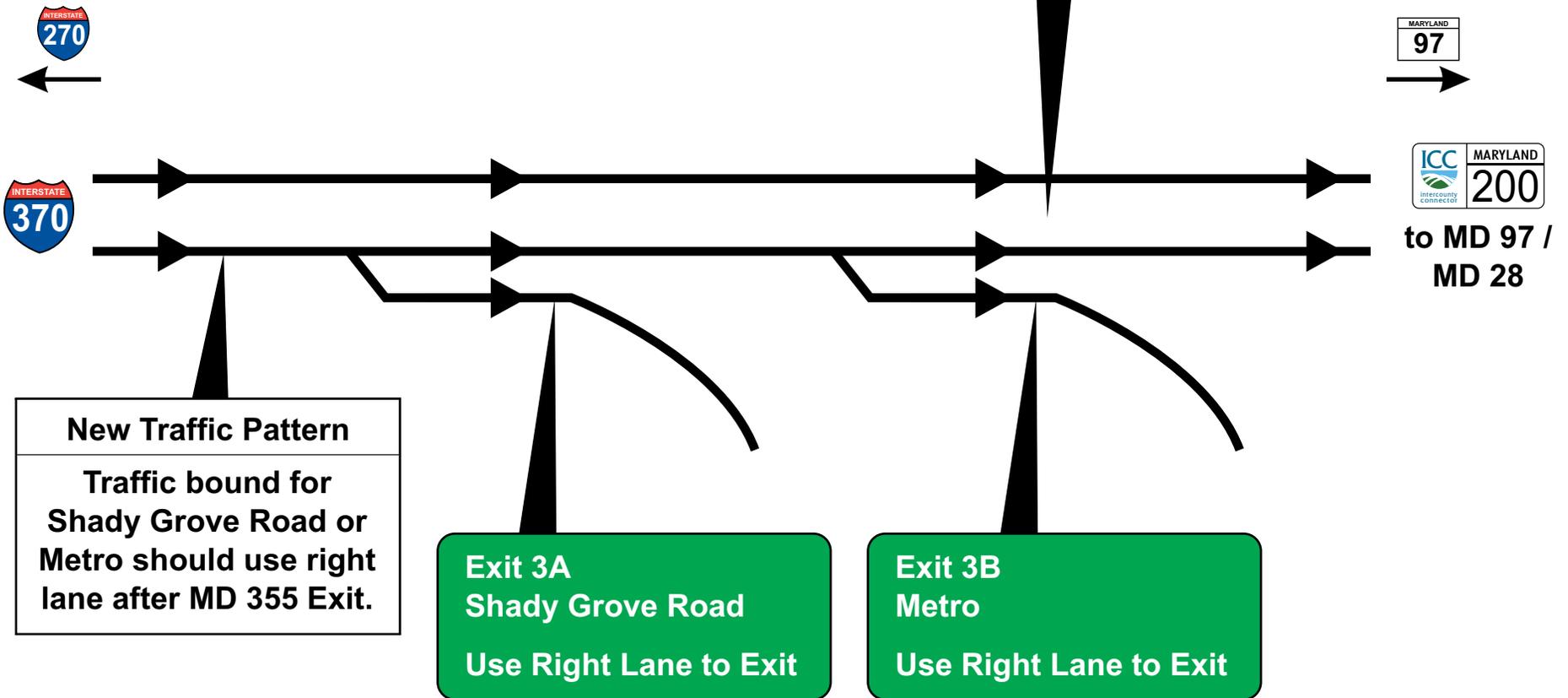


New Traffic Patterns on MD 97 Eastbound



New Traffic Patterns on I-370 Eastbound

New Traffic Pattern
Two lanes from I-370 now become ICC / MD 200.
Metro traffic must now use Exit 3B.



New Traffic Pattern
Traffic bound for Shady Grove Road or Metro should use right lane after MD 355 Exit.

Exit 3A
Shady Grove Road
Use Right Lane to Exit

Exit 3B
Metro
Use Right Lane to Exit