
CHESAPEAKE
BAY CROSSING STUDY
TIER 1 NEPA

Coordination Plan

Draft

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Table 1: State and Federal Agencies

Role	Federal Agencies	Maryland / State Agencies
Lead Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Maryland Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA)
Cooperating Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) • US Coast Guard (USCG) • Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) • National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDOT State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) • MD Department of Environment (MDE) • Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
Participating Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Park Service (NPS) • Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) • Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) • Federal Transit Administration (FTA) • US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) • Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDOT Maryland Port Administration (MDOT MPA) • MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) • Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) • Critical Areas Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays (CAC) • Maryland Emergency Management Agency • Maryland Board of Public Works • Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) • Maryland Historical Trust (MHT)
Notified Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Aviation Administration • US Geological Survey • FHWA – Virginia Division • FHWA – Delaware Division 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland State Police • Maryland Department of Agriculture • MDOT Motor Vehicle Administration (MDOT MVA) • Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) • Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) • Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs • Maryland Natural Resources Police • Maryland Department of Commerce

Table 2: Local Agencies and Regional Stakeholders

Role	Counties	Municipalities	MPOs	Other
Participating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecil County • Kent County • Queen Anne’s County • Talbot County • Caroline County • Dorchester County • Somerset County • Wicomico County • Worcester County • Harford County • Baltimore County • Anne Arundel County • Calvert County • St. Mary’s County 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baltimore Metropolitan Council (BMC) • Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) • Calvert-St. Mary’s Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) • Tri-County Council – Lower Eastern Shore • Tri-County Council – Southern Maryland • Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) • Salisbury/Wicomico MPO 	
Notified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sussex County, DE • Kent County, DE • New Castle County, DE • Baltimore City 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipalities within the fourteen participating counties (see list below) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dover/Kent County MPO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chesapeake Bay Program Members • Chesapeake Bay Foundation • Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay • Waterkeepers Chesapeake • Chesapeake Bay Commission • Center for Chesapeake Communities • Chesapeake Bay Trust • Chesapeake Conservancy • Oyster Recovery Partnership • The Nature Conservancy • Preservation Maryland • Federally Recognized Tribes (see list below) • State Recognized Tribes (see list below) • Stories of the Chesapeake Heritage Area • Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Areas • Annapolis, London Town, & South County (Four Rivers) Heritage Area • Southern Maryland Heritage Area • Cecil Land Trust

Role	Counties	Municipalities	MPOs	Other
Notified (Cont'd)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harford Land Trust • Gunpowder Valley Conservancy • North County Land Trust • Scenic Rivers Land Trust • American Chestnut Land Trust • Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust • Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage • Eastern Shore Land Conservancy • Lower Shore Land Trust • Ducks Unlimited-Wetlands American Trust • Kent County Preservation Alliance • Kent County Bay Bridge Monitoring Committee

List of Federally Recognized Tribes:

- Delaware Nation
- Delaware Tribe of Indians
- Oneida Indian Nation
- Onandaga Nation
- Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Tuscarora Nation
- Seneca-Cayuga Nation
- Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
- Shawnee Tribe
- Cayuga Nation Council
- Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
- Pamunkey Indian Tribe
- Seneca Nation of Indians

List of State Recognized Tribes:

- Piscataway Indian Nation
- Piscataway Conoy Tribe of Maryland
- Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Subtribes of Maryland
- Choptico Band of Piscataway
- Cedarville Band of Piscataway
- Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians
- Accohannock Indian Tribe
- Pocomoke Indian Nation
- Assateague Peoples Tribe
- Youghiogheny River Band of Shawnee Indians

List of Municipalities in the Counties Adjacent to the Bay:

Anne Arundel County

- Annapolis
- Highland Beach

Baltimore County

- (none)

Calvert County

- Chesapeake Beach
- North Beach

Caroline County

- Denton
- Federalsburg
- Goldsboro
- Greensboro
- Henderson
- Hillsboro
- Marydel
- Preston
- Ridgely
- Templeville

Cecil County

- Cecilton
- Charlestown
- Chesapeake City
- Elkton
- North East
- Perryville
- Port Deposit
- Rising Sun

Dorchester County

- Brookview
- Cambridge
- Church Creek
- East New Market
- Eldorado
- Galestown
- Hurlock
- Secretary
- Vienna

Harford County

- Aberdeen
- Bel Air
- Havre de Grace

Kent County

- Betterton
- Chestertown
- Galena
- Millington
- Rock Hall

Queen Anne's County

- Barclay
- Centreville
- Church Hill
- Millington
- Queen Anne
- Queenstown
- Sudlersville
- Templeville

St. Mary's County

- Leonardtown

Somerset County

- Crisfield
- Princess Anne

Talbot County

- Easton
- Oxford
- Queen Anne
- St. Michaels
- Trappe

Wicomico County

- Delmar
- Fruitland
- Hebron
- Mardela Springs
- Pittsville
- Salisbury
- Sharptown
- Willards

Worcester County

- Berlin
- Ocean City
- Pocomoke City
- Snow Hill

Table 3: Public and Agency Meetings

Blue highlights indicate public involvement.

Meeting	Date/Timeframe	Public or Agencies Involved	Key Topic(s)
Elected Officials Meetings	Ongoing	Elected Officials	Coordinate with elected officials as appropriate throughout the study.
Community Meetings	Ongoing	Public, special interest groups	Meetings with community associations or advocacy groups as appropriate.
Pre-Notice of Intent (NOI) Early Coordination Meetings	July –Early September 2017	FHWA, MDTA, USACE, MDE	Lead Agencies meet with state and federal permitting agencies to introduce study and get feedback on study approach
Interagency Coordination Meeting (ICM) (Scoping Meeting)	October 2017	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	Agencies comment on study scoping, draft coordination plan, and preliminary Purpose and Need (P&N) concepts.
Public Meeting #1 (Scoping Meeting)	November 2017	Public	Introduce the study, give an overview of the tiered NEPA process, present the preliminary P&N, and request input on the scope of issues to be included in the Tier 1 EIS. Provide the public an opportunity to offer early input using an online forum. Satellite locations available for those who cannot participate online.
ICM	December 2017	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	Agencies introduced to draft P&N summary, draft coordination plan, draft Guiding Principles memorandum, and draft study methodologies with opportunity for comment.
Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Conference	December 2017	Attendees of MACo Winter Conference – County agencies	Project introduction, discussion of preliminary P&N and schedule. Additional MACo Conferences will be attended as needed throughout the study.
ICM	January 2018	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	Review and discussion of draft P&N summary, draft coordination plan, draft Guiding Principles memorandum, and draft study methodologies
ICM	February 2018	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	MDTA requests concurrence from Cooperating Agencies on Guiding Principles memorandum. MDTA requests concurrence from Cooperating and Participating Agencies and on the schedule included in the coordination plan. Agencies introduced to draft screening criteria and full draft P&N Statement. Agencies provide comment.

Meeting	Date/Timeframe	Public or Agencies Involved	Key Topic(s)
ICM	March 2018	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	Review and discussion of draft screening criteria and draft P&N Statement. Agencies provide comment.
ICM	April 2018	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	MDTA requests concurrence from Cooperating Agencies on draft P&N Statement.
Public Meeting #2	May 2018	Public	Public Meeting to present the P&N and screening criteria.
ICM	November 2018	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	Discuss preliminary range of corridors. Agencies provide comment.
ICM	December 2018	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	Present the preliminary MDTA Recommended CARA. Agencies provide comment.
Public Meeting #3	January 2019	Public	Meeting to present the range of corridors and recommended CARA.
ICM	February 2019	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	MDTA requests concurrence on draft CARA from Cooperating Agencies for inclusion in Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Agencies provide comment.
ICM	Summer 2019	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	Introduction to the preliminary MDTA Preferred Corridor Alternative. Agencies provide comment.
DEIS Public Hearing	Fall 2019	Public	Public Hearings in multiple locations to present the Draft Tier 1 DEIS and MDTA Preferred Corridor Alternative.
ICM	February 2020	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	Review of DEIS and Public Hearing input. MDTA requests concurrence from Cooperating Agencies on the MDTA Preferred Corridor Alternative.
ICM	Summer 2020	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	Present summary of FEIS to agencies.

Note: ICMs are assumed to be held in-person with virtual call-in capability. Full virtual meetings will be considered where appropriate as the study progresses. ICMs will not be open to the public. All dates are subject to change; affected parties will be notified and the Coordination Plan updated

Table 4: Key Coordination Points

Blue highlights indicate public involvement.

Coordination Point	Public or Agencies Involved	Coordination Required (roles and responsibilities)	Method Used for Coordination	Coordination Timeframe
Notice of Intent (NOI) for EIS	Lead Agencies	None- notification	Federal Register notice	October 2017
Study Announcement – Scoping Letter including invitations to cooperate/participate	Lead, Cooperating, all Participating, and Notified	Send Cooperating and Participating agencies an invitation letter within 45 days of NOI. Response from Cooperating or Participating Agency invitations within 30 days. Notices sent to other agencies and stakeholders.	Letter/email	Within 45 days of NOI
Scoping, Study Methodologies, Purpose and Need	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agencies comment on study scoping, draft coordination plan, draft P&N concepts, and study methodology. Agencies introduced to draft P&N summary, draft coordination plan, draft guiding principles memorandum, and draft study methodologies with opportunity for comment. Review and discussion of draft P&N summary, draft coordination plan, draft Guiding Principles memorandum, and draft study methodologies. Agencies introduced to Draft P&N Statement and draft screening criteria, with opportunity to comment. MDTA requests concurrence from Cooperating Agencies on Guiding Principles memorandum. MDTA requests concurrence from Cooperating and Participating Agencies on the schedule included in the coordination plan. Agencies introduced to draft screening criteria and full draft P&N Statement. Agencies provide comment. Review and discussion of draft screening criteria and draft P&N Statement. Agencies provide comment. MDTA requests concurrence on P&N Statement. 	ICM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 2017 December 2017 January 2018 February 2018 March 2018 April 2018

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	County Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project introduction, discussion of preliminary P&N and study schedule. Additional MACo Conferences will be attended throughout the study as needed. MDTA requests concurrence via email from counties on schedule included in the coordination plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MACo Conference Mail/Email 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 2017 March 2018
	Notified Agencies	Notification in conjunction with Public Scoping Meeting.	Letter/email Notification	November 2017
	Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Meeting #1 (Scoping Meeting) to introduce the study, give an overview of the tiered NEPA process, present the preliminary P&N, and request input on the scope of issues to be included in the Tier 1 EIS. Provide the public an opportunity to offer early input using an online forum. Satellite locations available for those who cannot participate online. Public Meeting #2 - to present the preliminary P&N and screening criteria. 	Public Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 2017 May 2018
Range of Corridor Alternatives and Corridor Alternatives Retained for Analysis (CARA)	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss preliminary range of corridors. Agencies provide comment. Present the preliminary MDTA Recommended CARA. Agencies provide comment. MDTA requests concurrence on CARA from Cooperating Agencies for inclusion in DEIS. Agencies provide comment. 	ICM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 2018 December 2018 February 2019
	Public	Public Meeting #3 - Meeting to present the range of corridors and recommended CARA.	Public Meetings	January 2019
MDTA Preferred Corridor Alternative and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to preliminary MDTA Preferred Corridor Alternative. Agencies provide comment. Draft EIS Complete Review of DEIS and Public Hearing input. MDTA requests concurrence from Cooperating Agencies on MDTA Preferred Corridor Alternative. 	ICM and electronic document sharing via email or a share site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer 2019 Fall 2019 February 2020

Coordination Point	Public or Agencies Involved	Coordination Required (roles and responsibilities)	Method Used for Coordination	Coordination Timeframe
	Notified Agencies	Notification of DEIS.	Letter/email notification	Fall 2019
	Public	Public Hearing will be held in various locations to present the Draft Tier 1 DEIS. Notice of Availability (NOA) in Federal Register.	Public Hearing, Federal Register	Fall 2019
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD)	Lead, Cooperating, federal/state and MPO Participating Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present summary of FEIS/ROD to agencies. • FEIS/ROD Complete 	ICM and electronic document sharing via email or a share site	Summer 2020
	Notified Agencies	Notification of FEIS.	Letter/email notification, Federal Register notice	Summer 2020
	Public	NOA in Federal Register.	Federal Register notice	Summer 2020

Note: in addition to coordination items listed above, MDTA will provide agencies with draft materials electronically for review throughout the study as appropriate. ICMs will not be open to the public. All dates are subject to change; affected parties will be notified and the Coordination Plan updated.