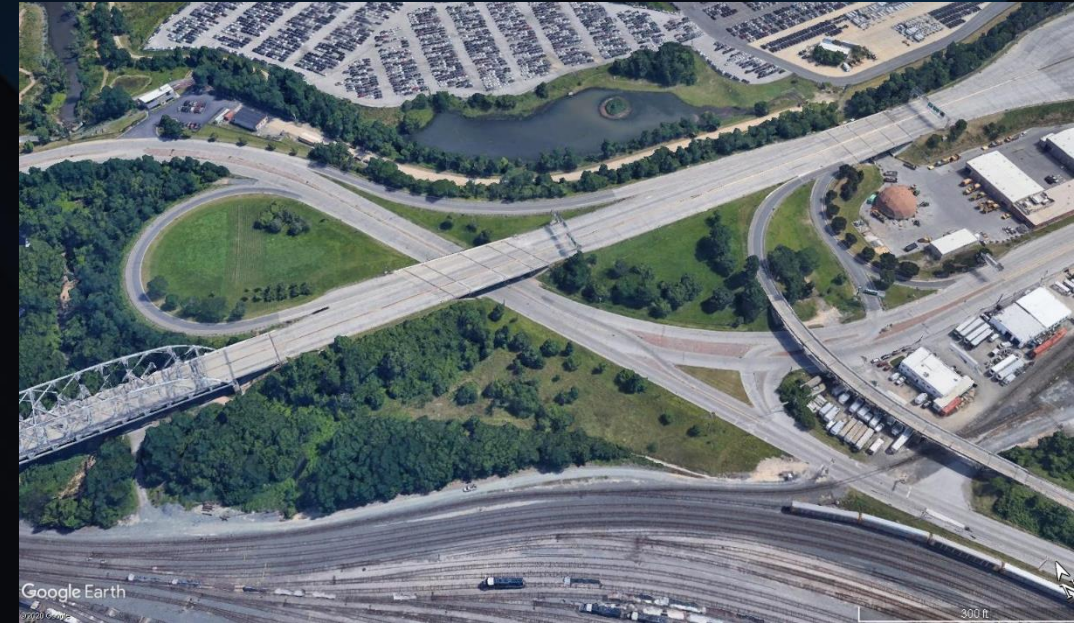


I-895/BALTIMORE HARBOR TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA AND INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT



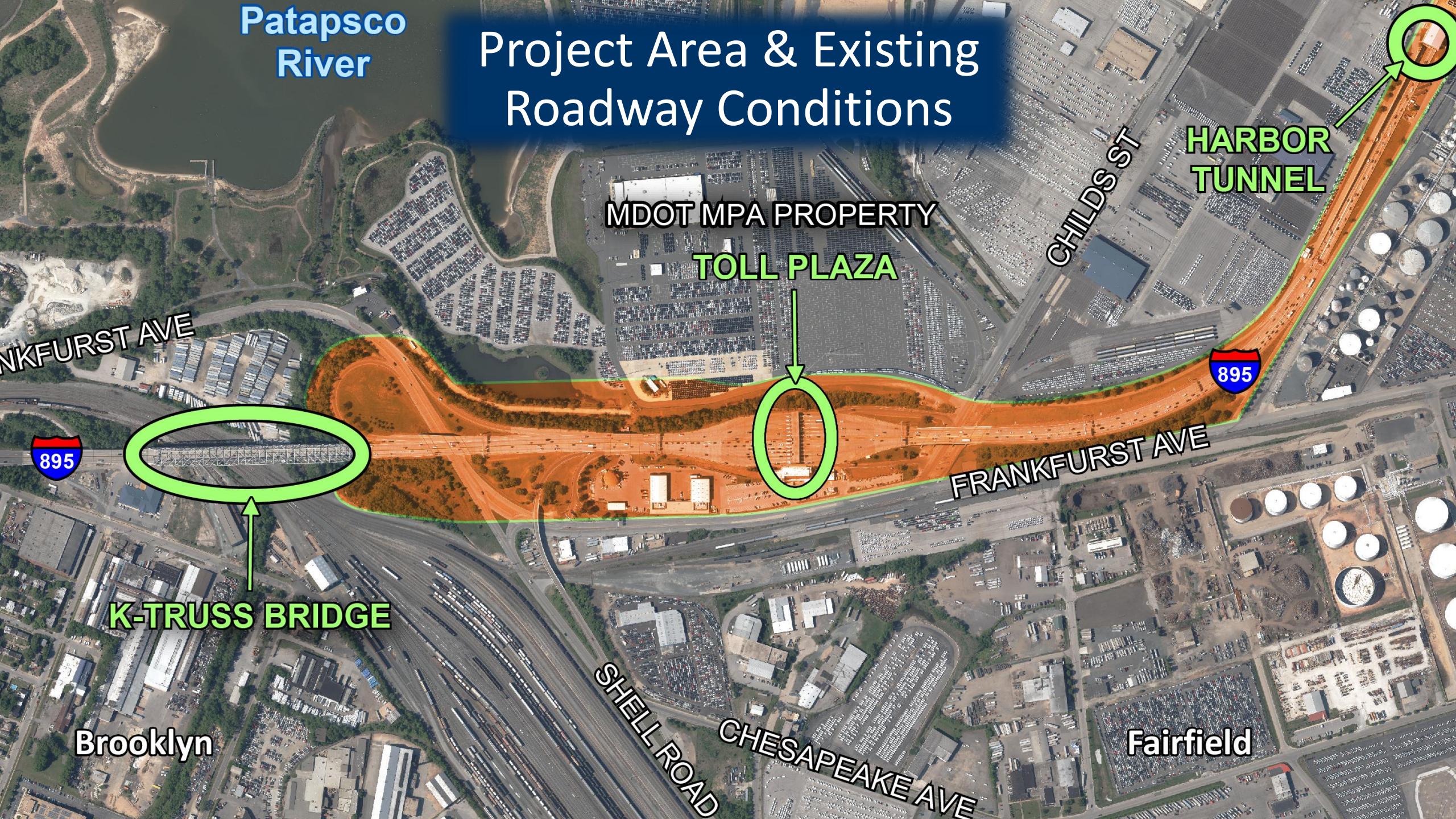
Project Introduction and Overview

- Cashless tolling is now permanent at the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Baltimore Harbor Tunnel toll plaza, yet I-895 has fourteen toll booths that impede vehicles from traveling at highway speeds
- MDTA, in coordination with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is conducting a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) study to evaluate potential environmental impacts from removing and replacing the toll booths with overhead electronic gantries, replacing or removing nearby bridges, and associated interchange improvements



Patapsco River

Project Area & Existing Roadway Conditions



MDOT MPA PROPERTY

TOLL PLAZA

HARBOR TUNNEL

CHILDS ST

FRANKFURST AVE

895

895

FRANKFURST AVE

K-TRUSS BRIDGE

SHELL ROAD

CHESAPEAKE AVE

Brooklyn

Fairfield

Project Purpose



replace existing I-895
Baltimore Harbor
Tunnel toll booths
with overhead
electronic gantries to
collect tolls at
highway speeds



modify existing
interchange ramps to
meet highway speed
criteria



replace existing I-895
bridges over
Frankfurt Avenue
and Childs Street, and
remove existing I-895
bridge over plaza
campus storage

Project Needs



improve capacity
and travel times

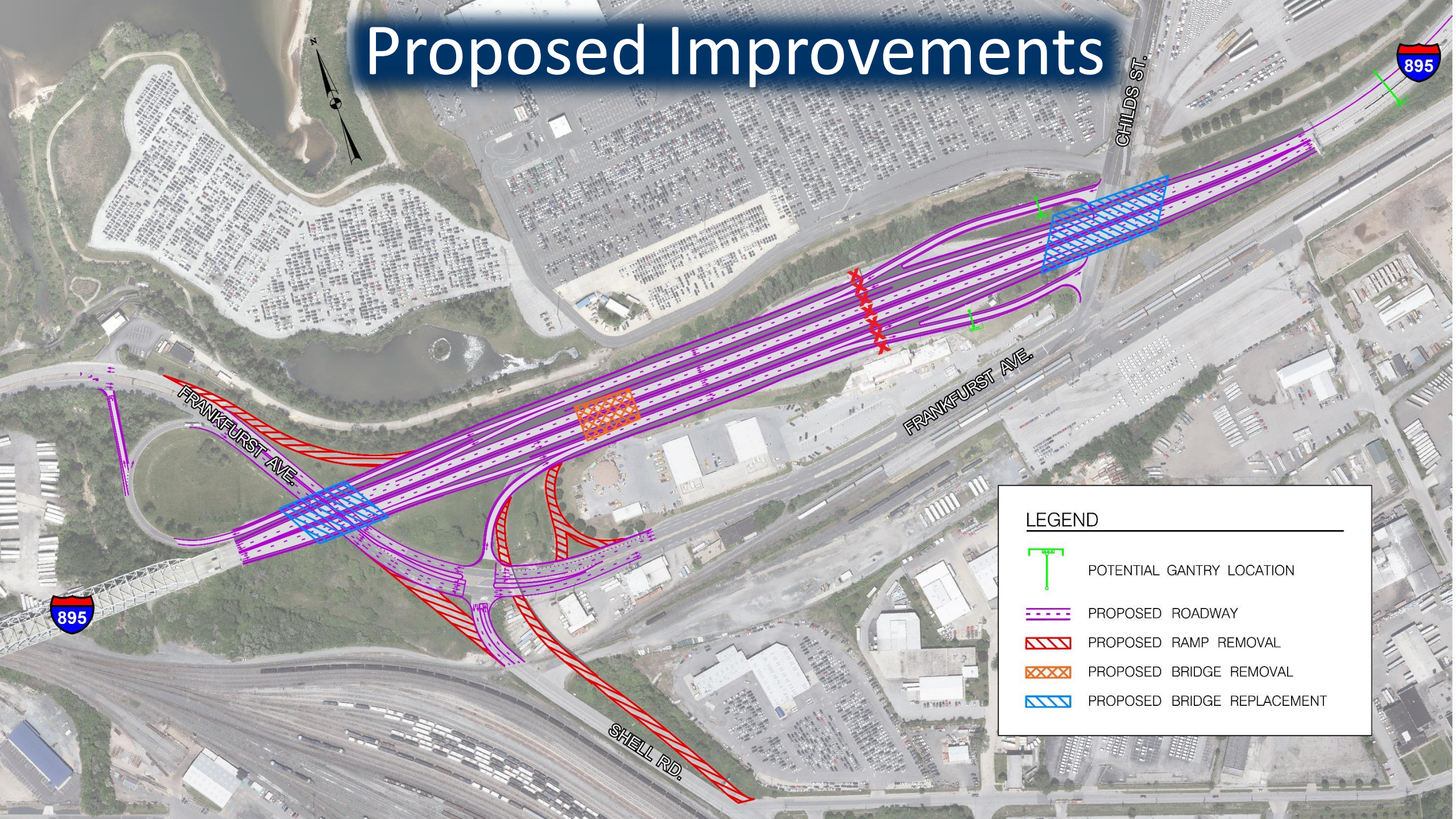


improve safety for
motorists and MDTA
employees



improve customer
service

Proposed Improvements



LEGEND



POTENTIAL GANTRY LOCATION



PROPOSED ROADWAY



PROPOSED RAMP REMOVAL



PROPOSED BRIDGE REMOVAL



PROPOSED BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Addressing the Purpose and Need

The Proposed Action addresses the Purpose by:

- Removing the existing 14 toll booths across I-895 and installing overhead gantries
- Adjusting locations and spacing of interchange ramps to accommodate current design criteria for vehicles traveling at highway speeds
- Reconstructing the I-895 bridges over Frankurst Avenue and Childs Street and removing the aging bridge over the toll plaza campus storage area



Addressing the Purpose and Need

The Proposed Action addresses the Needs by:

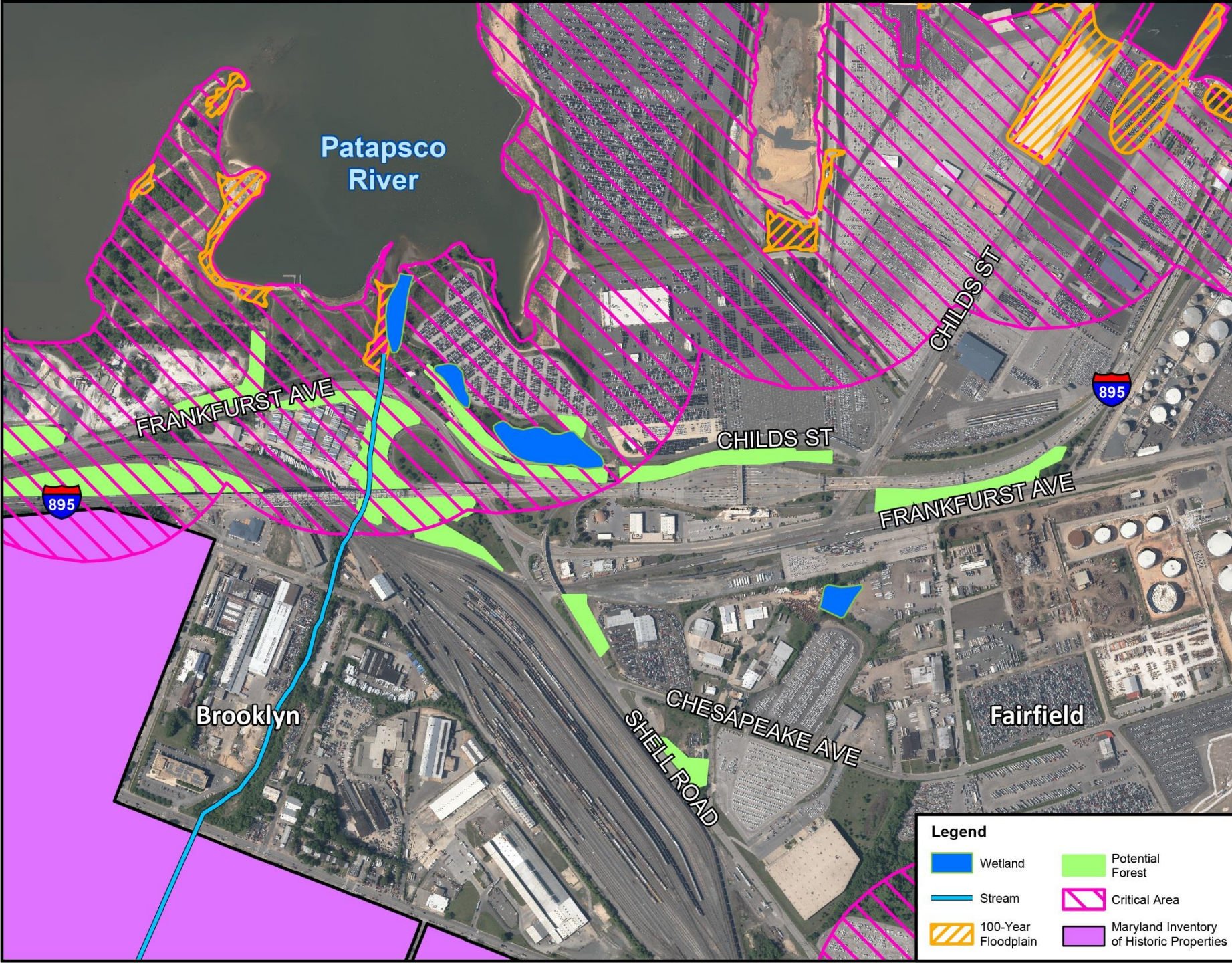
- Improving travel speeds from varying between 10 and 15 mph to a reliable 50 mph by eliminating vehicle queues and maintaining a consistent number of travel lanes on I-895 between the K-Truss bridge and the tunnel
- Improving safety by reducing crash risk and MDTA employee exposure to traffic flows
- Reducing risks of bridge strikes and associated repairs
- Reducing fuel consumption and vehicle emissions by providing more constant travel speeds



Environmental Evaluation

- The proposed improvements are anticipated to involve minor impacts to natural environmental resources and may require some right-of-way from commercial and industrial properties adjacent to the existing roadways within the project area
- As the project progresses, opportunities to avoid and minimize impacts to all resources and properties will continue to be evaluated
- Unavoidable impacts will be coordinated with the appropriate permitting agencies and mitigation will be identified

Environmental Features & Agency Coordination









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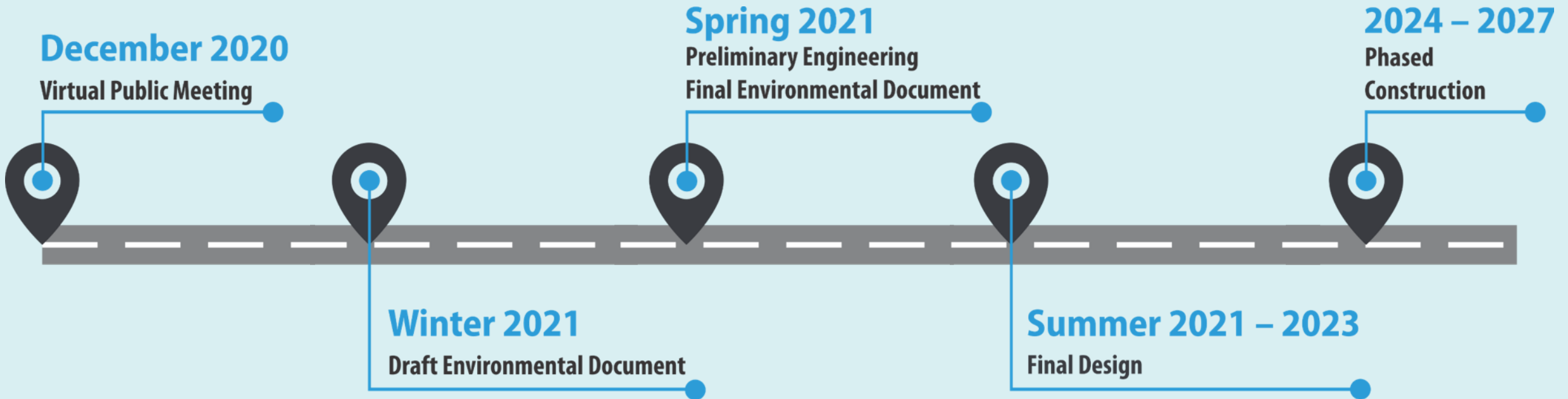
WITHIN PROJECT AREA:

- No park lands or endangered species affected
- Air quality expected to improve
- No significant noise concerns
- Construction delays and detours are expected to be minimal
- Delays to be reduced and travel speeds and safety increased

Legend

	Wetland		Potential Forest
	Stream		Critical Area
	100-Year Floodplain		Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

Anticipated Project Schedule



Your Feedback is Requested!

➤ Fill out a **Comment Card**

- Go to <https://mdta.maryland.gov/1895TollPlaza>
- Click on the **Comments** button

➤ **E-mail** the Project Team

- 1895TollPlaza@mdta.maryland.gov

➤ Send **U.S. Mail** to the Project Team

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**Comment Period is
open from
December 2 to
December 30, 2020**



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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)

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

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Email: sdavis18@mdta.state.md.us

Phone: 410-537-6714

Division of Civil Rights and Fair Practices (CRFP)

Maryland Transportation Authority

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Thank You!

The Maryland Transportation Authority and Federal Highway Administration would like to ***thank you*** for your interest in the I-895/Baltimore Harbor Tunnel Toll Plaza and Interchange Improvements Project

How To Stay Connected

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