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The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA):

- Is committed to providing premium transportation facilities and superior customer service
- Is an independent state agency
- Does not receive funding from the General Fund or the Transportation Trust Fund
- Is self-sufficient
- Receives no tax dollars

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Bay Crossing Tier 1 NEPA Study:

- Will explore potential funding options for a new Chesapeake Bay crossing
- Is the critical first step needed to address existing and future traffic congestion on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and its approaches
- Is the beginning of a long process
- Is expected to continue into 2020

Presentation will include:

- Project overview
  - Study area
  - Schedule

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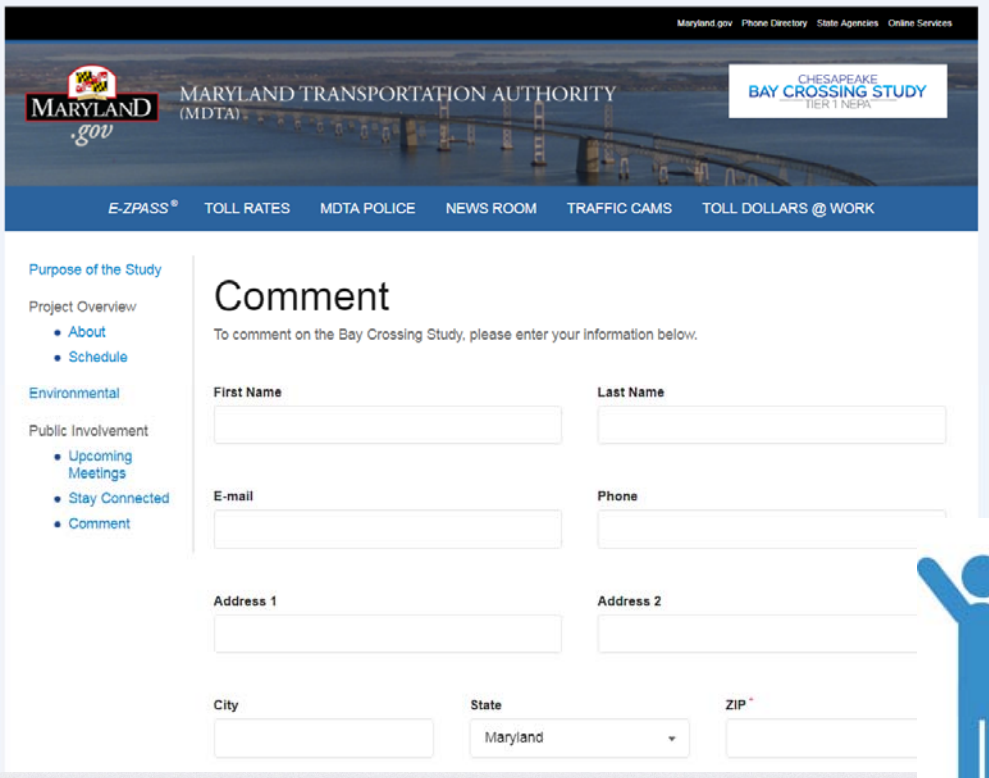

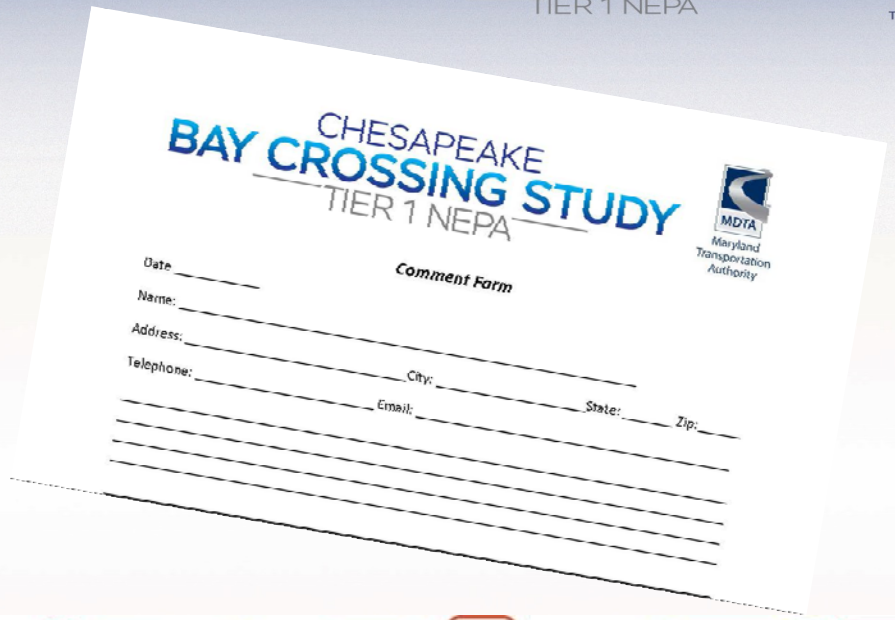

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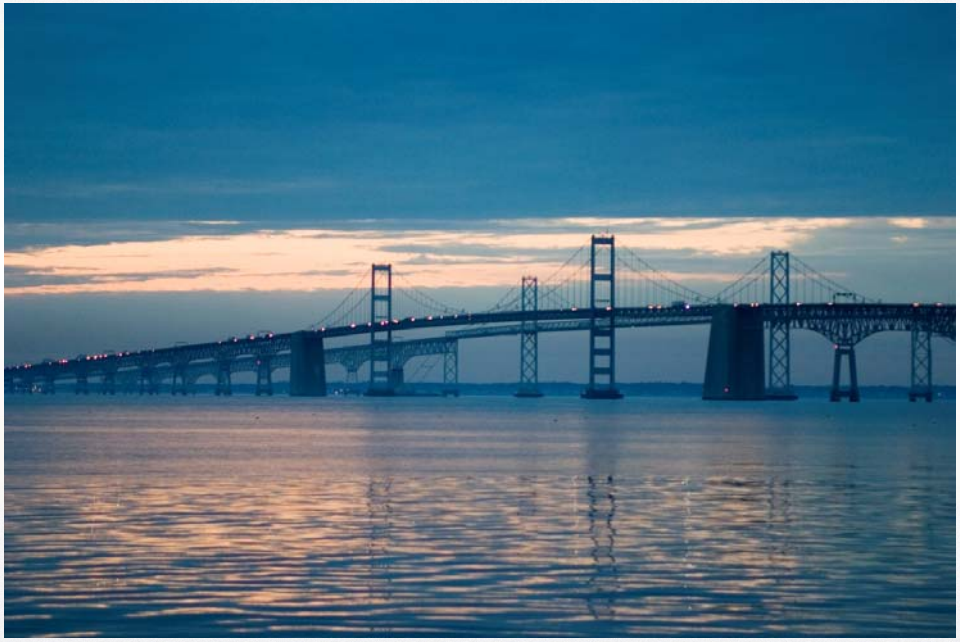
2014 Annual Traffic = 25.5 million vehicles



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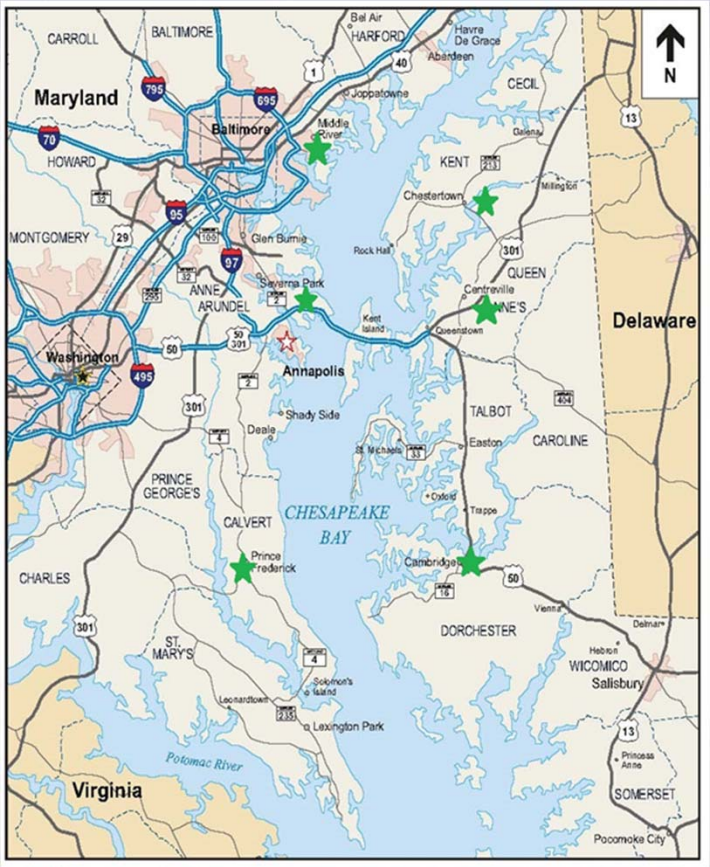

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Bay Crossing Study will:

- Identify the corridor of a new crossing
- Assess potential financial viability

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Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

- Purpose & Need Statement
- Corridor Alternative Analysis & Screening
- Environmental Impact Analyses

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Tier 1 NEPA Study Completion 2020

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1952 Annual Traffic = 1.1 Million Vehicles

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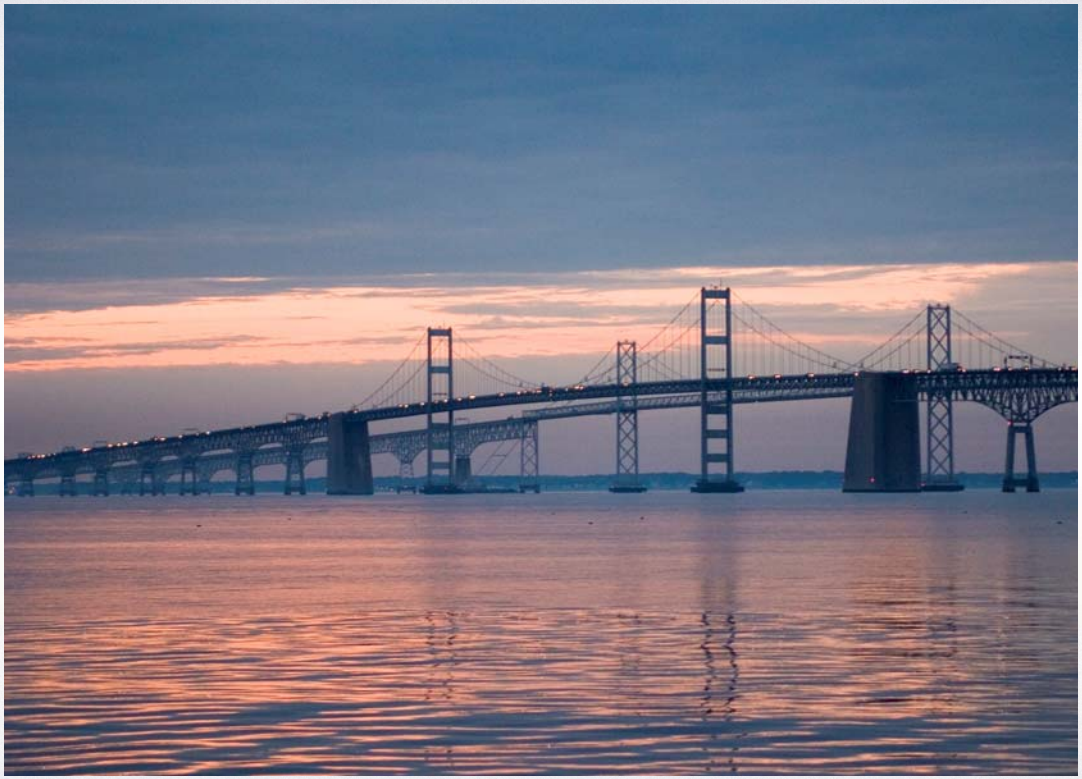

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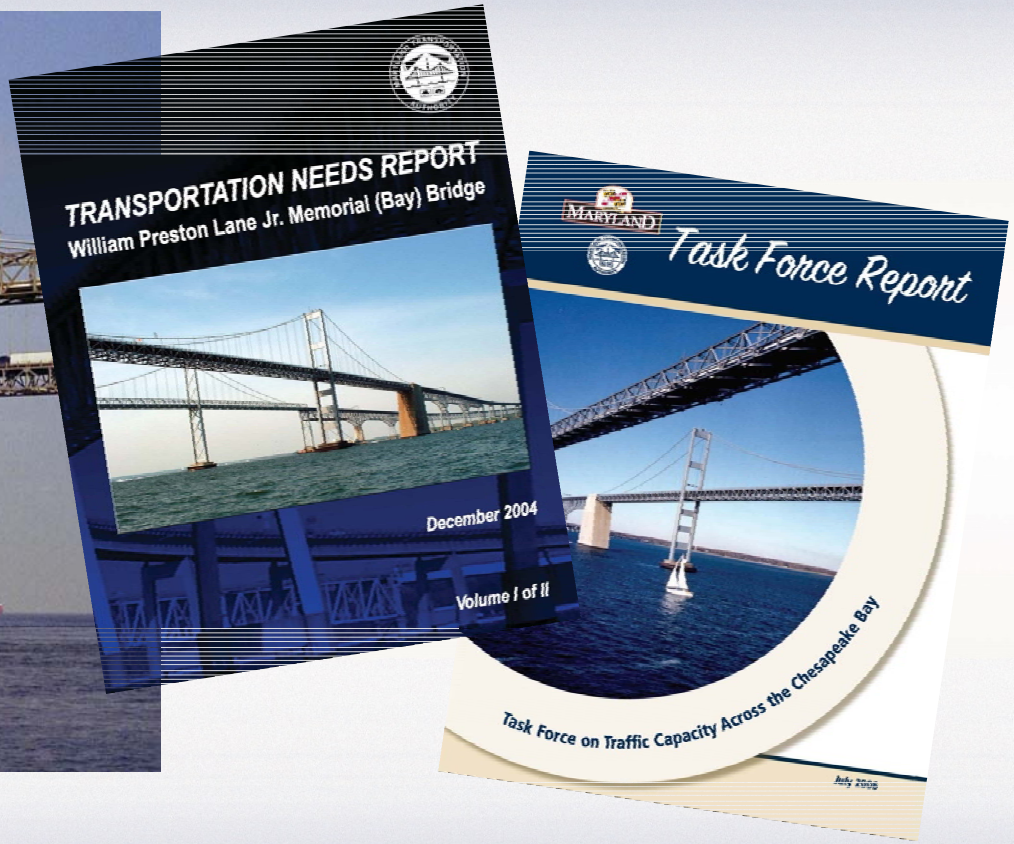

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Tier 1 NEPA Study will:

- Consider past efforts
- Include traffic, engineering and environmental assessments
- Identify a corridor for future capacity across the Bay
- Require Federal concurrence at key project milestones

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Purpose & Need

To consider multiple corridors for providing additional traffic capacity and access across the Chesapeake Bay.

MDTA anticipates the Study will address needs such as:

- Adequate Capacity
- Dependable and Reliable Travel Times
- Flexibility to accommodate future maintenance and rehabilitation

Taking into consideration:

- Financial Viability
- Environmental Responsibility

We are seeking **your** input on the Study's Purpose and Need during this comment period.

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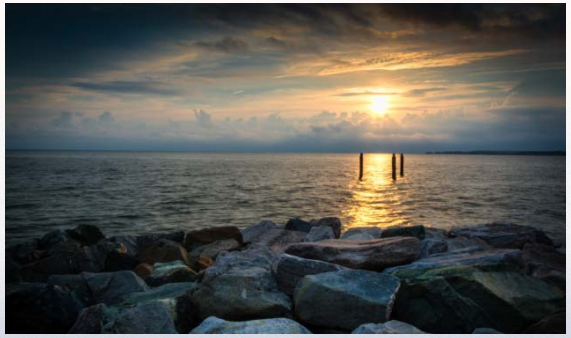

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Study Area

- Entire length of Chesapeake Bay in Maryland
- Spanning approximately 100 Miles
- From Havre de Grace to the Virginia state line

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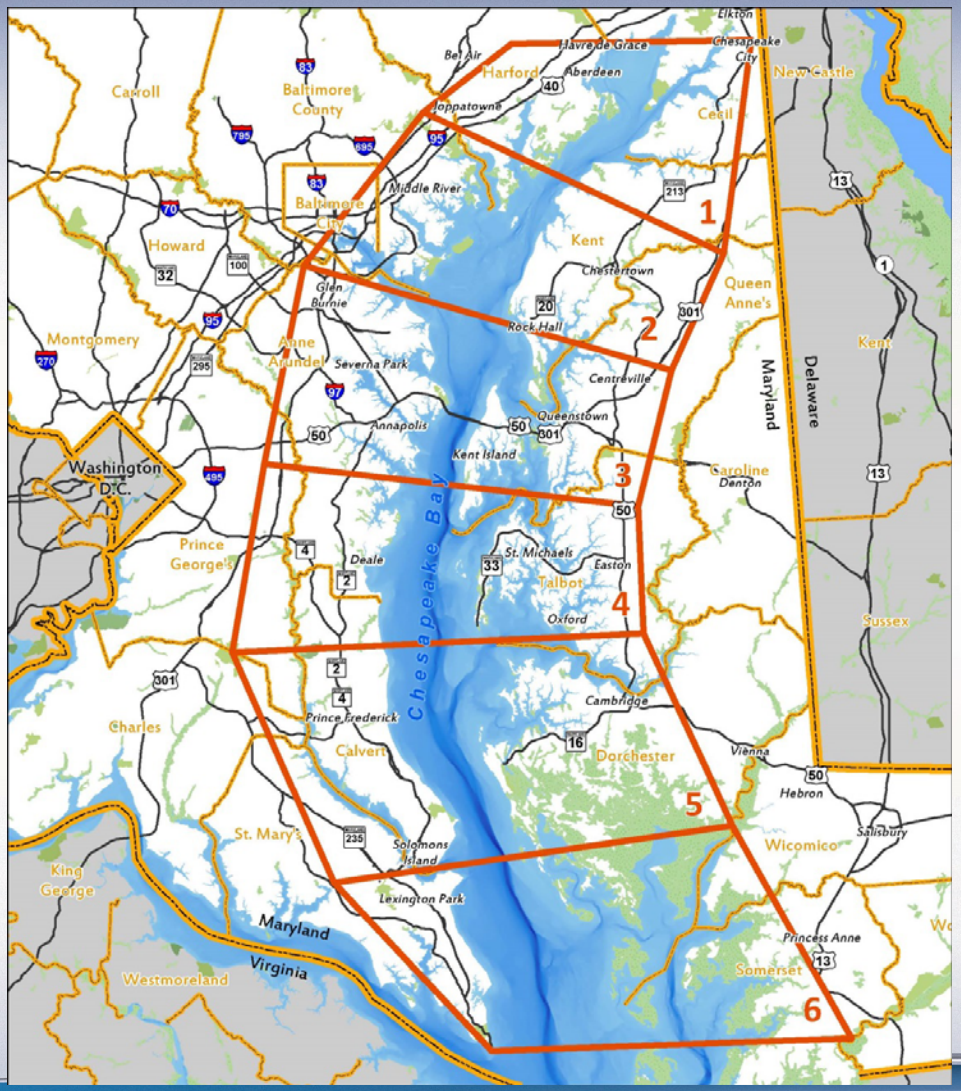

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Sub Areas

County Boundaries

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Studying full range of environmental issues including:

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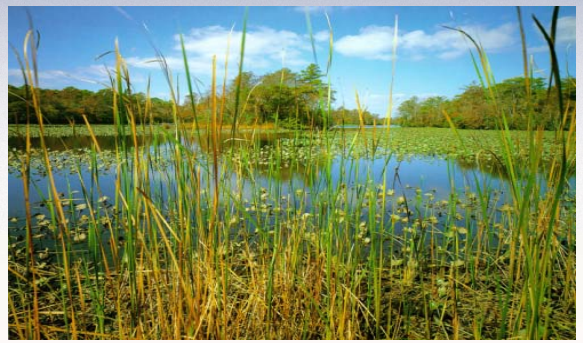
- Socioeconomic Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Historic Properties
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Hazardous Materials



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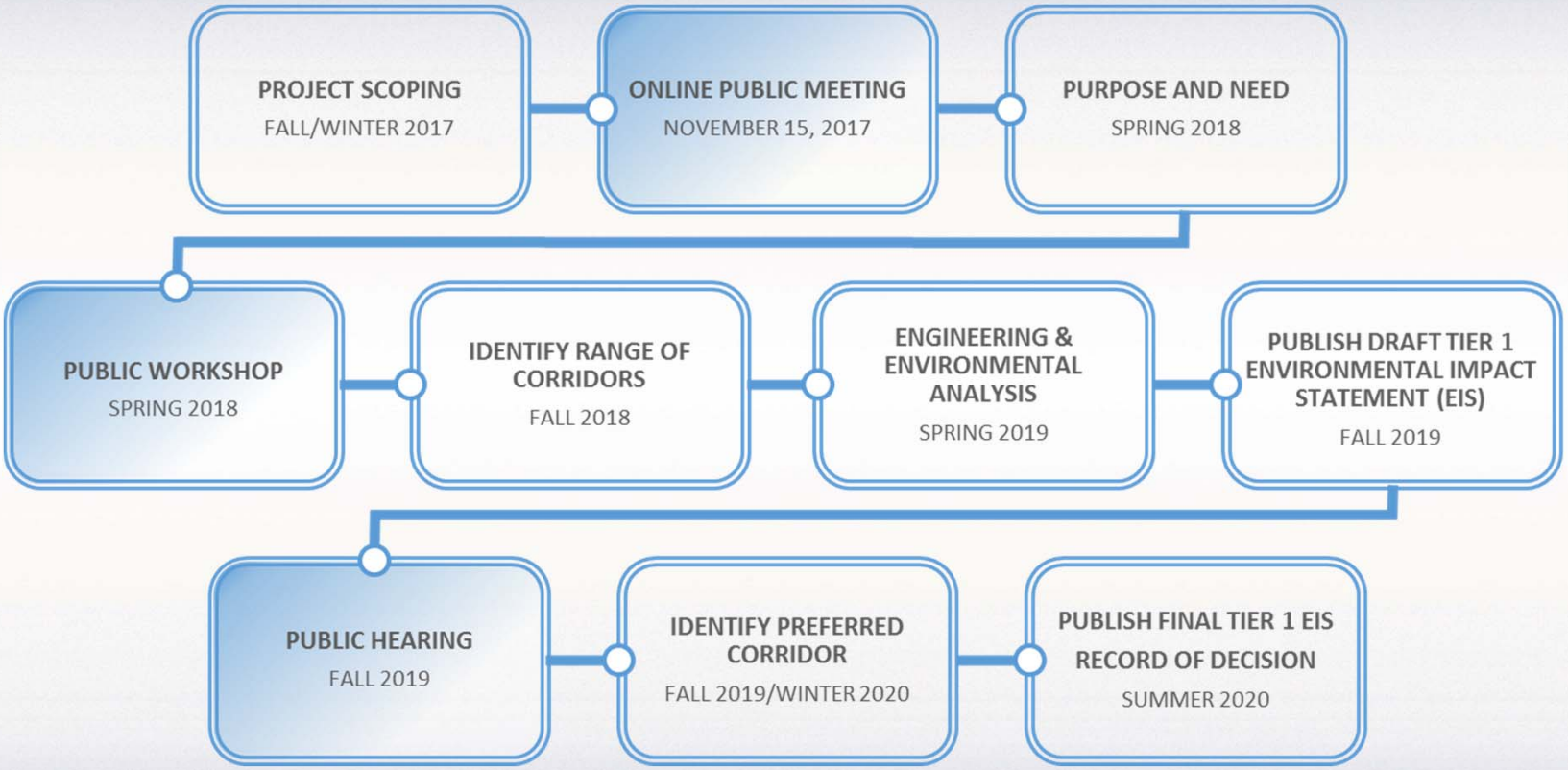

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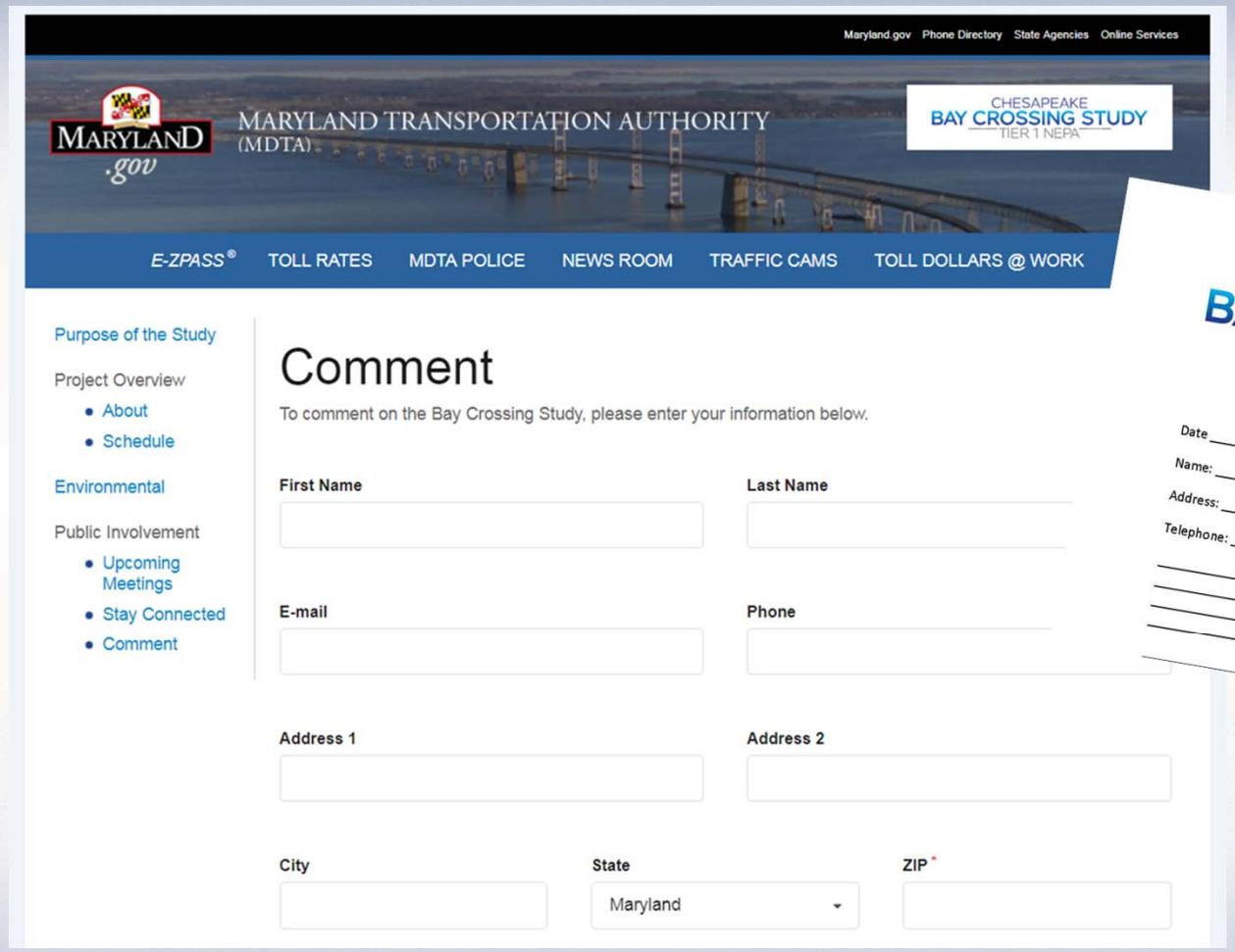

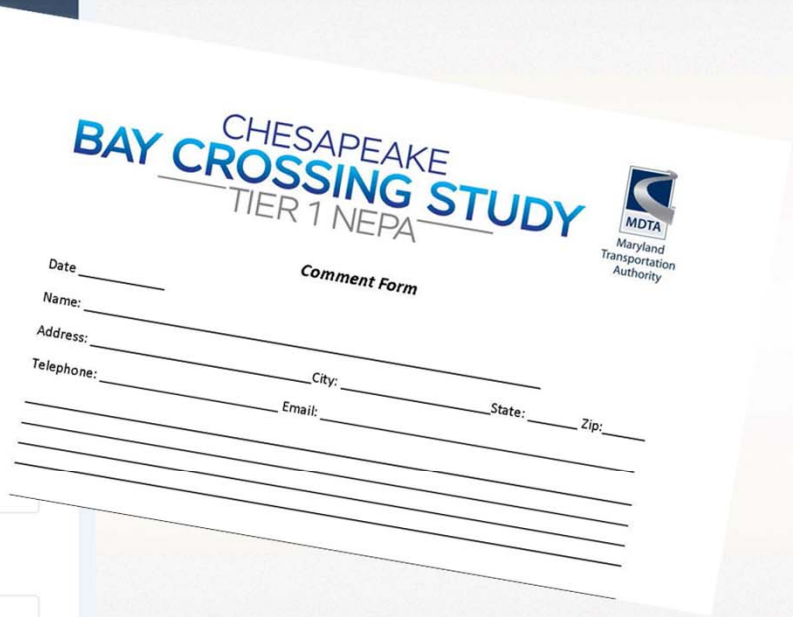

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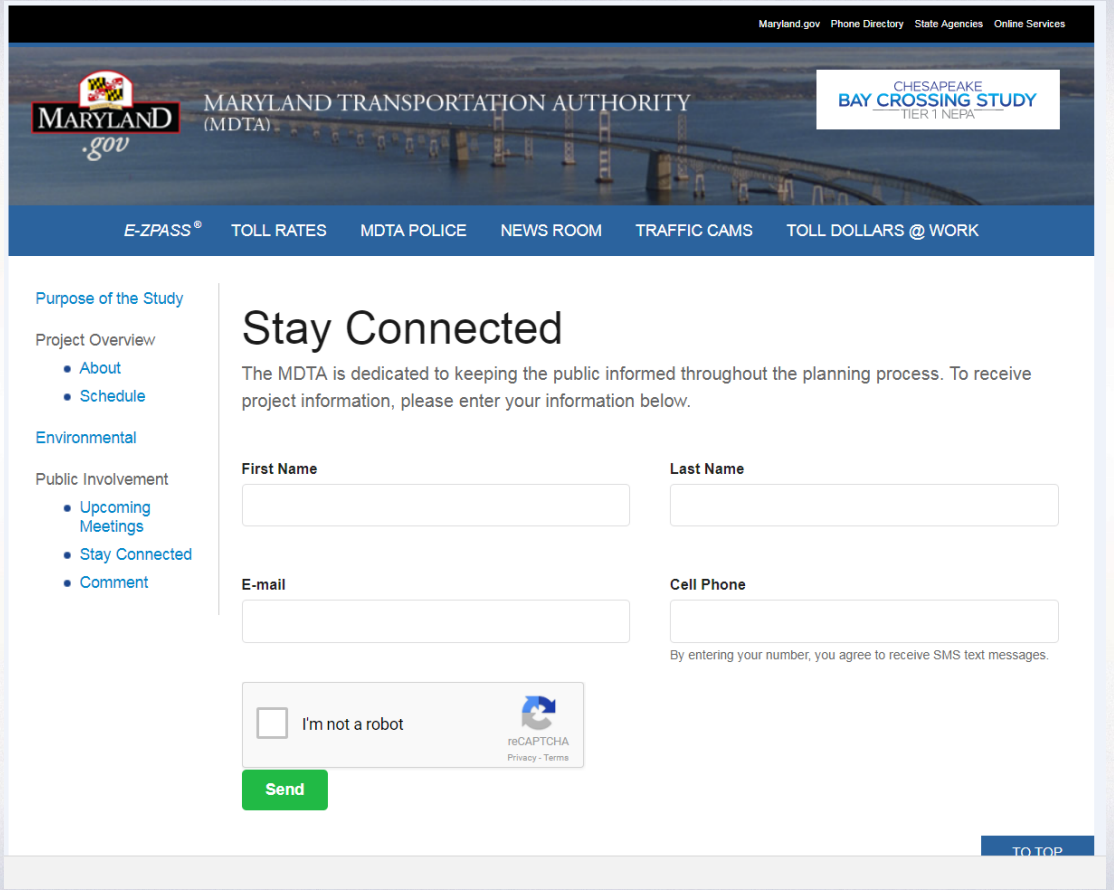

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