



# INFRASTRUCTURE SERVES CRITICAL ROLE DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

## CRAYTON BOULEVARD EXTENDED



CRAYTON BLVD EXTENDED - OCTOBER 2018

As part of the Making Connections campaign, work on Crayton Boulevard Extended began in October 2018 and was completed in 2020 through a private-public partnership. This phased project provided a connection between Maugans Avenue and Showalter Road, established a more direct alternate route for traffic in case of a backup on Interstate 81, and created development opportunities. Not only has significant economic development begun in this area with the addition of the Meritus Urgent Care, Mountain View Animal Emergency, and Amazon facilities, but the roadway connection has proven pivotal during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thousands of cars have utilized the connection on a daily basis while waiting in the COVID-19 testing line. The extension of the road has enabled the traffic to enter Meritus Urgent Care by way of Showalter Road or Maugans Avenue. Without the extension of the road, traffic to the facility would have been overflowing onto Maugans Avenue and inevitably causing significant daily back ups on Interstate 81.

In addition to the healthcare heroes who have been working tirelessly for almost two years, we would like to thank the following public and private entities who made this roadway project possible: Bowman Development Corporation, Perini Industrial Land, Trammell Crow Company, Fayetteville Contractors, Inc., C. William Hetzer, Inc., Appalachian Regional Commission, Tri-County Council, Maryland Departments of Planning, Commerce, and Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration. Upon completion of this project, the County has demonstrated a collaborative effort of not only building solid infrastructure but also fighting a global pandemic.



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*“In several recent instances, we've noted volumes of 1,000 cars at this location in just one day. We knew this was creating a traffic backlog on surrounding roads, so we worked with our partners at the county and have identified a better way for people to safely wait in their cars for a test.”*

*- Maulik Joshi, Meritus Health President & CEO*