

To Whom it may Concern,

I'm all in on #6 proposal
for Bay Bridge in Kent Ct.
to Rock Hall. This would
help our economy be good
believe! Every week in our
Kent news paper we have listed
the problems with our area.

① HOSPITAL (PARDON THE PUNN)
is DYING - it used to be
a great little hospital -

② We have CLOSED SCHOOL
Buildings - no young people - no
housing for them & NO JOBS -

I SAY BRING on THE BRIDGE
PLEASE!!

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@ Kent H.S.

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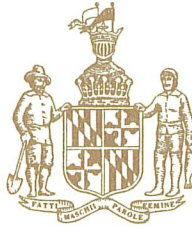
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ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DELEGATION

September 19, 2019

Mr. James Ports, Executive Director
Maryland Transportation Authority
2310 Browning Highway
Baltimore, MD 21224

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEP 23 2019

RE: Open Meetings on Bay Bridge Span

Dear Mr. Ports;

The Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation appreciates your efforts to gather public input on the Bay Crossing Study and the alternative routes. We would however like to see additional opportunities scheduled on the Western Shore as all of the remaining routes are in Anne Arundel County. There are currently three Open Houses available to Eastern Shore residents and only one for those on the Western Shore.

As this timeline coincides with the re-decking project, residents not able to attend the October 2nd meeting, will need to cross the bridge, pay the toll and be inconvenienced by the re-decking project as well. Our constituents deserve an equal opportunity to voice their concerns.

Our residents suffer from extreme traffic congestion and delays due to current Bay Bridge Traffic. We believe it is especially important that they be given a voice in the discussions about a new span and all other options being considered. We strongly urge additional open houses be scheduled in Anne Arundel County.

Sincerely,

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September 18, 2019

Executive Director James F. Ports, Jr.
Maryland Transportation Authority
2310 Broening Highway
Baltimore, MD 21224

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SEP 23 2019

RE: Open Meetings on Bay Bridge Span

Dear Executive Director Ports,

We are contacting you to request additional open meetings in Anne Arundel County on the proposal for an additional Bay Bridge Span. The Open house dates currently scheduled include only one meeting in Anne Arundel County. The meetings on the Eastern Shore appear to align with the start of the Broadneck Peninsula re-decking project creating an undue burden for Western Shore residents attempting to make the meetings scheduled on the Eastern Shore. Western Shore residents should have as equal opportunity to have their concerns addressed.

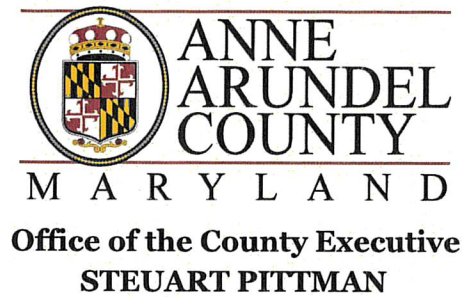
We strongly urge the Department to schedule additional open meetings in Anne Arundel County. Anne Arundel County residents suffer from traffic delays in their communities due to the current Bay Bridge Traffic, and it is important that they be given a voice in the discussions about a new span and other mass transit options.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Chang".

Mark Chang, Chair on behalf of

Members of the House Delegation Anne Arundel County



September 9, 2019

Mr. James F. Ports, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Maryland Transportation Authority
2310 Broening Highway
Baltimore, MD 21224

Dear Secretary Ports:

On August 27, I received an email from the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) announcing that the Bay Bridge Crossing Study was being narrowed from 14 potential corridors to three preliminary corridor alternatives, all of which are in Anne Arundel County.

This news was surprising to me and to many constituents in Anne Arundel, including other county and state elected officials. I am disappointed that there was not more coordination and better communication with local jurisdictions around this very important and impactful announcement. Another announcement earlier in the summer concerning the bay bridge redecking similarly contained no advance notification and no planning to help with the local impacts.

The August 27 email stated that “[d]ata indicates these three preliminary corridor alternatives are the only corridors to sufficiently meet the purpose and need in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).” To my knowledge, no data has been shared and no discussion has been had with Anne Arundel County officials prior to this announcement.

Furthermore, after I issued a statement to respond to media requests about the MDTA announcement, Governor Hogan’s spokesperson dismissed my concerns with an unprovoked attack: “What is completely unserious is Mr. Pittman issuing a frantic, knee-jerk press release that demonstrates little to no understanding of traffic patterns, projections, or the nature of the traffic that crosses the bridge. Once he finally gets up to speed, we look forward to working with his administration as we advance this important project.”

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Admittedly, I am not a transportation expert, but my Office of Transportation does have this expertise. The Director and staff who are regularly engaged with transportation in the region share my concern about how the three corridors were selected and how that process was conducted. And we cannot "get up to speed" until we are able to review the information that was used to narrow the consideration to the three corridors in Anne Arundel County.

Please provide us the data that was used to make these recommendations and please also share the data used to determine the population and growth estimates used in the study. We understand that a determination was made that all-electronic tolling, variable tolling rates, bus rapid transit, rail, and electric ferries each lack the potential individually to solve the problem that the study is confronting, but please share with us the data used to make those determinations. A fair assessment of the no-build option must include a thorough review of growth estimates and alternative modes of transportation.

Please share this information or meet with my staff and I in advance of the MDTA open house scheduled for October 2 at Anne Arundel Community College. I would also request that you consider changing the format of the open house to allow for public comment, and consider having additional meetings in Anne Arundel County at the various locations that would be impacted by the three retained alternatives for further study.

Thank you for consideration of my requests. This is an important issue to Anne Arundel County residents and I want to provide them with as much information as possible.

Respectfully,



Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SEP 13 2019