



BIG TIME ROADWORK.

Changing traffic patterns through Summer 2021.

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1. Q: Why now?

A: *The bridge was built in the mid-1950s and the bridge deck has not been renovated since 1985. This is the last structurally deficient bridge in the MDTA's inventory.*

2. Q: Where is the project taking place?

A: *The project work area is three miles -- from south of the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel to just north of the Boston/O'Donnell Street exit ramp (Exit 11). The 3,300 foot long elevated section of I-895 north of the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel runs over 23 railroad tracks, the entrance to I-95, and exit ramps and Baltimore city streets.*

3. Q: What is the project schedule?

A: *A one-year closure of northbound I-895 from the north side of the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel to the Boston/O'Donnell Street exit ramp (Exit 11) began Nov. 27, 2018.*

- *Two-way traffic – one lane in each direction – will operate on southbound I-895.*
- *The I-895/Holabird Avenue exit ramp (Exit 10) will close completely during this time.*
- *Additionally, the northbound bore of the Harbor Tunnel will close 24/7 for 60 days in spring 2019, with two-way traffic operating in the southbound bore.*
- *Northbound I-895 and the Holabird Avenue exit ramp will reopen to traffic in spring 2020.*

4. Q: Will toll prices change during or after construction?

A: *The MDTA is self-sufficient and receives no gas tax, motor vehicle fees, or other revenue in the Transportation Trust Fund. The MDTA facilities are fully financed, operated, maintained, improved, and protected with toll revenues paid by customers using those facilities. The Trust Agreement that the MDTA has for the benefit of its bondholders prohibits it from eliminating or waiving tolls. nation, however all detour routes will be clearly signed along the entire length of the project.*

7. Q: What should I expect as far as backups or delays?

A: *With only one travel lane in each direction, motorists should expect extensive delays. The anticipated delay during the morning rush-hour period is 18 minutes in the south bound direction and 9 minutes in the northbound direction during the evening rush-hour period. This is assuming 45% of motorists have diverted to alternate routes.*

8. Q: Can the alternate routes handle the additional traffic?

A: *We expect traffic on the alternate routes to be heavier than normal. We urge you to plan ahead and to allow extra time to reach your destination. Consider carpooling and flexible work schedules, if those options are available to you.*

Visit <http://mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Commuter/Commuting> for assistance in planning your routes.

9. Q: How is the MDTA communicating with its customers?

A: *Project outreach efforts include:*

- *An Active Traffic Management System will provide real-time information via portable message signs on I-895 and its approach roadways.*
- *Information will be provided on the MDTA's Facebook and Twitter feeds @TheMDTA. Additionally, look for updates via the hashtag #895bmore.*
- *The 895bmore.com project website includes a brief video, the project schedule, access to traffic cameras and the ability to sign- up for alert notifications to stay informed.*
- *Marketing efforts including billboard, newspaper, radio and television ads and digital and grassroots advertising, among others.*

10. Q: Will other construction be lifted before these closures?

A: *Major impacts from two other projects in Baltimore ended before major impacts began on I-895. This area of highway network was recently upgraded with an additional lane added to northbound and southbound I-95 to help manage the congestion during the I-895 project and beyond. The completion of these two projects was key to preparing for the major impacts from the I-895 Bridge Project.*

- *A \$49.4 million to provide four continuous lanes on I-95 between the Fort McHenry Tunnel and Moravia Road began in March 2017 and was complete in October 2018.*
- *A \$20 million project to rehabilitate the structural, mechanical, and electrical components of the Curtis Creek Drawbridge on I-695 began in December 2017 and reopened to traffic on November 19.*

11. Q: Where do I find more information about the I-895 Bridge Project?

A: *Information about the Project may be found at 895bmore.com. You can also email the project team at info@895bmore.com or call 410-537-5675.*

12. Q: How will this affect the E-Z Pass commuter plan I currently have?

A: *If you are a Maryland resident there is no fee for keeping your account open even if you rarely use the tolls. If you will no longer be using the Baltimore Region Plan toll facilities -- Fort McHenry Tunnel (I-95), Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (I-895) Francis Scott Key Bridge and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway (I-95) -- at least 24 times in 45 days, you may consider changing to a Standard Plan. While we are asking customers to find alternate routes to I-895, the Fort McHenry Tunnel and Francis Scott Key Bridge are facilities included in the Baltimore Region Plan.*