

# TIER 1 DEIS PUBLIC HEARINGS

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The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) invite all interested parties to join us at our Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) Bay Crossing Study Public Hearings. Originally scheduled for December, release of the DEIS was delayed due to concerns with rising state COVID-19 rates and associated restrictions. In following public health guidance and to ensure adequate opportunity for the public to comment, MDTA and its federal partners at the FHWA updated the roll-out schedule. The purpose of the Bay Crossing Study is to consider corridors for providing additional capacity and access across the Chesapeake Bay in order to improve mobility, travel reliability, and safety at the existing Bay Bridge. The Public Hearings will be made up of two components - a **Public Hearing Virtual Information Room (VIR)** and **Live Testimony Sessions**. The live testimony will consist of four call-in sessions, with two in-person opportunities also available. Each testimony session will include the opportunity to provide public and one-on-one testimony. There will be no formal presentation during the testimony sessions, and no responses to questions will be given. **Due to the current COVID-19 health crisis and MDTA's commitment to protect the public and agency members, the public is encouraged to provide public testimony through the call-in sessions.**

**Those who wish to provide testimony will need to pre-register in advance via [baycrossingstudy.com](http://baycrossingstudy.com) or via telephone at 877-249-8370.** Members of the public will have three minutes per person to give testimony. Please sign up only once to provide oral testimony. Each testimony session will follow the same format and will be broadcast on-line at [baycrossingstudy.com](http://baycrossingstudy.com) or via telephone at 855-640-0504. Those who wish to listen live and/or leave your testimony by voicemail during the testimony session, call 855-640-0504.



## Public Hearing Virtual Information Room (VIR) Begins February 23, 2021

Beginning February 23, 2021 the DEIS and public hearing materials will be available for review in the VIR at [baycrossingstudy.com](http://baycrossingstudy.com). The public is encouraged to review these materials and provide comment. If you are unable to access the DEIS via the website or if additional assistance is required, please call 877-249-8370 or email the project team at [info@baycrossingstudy.com](mailto:info@baycrossingstudy.com).

In the VIR, attendees will have the opportunity to:

- review information on the Tier 1 DEIS and the MDTA-Recommended Preferred Corridor Alternative
- register to give public or one-on-one testimony
- learn how to submit and provide written comments



## Live Testimony Sessions Begin April 14, 2021



### CALL-IN TESTIMONY SESSIONS

1:00 - 3:00 PM AND 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**April 14 and 15**

### IN-PERSON TESTIMONY SESSIONS

6:00 - 8:00 PM

#### April 21

DoubleTree by Hilton  
Hotel Annapolis  
210 Holiday Ct  
Annapolis, MD 21401

#### April 22

Kent Island  
American Legion Hall  
800 Romancoke Rd  
Stevensville, MD 21666

To encourage social distancing, display boards will be available online only. Social distancing protocols will be strictly enforced, including required face coverings, hand sanitizing stations, and limiting capacity in the hearing room to only those that are providing testimony.

**Comments may be submitted during the comment period through May 10, 2021 via mail, email, project website, public testimony, and one-on-one testimony.** All comments received, whether at the hearing through oral testimony or through other methods (project website, email, and mail), will be given equal consideration.

Individuals who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who require translation services (free of charge) should contact the MDTA at 410-537-1000 (711 for MD Relay) no later than ten business days before the live testimony session, if they wish to participate.



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