



BEP Replacement Facility Quarterly Newsletter

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This Quarter's Focus: Offsite Roadway Improvements

This quarterly newsletter is a collaboration between the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, with the intent to keep the community informed of the progress on the BEP replacement Currency Production Facility (CPF) at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). USACE signed an interagency agreement with BEP in March 2019 to coordinate this replacement effort, including environmental assessments and design and construction oversight for the Main facility and supporting structures, parking and stormwater management facilities, roadway access and improvements, utility connections, security systems and access control.

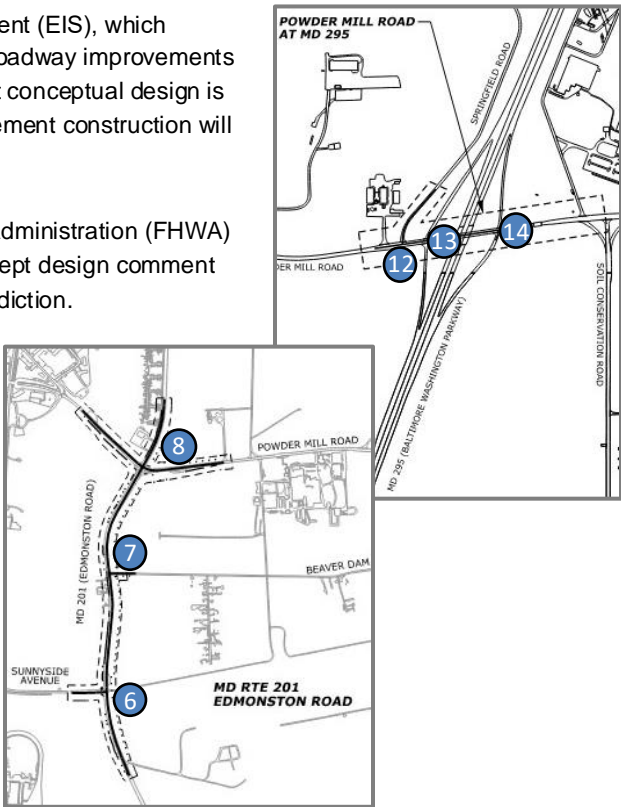
Offsite Roadway Improvements at the Currency Printing Facility

As part of the BEP's commitment to the 2021 Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which identified traffic intersections that have an existing failing level of service (LOS), roadway improvements are planned for six intersections in the vicinity of the CPF. Roadway improvement conceptual design is in progress for intersections 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, and 14. The phased roadway improvement construction will follow the construction of the BEP CPF.

USACE is tasked to perform conceptual roadway design. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will partner with the BEP to complete the design and execute construction. Concept design comment resolution is in progress among the federal, state, and local agencies having jurisdiction.

National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) approved the preliminary site development plans with comments at the 06 FEB 2025 meeting. Discussion highlights include:

- Disturbed land associated with the offsite roadway improvement's planting strategy supports native milkweed, grasses and meadow seed mixes, in coordination with USDA and NPS.
- Roadway improvement designs endeavor to accommodate cyclists on Edmonston and Powder Mill Roads by improving the bike level of traffic stress while also limiting disturbance to adjacent natural resources.
- The roadway improvements have been coordinated with Prince George's County M-NCPPC and are consistent with its 2009 Master Plan of Transportation.



What is the Bureau of Engraving and Printing?



The BEP is a bureau within the U.S. Department of the Treasury responsible for designing and printing U.S. currency notes issued by the Federal Reserve Board. The BEP currently operates currency production facilities in Washington, D.C. and Fort Worth, Texas. The BEP's current Washington, D.C. facility is more than 100 years old and limits the Bureau's ability to modernize its operations. Therefore, the BEP, in coordination with USACE, is planning the construction and operation of a smaller, more efficient, modern facility at BARC to meet currency production needs.

Project Updates



Environmental

BEP completed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), with the Record of Decision (ROD) signed in October 2021. The Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) was completed with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed 12 September 2024. The EIS and the SEA are available on the Project's Website: [BEP Replacement Project \(army.mil\)](https://www.army.mil/bep-replacement-project)



Project Status Update

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Baltimore District, continues to collaborate with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP) as project reevaluations progress on BEP's Currency Production Facility, Beltsville, Maryland. Updates will be communicated via SAM.gov, as well as the BEP Replacement Facility Quarterly Newsletter which can be accessed on the project's website: [BEP Replacement Project \(army.mil\)](https://www.army.mil/bep-replacement-project)