

Bay Crossing Study Public Comments

DATE	MEDIUM	COMMENT (Personally Identifying Information Removed)
8/4/2018	Web	I recently drove through the beautiful farms and shoreline of Kent County and was horrified to learn that a car bridge was being considered. Please please please no. It will destroy everything that makes that area lovely and makes its residents rightly proud to call it home.
8/7/2018	Email	Please keep looking for a site for a new bay bridge. Any Eastern Shore landing in Kent County would destroy irreplaceable prime farmland as well as fisheries and historic sites- everything that makes Kent great. Sites farther south, Dorchester and points south, would not have these side effects, and would be more convenient for many travelers from the Western Shore.
8/8/2018	Web	I think there will be a lot of criticism of any plans for routes crossing wetlands or populated areas. Objections can be reduced by considering tunnels for a major portion of the bypass. Two tunnels combined with a new bridge over the Chesapeake Bay will open up several possible locations. I would favor a tunnel commencing near the intersection of I-97 and Rte 50/301, just west of Annapolis, and running under the Annapolis peninsula to Greenbury Point. From Greenbury Point a bridge could be built about two miles south of the existing bridges terminating at the marine terminal on Kent Island. The third leg would involve another tunnel ending in the Grasonville area, and ramps merging with Rte 50/301. If a more southerly location is chosen, then the lengths of the tunnels and bridge will have to be longer, and new roads created, or existing roads widened, for routes leading to the tunnels, with objections from many fronts.
8/8/2018	Web	Test this website does not work
8/8/2018	Web	NO NEW CROSSING The bay bridge has ruined enough of the eastern shore. You ruin life on the eastern shore so Virginians. Pennsylvanians and western shore people can get to the beach easier. The only people who win are the real estate speculators. Where have the study members started buying land so I can get in too. IF you are insistent on building then put another bridge on Kent Island. 3 lanes in each direction and the 2 lane in the heavy flow direction. Also emergencies and maintenance are easier. All the arguments against this plan are exactly why you shouldn't build a bridge anywhere else! So in conclusion... NO NEW CROSSING . The eastern shore has suffered enough
8/10/2018	Web	Maryland needs to spread the wealth of economic development as well as the burden of traffic. Add another bay bridge, preferably south but north is ok also.
8/10/2018	Email	We need to build another way to cross to the Eastern shore it's completely overpopulated with people traffic vacation people taking us locals hours to. Commute as well as locals can't even leave there home bridge to Chestertown. Something needs to be done asap

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8/11/2018	Web	Another crossing of the Chesapeake Bay needs to be started now. Enough with the studies. The most practical solution is to continue Rt. 4 and have a new bridge cross the bay to Taylor Island and meet Rt. 50 near Cambridge.
8/11/2018	Web	We need a new bay crossing for quality of life and national security. In addition, the local pollution from all these cars sitting in traffic is avoidable
8/14/2018	Email	<p>Maryland Officials:</p> <p>I have a serious question that I would like to ask. Why does the area between the toll plaza and the 2 eastbound lanes of the Bay Bridge need to be a free for all? This is a serious question. As a daily driver of the bridge any time there is a backup there is absolutely no flow or organization to the traffic after the toll plaza - that's not to say there is really any organization before the toll plaza either.</p> <p>The lines painted on the road are barely noticeable and pretty much non existent in certain areas. Because of this people drive inches from each other in order to not be completely overtaken by other cars. There is one or two signs before the bridge that say the lane is ending but that's it.</p> <p>At the VERY least why can't there be wide painted lane dividers - 2 foot wide (at least) that merges every 2 lanes into one with signs saying to alternate merge. There could be raised lane dividers, like around NYC, to prevent people from crossing lanes. There could be those removable orange poles to properly divide the lanes and control the merging. Why does the state just continue to allow this free for all merge?? Can you image tourists who come here and are already nervous to cross the bridge and they have to deal with that merging nightmare!?! There has got to be a solution that is better than skinny lines painted on the road that no one pays attention to, and when everyone is inches away and completely surrounded by cars you can't see them anyway!</p> <p>Another thing I have noticed on the bridge is lack of enforcement for truckers. I see trucks in the reverse lane on the westbound bridge heading east. Why are they even allowed to be in the situation where they can get into that lane, especially during rush hours? And there is no enforcement of the left lane only. I have seen trucks in the center lane drive right by officers sitting before the bridge and continue across the entire bridge passing cars. They ride the bumpers of slow cars and many don't hesitate to pass. A quick count shows 14 cameras on the bridge that I can see. If I can see them then an officer sitting on either end of the bridge can see them as well.</p>

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		<p>As a daily toll payer for may years on this bridge it would be nice if solutions could be used to prevent these issues. There really is no reason why the merging between the toll plaza and bridge can not be better controlled. Since the Bay Bridge is being passed over for all electronic tolling at this time it is just going to continue to be an issue. Unless somehow the Bay Bridge can be a priority in electronic tolling.</p> <p>Thanks, [Name Redacted]</p>
8/17/2018	Web	<p>Having just returned from another peaceful, bucolic vacation on the Eastern Shore, I am appalled that there is consideration to build another bridge across the Chesapeake. While I understand that development and suburban sprawl results in jobs being created, there seems to be no reason to create yet another "beach corridor" that will further dilute the beauty and authenticity of one of the most unique cultures and environments in the United States. Please leave the Eastern Shore alone. Please listen to all of the citizens of the proposed bridging counties, and give them the same credence you would to developers, home builders, and other corporations that seek profit over all other considerations.</p>
8/24/2018	Web	<p>I feel another bridge if built would best be next to the existing two bay bridges. There would be less of an environmental impact.</p> <p>But I also wonder if there were no toll lanes at the two present bridges, just high speed Ez pass lanes would that eliminate most of the congestion?</p> <p>If a new bridge were to be built in Calvert county the impact would be horrendous. Route 2 from Edgewater to Calvert is already over loaded especially during rush hour. If a southern bridge were built eventually route 2 would have to be widened. Ann Arundel residents would not be happy with that. That would be a major impact on that county.</p>
8/31/2018	Web	<p>KENT COUNTY NEEDS the BRIDGE!! We need jobs We need people who would be able to travel to a JOB faster We need young families to populate our schools.... We now have a CLOSED SCHOOL BUILDING WE NEED to keep open our HOSPITAL. Our community is made up of older citizens..</p> <p>The BRIDGE WOULD SOLVE ALL THESE PROBLEMS... BRING on the BRIDGE PLEASE</p>