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I-895/Baltimore Harbor Tunnel Toll Plaza and Interchange Improvements Project

- The I-895/Baltimore Harbor Tunnel Toll Plaza and Interchange Improvements Project is located in Baltimore City, Maryland and is proposed to replace the existing toll booths across I-895 with overhead gantries to allow for electronic toll collection at highway speeds. This project will improve capacity, travel times, safety, customer convenience, and the potential for long-term reduction in toll collection and maintenance costs while reducing emissions.
- The I-895/Baltimore Harbor Tunnel Toll Plaza and Interchange Improvements Project encompasses the I-895 Tunnel campus and I-895 from the K-truss bridge over the CSXT railroad tracks located approximately 2,000 feet south of the existing toll booths to the southern tunnel portal a distance of approximately 1.1 miles. The project area is bounded by the southern I-895 tunnel portal to the east, the K-truss bridge to the west, Frankfurst Avenue to the south and the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Port Administration (MDOT MPA) property to the north.
- The removal of the existing toll booths will allow vehicles to move faster through this stretch of I-895, which will require changes to the configuration of the existing I-895 interchange ramps at both Frankfurst Avenue and Childs Street in order to meet roadway standards for the increased vehicle speeds. The proposed improvements include modifications to I-895 ramps, shoulders, acceleration/ deceleration lanes, and bridges, along with connections to and from portions of Frankfurst Avenue, Shell Road, and Childs Street.
- Due to the proposed interchange improvements along I-895, which require Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval, the project is subject to National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) review. The NEPA process includes: compiling an inventory of existing traffic, engineering, and environmental data; evaluating alternatives; determining potential impacts; agency coordination; and public outreach.
- An important consideration for this project will be how to implement proposed improvements with minimal disruption to both traffic operations and the environment. Potential impacts will be coordinated with affected property owners, users of the existing toll facility, and regulatory permitting agencies. Any unavoidable impacts, after minimization and avoidance efforts have been evaluated, will be mitigated.



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