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REMINDER This Week and Next Week: Chesapeake Bay Crossing Tier 2 NEPA Study Open Houses

BALTIMORE, MD (September 6, 2022) – The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) is reminding the public of three upcoming Open House events for the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study: Tier 2 National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) Study, which was announced by Governor Larry Hogan on June 10, 2022. The launch of the Tier 2 NEPA Study follows completion of the Tier 1 NEPA Study in April and continues efforts to provide congestion relief at the William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial (Bay) Bridge and its approach highways from the Severn River Bridge to the US 50/301 split.

The following are the dates and times for each Tier 2 NEPA Study Open House:

- Virtual Open House
 Wednesday, September 7, 6-8 p.m.
 Information and access to the virtual hearing is available at bayerossingstudy.com.
- Queen Anne's County Open House Thursday, September 8, 6-8 p.m.
 Kent Island American Legion Post 278 800 Romancoke Road, Stevensville, MD 21666
- Anne Arundel County Open House Tuesday, September 13, 6-8 p.m. Broadneck High School 1265 Green Holly Dr., Annapolis, MD 21409

No advance registration is required. Attendees will be able to learn about the Tier 2 NEPA Study, ask questions and provide comments. The events also will include a review of the Tier 1 NEPA Study, which identified Corridor 7, the corridor containing the existing Bay Bridge, as the Selected Corridor Alternative. There will be no formal presentation. However, the study team will be available to answer questions during both the in-person and virtual Open Houses. The same information will be provided at each event. Materials are available now to review at baycrossingstudy.com.

The MDTA, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration, is following the well-established NEPA process to study potential improvements. This process applies to all projects receiving federal funding or approval.

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Individuals requiring special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, or those requiring translation services (free of charge), should contact the MDTA at 410-537-1000 (711 for MD Relay) no later than 10 business days before the Open House they would like to attend.

The MDTA encourages the public to provide comments regarding the Tier 2 NEPA Study by Friday, October 14, 2022. The Open House boards are available here. Comments may be submitted today through the comment period via various methods:

- Submit a comment form at one of the in-person Open Houses.
- Submit an electronic comment form at **baycrossingstudy.com**.
- Email comments to <u>info@baycrossingstudy.com</u>.
- Print and mail comment form to:

Bay Crossing Study, 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore, MD 21224.

• Provide a voicemail message 24/7 by calling 667-203-5408.

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