

Bay Crossing Study Public Comments December 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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| 12/6/2018 | Web | <p>I would like to comment on the Bay Crossing Study. Kent County is a beautiful place full of historic, cultural and agricultural landscapes. Creating a new corridor to the ‘Shore’ would be detrimental to the wonderful qualities of life experienced by those of us who live here. One only needs to look at what happened to Kent Island over the years to imagine the result of an additional bay crossing. What was once a quiet area of farms and historic places is would be now full of strip malls, fast food, and asphalt. This is not progress, its sprawl! Many might think this will bring jobs and growth, I believe it will bring crime, pollution, and destruction to a pristine natural environment. I care deeply about preserving Kent County, and I know that a highway cutting through this landscape is not compatible with that goal. I oppose a new bay crossing. Could there be a way to use the existing corridor by enhancing it, updating, and expanding the existing roadways. I was reading that there would need to be updates to the current bridge by 2020. Why not update, enhance and expand with this needed construction. It would seem to me that using the monies to review new corridors could be better spent to helping many people not just a few pockets.</p> |
| 12/18/2018 | Web | <p>Good morning, My message is in regards to the various proposals to expand transportation options for Maryland residents, and out of state travelers, wishing to cross the Chesapeake Bay.</p> <p>Please, before considering additional bridge spans in Kent Island (which lacks the additional highway to accomodate) or any of the various other locations being proposed (which residents seem generally against) PLEASE consider another alternative.</p> <p>States like Delaware, Texas, New York, North Carolina, have maintained extensive systems of car ferries. Why couldn't Maryland consider a similar solution?</p> <p>A car ferry system would be less expensive than an additional bridge, but more importantly, it would bring an certain ambience to the Chesapeake Bay, and her Eastern Shore that cannot be measured in terms of dollars. Bringing back the ferries would be bring back the nostalgia that was lost a half a century ago.</p> <p>Additional, a system of ferries in the Chesapeake Bay would open up a career path for Maryland residents wishing to pursue a passion in the maritime industry. I am a professional mariner, USCG Master of Unlimited Tonnage upon Oceans, and have spent my entire life in the maritime industry. A local ferry</p> |

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| | | <p>service in the Chesapeake Bay, paired with the right educational opportunities, could create real opportunities for budding mariners looking to start a worthwhile career.</p> <p>Please, think through this proposal. While it may not be the singular end-all solution to Chesapeake Bay transportation issues, it would almost certainly be the most popular option available to Maryland voters, for expanding access to Eastern/Western Chesapeake shores.</p> <p>You could be remembered as the man who brought back the ferries. What singular act could possibly bring about more good for our state, than something which expands tourism, generates revenue, makes Maryland more interesting? If it alleviates some highway congestion as well, then all the better.</p> <p>Thanks for taking the time to read this message.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>[Name Removed] USCG Master Unlimited Tonnage upon Oceans</p> |
| 12/20/2018 | Email | <p>Good afternoon young ladies & gentlemen,</p> <p>In the unlikely event you have not seen this, worth a read. The question is still relevant; will there be DE & MD beaches to go to? And, therefore, the need for additional Bay spans, other than maybe at their existing site for traffic relief during the rebuilding of the existing bridges.</p> <p>https://www.delmarvanow.com/story/news/local/maryland/2018/12/20/sea-level-rise-projections-dire-were-worst-case-pathway/2350782002/</p> <p>Merry, Merry & Happy, Happy to all, [Name Removed]</p> |

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| 12/28/2018 | Web | <p>I would like to comment on the Bay Crossing Study. Kent County is a beautiful place full of historic, cultural and agricultural landscapes. Creating a new corridor to the ‘Shore’ would be detrimental to the wonderful qualities of life experienced by those of us who live here. Could there be a way to use the existing corridor by enhancing it, updating, and expanding the existing roadways. I was reading that there would need to be updates to the current bridge by 2020. Why not update, enhance and expand EXISTING roadways and bridges. It would seem to me that using the monies to review new corridors could be better spent to improve these existing architectures instead of adding funds to consultants, and government staff. Studies have already been done, and have given direction for enhancements. Speaking for me, the quiet area of farms and historic places, and scenic views are why I am in this area. Coming from an area that continues to be developed, by greed and the pursuit of money, I have seen what happens to beautiful agricultural property. There is no turning back once it is started, some may say it can be, however, they are fooling themselves. I care deeply about preserving Kent County, and I know that a highway cutting through this landscape is not compatible with that goal. I oppose a new bay crossing.</p> |