

News Release



Maryland
Transportation
Authority

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Anthony Brown
Lt. Governor

Darrell B. Mobley
Acting Chairman

Peter J. Basso
Rev. Dr. William C. Calhoun, Sr.
Mary Beyer Halsey
Arthur Hock
A. Bradley Mims
Michael J. Whitson
Walter E. Woodford, Jr., P.E.

Harold M. Bartlett
Executive Secretary

Cheryl M. Sparks
Director, Division of
Communications

2310 Broening Highway
Suite 160
Baltimore MD 21224
410-537-1017
410-537-1022 (fax)
711 (MD Relay)
1-866-713-1596

e-mail: mdta@mdta.maryland.gov

www.mdta.maryland.gov



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Oct. 23, 2012

Contact: John Sales
410-537-1017



BAY BRIDGE SUSPENSION CABLES TO UNDERGO PLANNED PRESERVATION WORK

Minimal impacts to traffic

BALTIMORE, MD – The MD Transportation Authority (**MDTA**) announces a 2.5-year, \$53 million project to rewrap the main suspension cables and install a dehumidification system on both spans of the Bay Bridge (US 50/301). This preservation project, funded completely by toll revenue, is part of the **MDTA's** commitment to preserving and maintaining the State's aging toll bridges, tunnels and highways.

The contractor will begin work on the westbound span first. Crews will install access platforms along the full length of the main suspension cables for the duration of the project, eliminating the need for continuous lane closures. Periodic temporary lane closures may be needed during off-peak hours to install the platforms and deliver materials. Construction activities will take place behind screening installed along the access platforms to minimize the visibility to drivers.

Rewrapping the suspension cables involves removing the existing neoprene coating and wrapping the cables with a new neoprene coating. As an extra layer of protection, the dehumidification system will help reduce potential moisture within the cables by injecting dry air into the cables.

The Bay Bridge cable rewrapping project is being performed by Kiewit Infrastructure Company of Woodcliff Lake, NJ. The westbound Bay Bridge is also being painted in four phases, a project that will result in repainting the entire bridge for the first time since it opened in 1973. A project to repair concrete piers on the westbound Bay Bridge began in spring 2012.

Follow the **MDTA** at twitter.com/TheMDTA and facebook.com/TheMDTA. The MDTA thanks its customers for their patience and reminds them to *Stay Alert So No One Gets Hurt!!*

**FOR 24/7 BAY BRIDGE TRAFFIC INFORMATION
CALL 1-877-BAYSPAN (1-877-229-7726) OR VISIT BAYBRIDGE.COM**

###