



# KEY BRIDGE REBUILD

Virtual Community Update  
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## Moderator



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## Format of Virtual Community Update

- Presentation
- Question & Answer
- Live-streamed and recorded
- Recording will be posted online: [KeyBridgeRebuild.com](https://www.KeyBridgeRebuild.com)



## Purpose of Community Update

- Provide an update on the Key Bridge Rebuild project:
  - Status of navigational channel and port
  - Minimizing effects to I-695 travelers and communities
  - Progress toward rebuilding the Key Bridge
- Receive feedback on what's important to you



# Title VI

## What is Title VI?

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 provides that no person shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, English proficiency, or disabilities be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity.

## Why is Title VI Important?

- Title VI ensures that public services, including transportation, are provided in an equitable and nondiscriminatory manner.
- Title VI provides opportunities for public participation in decision-making without regard to race, color, or national origin, including populations with Limited English Proficiency (LEP).

Should you need LEP assistance or if you believe the MDTA is not meeting the expectations of Title VI, you may direct questions, concerns, or file a complaint with:

### **Maryland Transportation Authority**

Denise Green, MPA

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Office of Civil Rights and Fair Practices

Maryland Transportation Authority

2310 Broening Highway

Baltimore, MD 21224

Office Phone: 410-537-1042

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# Key Bridge Background



March 23, 1977

1.7 mile-long Francis Scott Key Bridge opened over the Patapsco River as part of I-695 Baltimore Beltway



March 26, 2024

A cargo ship M/V Dali leaving the Port of Baltimore struck the Key Bridge causing its collapse

# Key Bridge Directives

Governor Wes Moore's Key Bridge Response Directives:

1. Give closure to the families
2. Clear the channel and fully open vessel traffic to the Port
3. Take care of all the people who have been affected by the bridge collapse
4. Rebuild the Key Bridge

# **1. Closure to the Families**



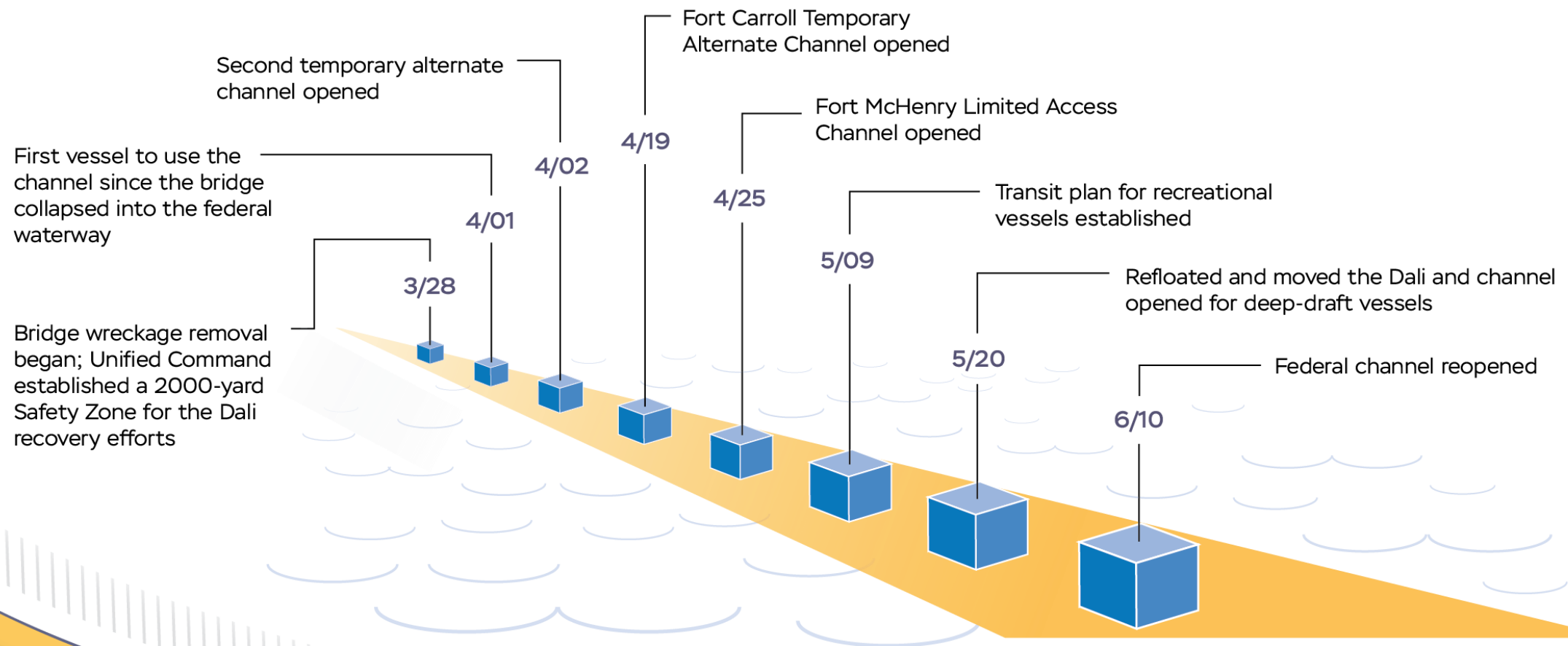
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- 04/04 - Launch of the Maryland Tough Baltimore Strong Alliance
- 05/07 - Conclusion of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse recovery mission



## **2. Clearing the Channel**

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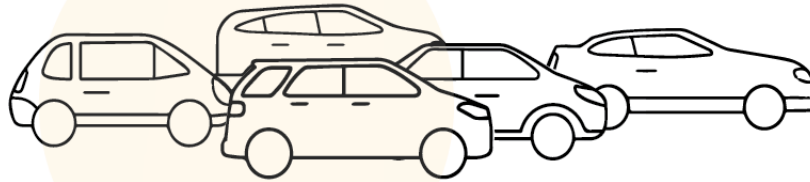
# **3. Support People Affected by the Bridge Collapse**

## How has regional traffic changed?



**\$191 Million**

daily economic impact  
to Port of Baltimore

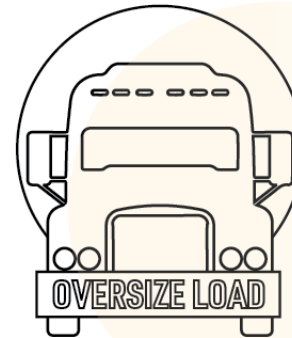
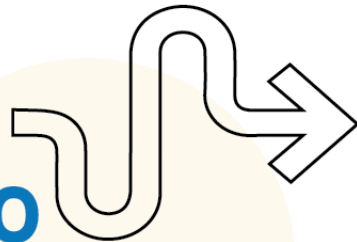


**Weekday rush hour travel time increases**

+25 minutes I-895, +30 minutes on I-95

**39,000**

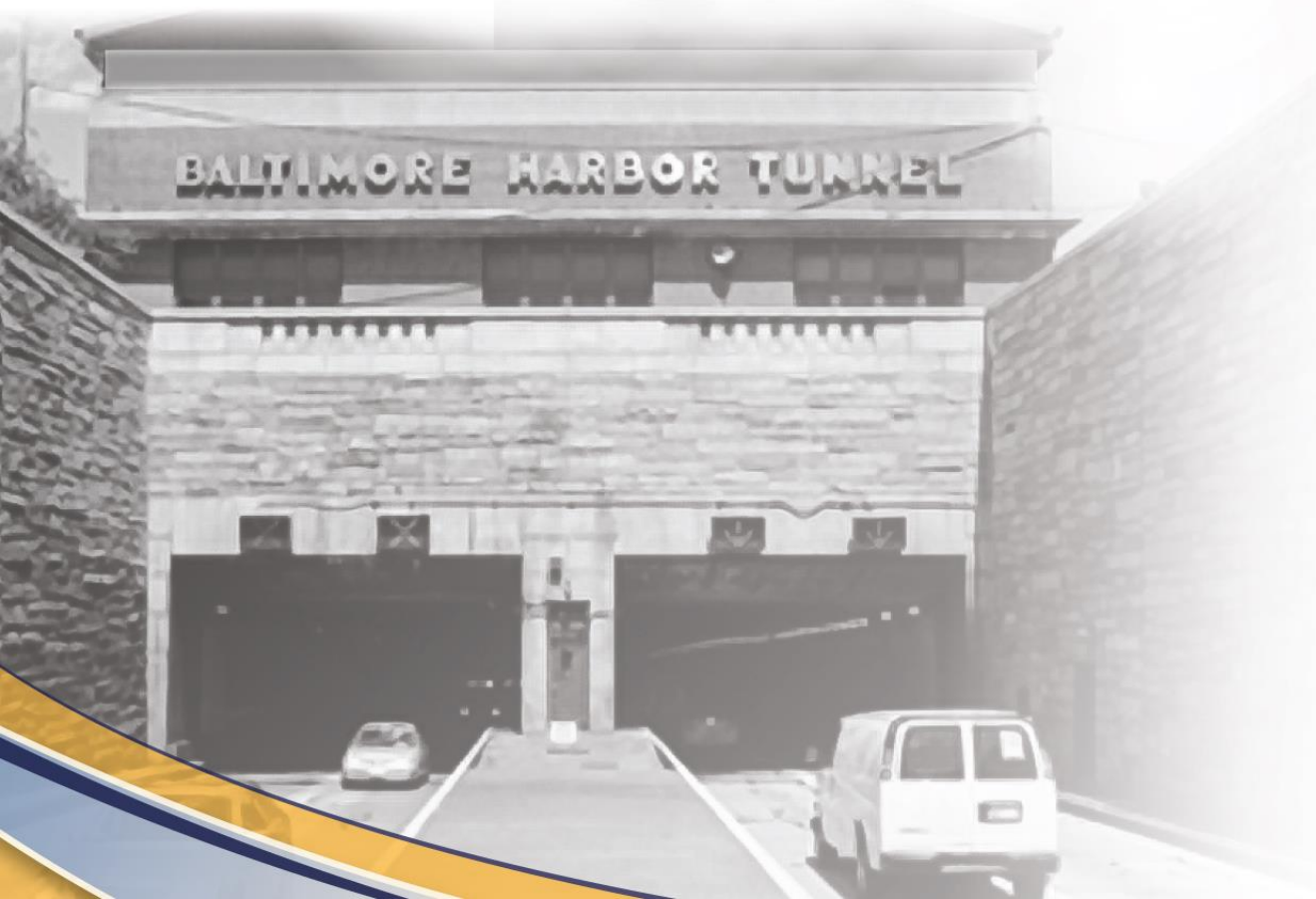
vehicles on average each  
weekday forced to find  
alternate routes



**Hazardous Materials  
and oversized vehicles**

re-routed to I-695 West

# What is MDTA doing to minimize traffic effects?



## **Northbound I-895 Traffic Management Pilot Program**

- Pilot started Monday, 05/13
- Reducing merging conflicts across the Toll Plaza
- Collecting feedback to make adjustments

## **I-695 Broening Highway Interchange**

- Re-opening Exit 44 on 05/20 improves access for local communities
- Access to Exit 44 is currently toll free through 06/30 while MDTA evaluates traffic patterns and current financial plan

## **I-95 Traffic Flow Improvements**

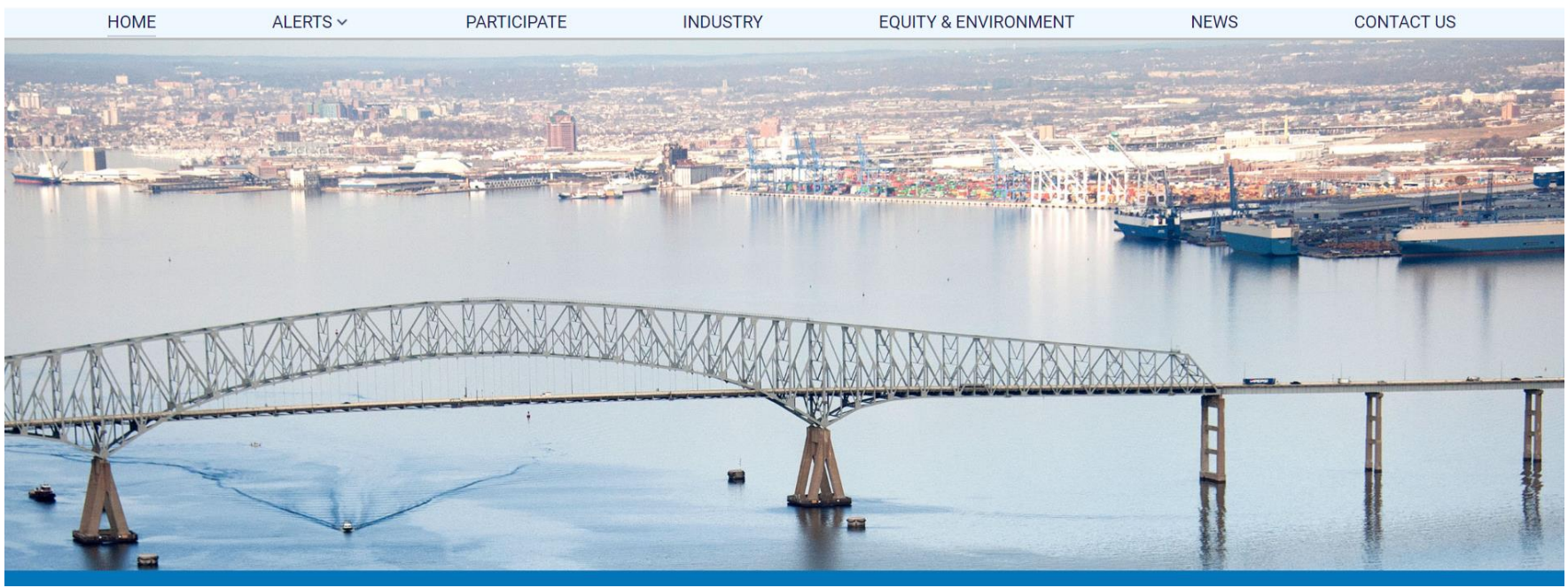
- Analysis underway

# Commuter Options



## What resources are available to improve my commute?

### KEY BRIDGE REBUILD



[KeyBridgeRebuild.com](http://KeyBridgeRebuild.com)



# KEY BRIDGE REBUILD

Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse Response

Workers Entering Workplace

Since the tragic collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26th, Governor Wes Moore has issued a directive to ease some of all the people who have been affected by the crisis, including the families, port workers, first responders, small businesses, and the surrounding communities. In response, all levels of government and members of our state, public transit, and community organizations have collectively come together in partnership to provide immediate relief and support for those whose livelihoods and businesses have been affected.

To assist workers and businesses in identifying the resources available to them, this website serves as the central location where all programs and resources will be shared as well as the locations where workers and businesses may resolve in-person assistance. This information will be updated as additional programs become available.

## FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE COLLAPSE RESPONSE

[VIEW NOW](#)

Do you run a business in Maryland?  
We need your help!

Please take the Maryland Disparity Study Vendor Survey

## KEY BRIDGE NEWS

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Key Bridge Commuting Resources

Planning and Capital Programming  
Long Range Planning  
Regional Planning

Commuter Choice | Key Bridge Commuting Resources

The Key Bridge collapse has disrupted traffic and commuting options for thousands of residents, employees and commuters. The effects are being felt immediately across the bridge and regionally as traffic patterns shift. MDTA is working to help everyone get where they need to go, and

## COMMUTER CHOICES

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Key Bridge Response 2024

OFFICIAL SITE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE RESPONSE

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

## KEY BRIDGE RESPONSE 2024 – JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

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Save up to 77% with EZPass

Commuter Plans & More

## DRIVE EZ MD

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# Commuter & Employer Resources

**Free Commuter Programs and Services** are available from Commuter Choice Maryland [commuterconnections.org](https://www.commuterconnections.org)

## For Commuters:

- Free Guaranteed Ride Home (6 free rides home per year)
- Free ridematching assistance to find carpools and vanpools
- Park and Ride Lot maps
- IncenTrip app that rewards commuters for their trips to work

## For Employers:

- Free Support and Customized Commute Programs

Visit [mdot.maryland.gov/KeyBridgeCommute](https://mdot.maryland.gov/KeyBridgeCommute)



Request materials or  
schedule a meeting to  
learn more about free  
resources from  
Commuter Choice  
Maryland.

# **4. Rebuild the Key Bridge**

## **New Key Bridge Considerations**

- Design will meet industry standards including shoulders, pier protection and barriers
- Construction will be in the same location
- Accommodate the needs of the Port
- The potential for the demolition of the remaining portions is being analyzed
- Bridge design and aesthetics

# Environmental Considerations



Land Use



Cultural Resources\*



Wildlife and Habitat



Demographics and Housing



Visual Aesthetics



Hazardous Materials



Environmental Justice



Wetlands, Waters,  
and Floodplains



Noise, Air Quality,  
and Greenhouse Gas



Neighborhoods and Community  
Facilities



Water Quality



Indirect and  
Cumulative Effects

\* MDTA is conducting consultation to identify potential effects to historic properties per Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)

# Equity & Environmental Justice

- **Maryland Department of Transportation:**
  - Dedication to customer service and innovation for the public good.
  - Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion integral to mission.
- **Maryland Transportation Authority:**
  - Mission to deliver safe, sustainable, intelligent, exceptional, and inclusive transportation solutions.
  - Commitment to diversity and equity to achieve excellence.
- **Actions:**
  - Encouraging diverse businesses to participate and benefit from projects.
  - Actively engaging with underserved communities to understand needs and concerns.
  - Planning future in-person events for community involvement.

# What is MDTA doing to advance design and construction?



\*Schedule is subject to change

# Engagement Tour

Stakeholders and community partners include:

- State and Local Entities
- First Responders
- Community Organizations and Residents
- Industry Organizations
- Trucking Community
- Port of Baltimore
- Traveling Public
- Waterway Users



# Stay Connected

- Join the mailing list
- Request MDTA to attend your community meeting or visit your place of business
- Engagement Tour



# What's Important to You?

**How has the collapse of the Key Bridge impacted your daily life:**

- a. I now have to take detours to reach destinations like work, school, childcare and appointments, leading to longer travel times.
- b. Work, school, childcare and appointments are no longer accessible for me.
- c. The collapse of the Key Bridge hasn't changed my daily life.
- d. Though I didn't use the Key Bridge previously, my commute time on alternative routes has increased due to heightened traffic resulting from the bridge collapse.

## LIVE POLLING Question #1



# What's Important to You?

## Where are you getting travel information:

- a. MDTA Websites
- b. MDTA Email Alerts
- c. Facebook
- d. Instagram
- e. X (formerly Twitter)
- f. TV
- g. Radio
- h. Other

## LIVE POLLING Question #2



# What's Important to You?

**What can be done to help and support you and your community until a new Key Bridge is built?**

- a. We would like more small business opportunities.
- b. We need help finding and applying for reconstruction employment opportunities.
- c. We need help commuting to work, school, childcare and appointments.
- d. Other (Let us know what help you or your community need).

## LIVE POLLING Question #3



# What's Important to You?

Have you benefited from any of the following Key Bridge Collapse Resources?

- a. Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse Response
- b. MDTA Key Bridge News
- c. Key Bridge Response 2024
- d. MDOT Key Bridge Commuting Resources
- e. Drive EZ MD
- f. Key Bridge Rebuild
- g. I was not aware of these resources

## LIVE POLLING Question #4



# Poll Results

# Questions?

## Contact Us



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Public Information Hotline



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**Thank you for participating in this  
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