

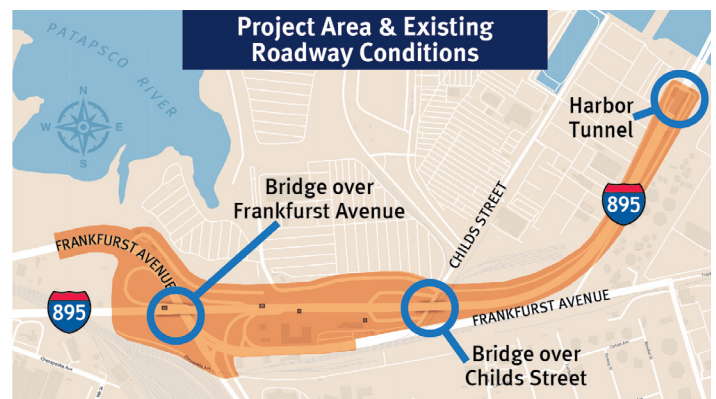


The purpose of this project is to replace the existing toll plaza south of the tunnel portal with highway-speed all-electronic tolling (AET). The completion of this project will signify the final conversion of toll plazas under the Maryland Transportation Authority's (MDTA) jurisdiction to highway-speed AET. Work also includes modification of the existing interchange ramps to accommodate highway-speed tolling, replacement of 70-year-old I-895 bridges over Frankfurst Avenue and Childs Street, and realignment of the intersection at Frankfurst Avenue and Shell Road to provide safer access to northbound I-895. The proposed improvements will enhance safety for motorists, foster economic growth, reduce congestion and emission-related pollution and bring MDTA assets into a state of good repair.

## Proposed Improvements

The MDTA will utilize a three-phase design and construction approach to the interchange reconfiguration:

- **PHASE 1: Toll Collection Relocation:** This phase relocated the existing tolling infrastructure away from the physical toll booths to prepare for Phases 2 and 3. Work involved pavement reconstruction on the I-895 ramps at Childs Street and establishing new tolling infrastructure using on-call contractors. New toll gantries were constructed on the Childs Street ramps and on the I-895 mainline, just north of the tunnel. Construction was completed fall 2025.
- **PHASE 2: Frankfurst Avenue Reconfiguration:** This phase will include the reconstruction of Frankfurst Avenue, the reconfiguration of the Frankfurst Avenue and Shell Road intersection, the consolidation of southbound I-895 off-ramps to Frankfurst Avenue, and the installation of a new traffic signal at the intersection of Frankfurst Avenue and the Masonville Cove Environmental Education Center. Design is underway and advertisement for construction is anticipated to be late 2026 or early 2027.



Construction is anticipated to begin fall/winter 2027. During construction, Frankfurst Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction with minimal traffic impacts to I-895. Overnight lane closures on I-895 are anticipated for the erection of new signage.

- **PHASE 3: Final I-895 Bridge Replacement and Configuration:** This phase will remove the existing toll plaza and complete the interchange reconfiguration on mainline I-895. Construction is anticipated to begin after the new Francis Scott Key Bridge is open to traffic.

Consideration will be given to implementing the improvements with minimal disruption to communities, environment, and traffic operations. Potential impacts will be coordinated with affected property owners, users of the existing toll facility, and regulatory permitting agencies.

For more information about the project, visit [mdta.maryland.gov/l895TollPlaza](https://mdta.maryland.gov/l895TollPlaza), email [l895tollplaza@mdta.maryland.gov](mailto:l895tollplaza@mdta.maryland.gov) or call 800-851-1060.