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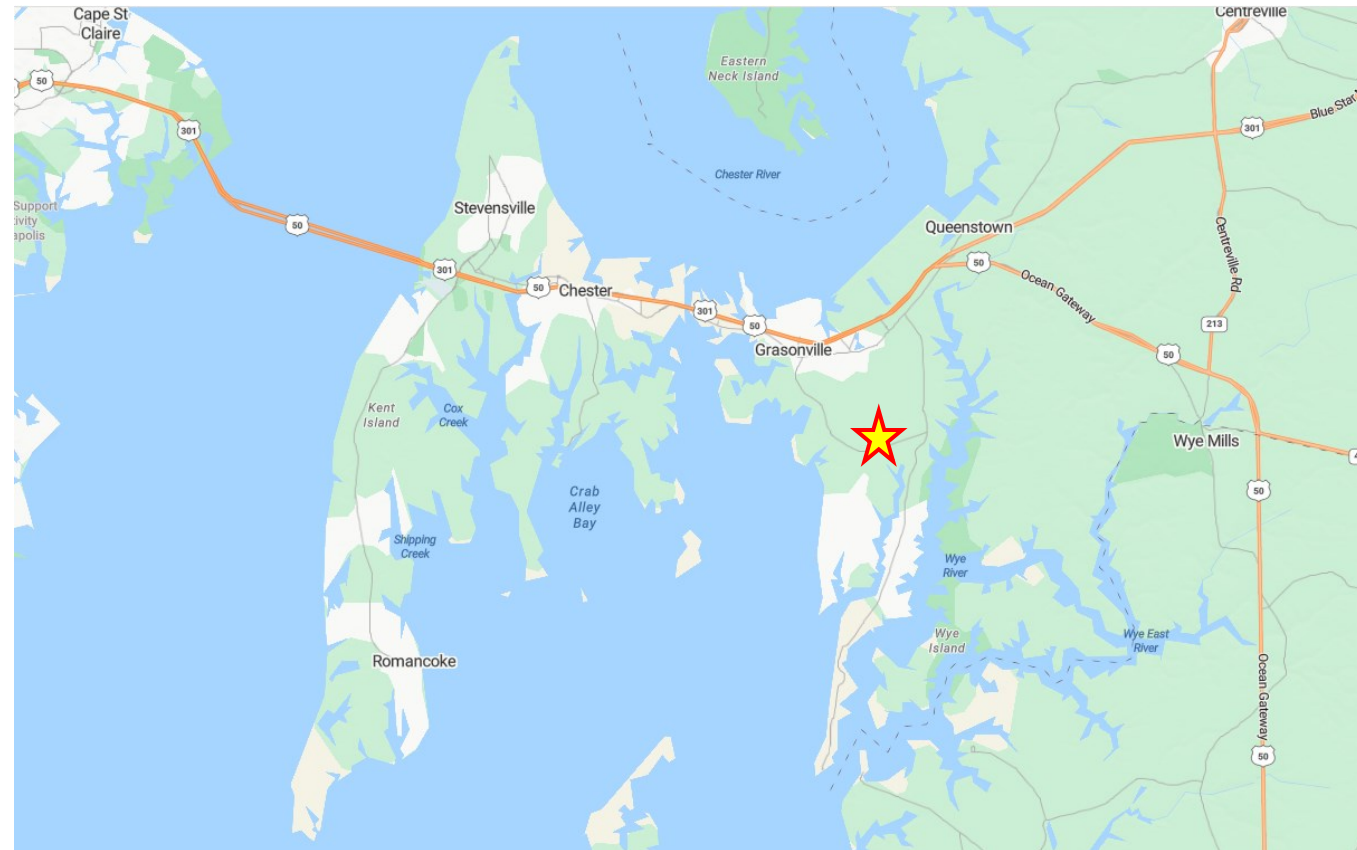
Eastern Shore Ramp Management

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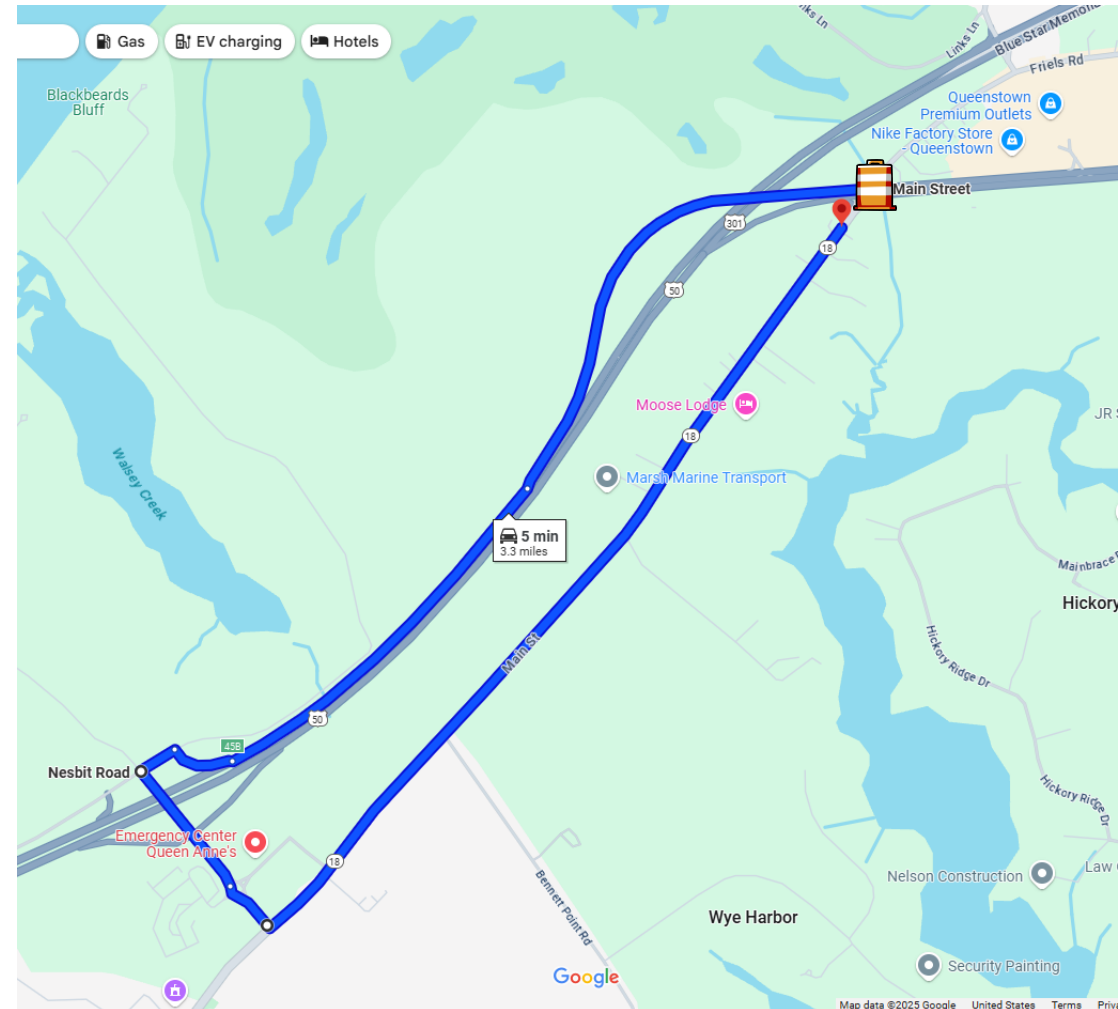
Closing Chester River Beach / Nesbit Overpasses

- Chester River Beach and Nesbit Overpasses provide the only connections to MD 18 (Main St.) until Kent Narrows
- Wye River creates a peninsula of communities in Grasonville (no access to US50 from alternative routes east of Wye River)
- Impacts an estimated 1,805 homes / 4,265 population in zip codes 21638 & 21658 (2023 consensus data)



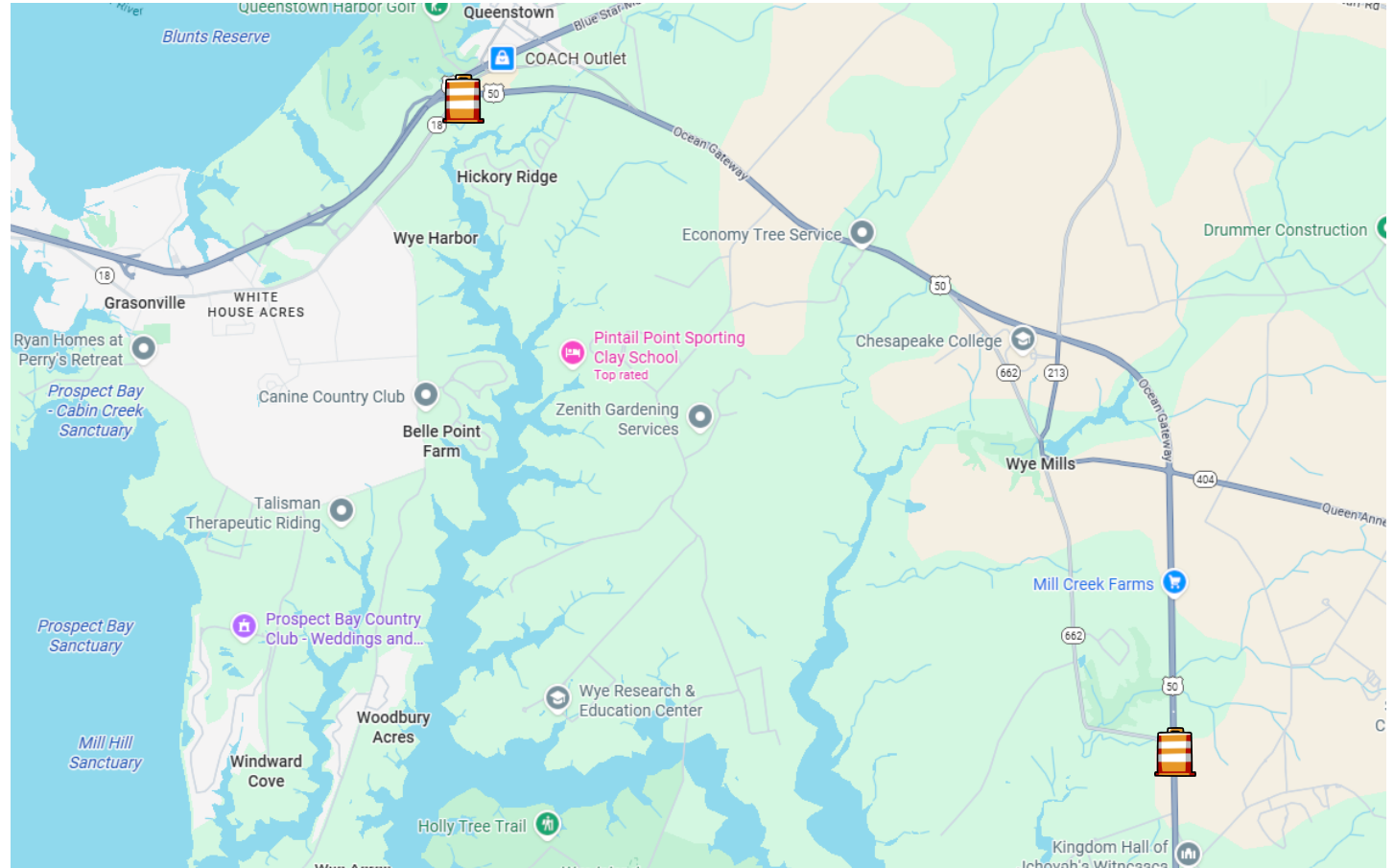
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- Annually SHA closes the exit in Queenstown from US 50 Westbound to MD 18 Westbound
 - Current Summer detour is 3.3 miles
 - No material complaints with this closure



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- In addition to the closure at MD 18, SHA also annually closes the crossover north of MD 662 to prevent U-Turns along US 50
 - Both posts are now physically manned by SHA staff due to motorists moving barrels



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- New detour 10 miles for Grasonville residents, assuming Kent Narrows Waterfront remains open
 - 4.9 miles through heavy WB traffic
- Avoiding other local routes (e.g., Winchester Creek Rd., Saddler Rd., Long Point Rd., etc.) would require closing five (5) Exits 45A & B, 44A & B, and 43A
- Would not address MD 18 between Kent Narrows and Castle Marina without cutting off the Kent Narrows Waterfront and closing an additional four (4) exits



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- Nesbit provides access to the Emergency Center Queen Anne's
 - Detours on public roads apply to all – no “local only” route preferences permitted
- Limits Grasonville communities from access to amenities on each side of US 50
 - Additional ramp closures to avoid other local road use to the Kent Narrows crossover would impact businesses along US 50 (e.g., Wawa at Exit 45A, Royal Farms at Exit 43A, etc.)
- Kent Narrows Development Foundation 2023 letter did not support reducing access to/from Kent Narrows Waterfront:

“This does not mean the board is in support of any partial or full closures of the two exits (Exit 41 & Exit 42) which serve the Kent Narrows Waterfront District.”

