



## Nice/Middleton Bridge Bicycle System Public Comments

April 12th to May 10th, 2023

Date	Medium	Comment
4/12/23	Online Survey	Riding a bicycle on a "Highway" or bridge, is not safe and not allowed via MD traffic law. There are already, "No Bicycle" signs posted by the old truck stop. Keep the bikes off the highway for the safety of all!
4/12/2023	Online Survey	<p>The plan as outlined is ok for times when there is very little traffic, and as a default provision of services. But it is far below optimal. Bicycling in a lane with traffic speeds of 60 to 65 mph (i.e. speed limit 50mph) is not a pleasant experience--especially if it involves truck traffic.</p> <p>Unless and until a trail is built on the Pope's Creek line, there will rarely be a day when more than a few cycles cross. But on days when there are alot of cyclists crossing, it would make more sense to simply close the right lane to motor vehicles for a period of time every so often, and then close it to bicycles for awhile. Or at least someone should model this. Excessive lane changes on the bridge to avoid bikes should be avoided.</p>
4/12/2023	Online Survey	Bad idea for bikes. No reason for bikes to cross the river. Hard enough driving with other cars...don't need to add aggravation.
4/12/2023	Online Survey	I think allowing bicycles to cross this bridge is completely unsafe! The speed limit is 50mph, heavily commuted, no emergency lane and a tractor trailer would blow someone over. Bicyclists are already a nuisance to drivers! They need to stick to bicycle lanes and ride at your own risk!
4/12/2023	Online Survey	A bike lane would have been nice...but as is, do not think bicycles on the bridge is a good idea
4/12/2023	Online Survey	<p>This is highly unsafe, on top of the fact that you are relying on out-of-state/out-of-town drivers to understand what these flashing lights are for, and relying on the bicyclists to press a button to ensure the light is flashing. Tack on the fact that they aren't having to pay anything to use the bridge is highly unfair. There is not a good enough reason to allow this to take place, and when someone inevitably gets seriously hurt or worse, then the accident will just cause more of a traffic jam with a whole side of the bridge shut down and we are back to where we were to begin with in regards to the amount of traffic going in each direction with only one lane. I think it should be halted until a better idea can be created. ALSO, how can you think to start to allow this when there hasn't been any sort of data to see how the spring and summer will change traffic patterns, and how the efforts to push this as an alternate route for I-95 haven't even seen a whole year of reports yet.</p> <p>Do NOT ALLOW THIS. It will be a horrible practice and will end badly for many.</p>
4/12/2023	Online Survey	I highly suggest using the bicycle warning light button to also activate the red X with a green bicycle light to close the lane to cars for 15 minutes. When I crossed the Hatem bridge the biggest fear was a car

		coming up fast behind me and at the last minute switching lanes, with the second car behind the first car also going 50mph, suddenly seeing me at the last second. Potential for disaster IMO. The second car is screened from seeing until the first car moves over which at 50mph is not enough reaction distance for the second car to handle.
4/12/2023	Online Survey	Bicycles should not be allowed on the bridge!!!
4/13/2023	Online Survey	Forget the fact that cyclist want to be able to traverse this bridge, but do we really think blinking lights are enough for cyclist to safely cross this bridge? Not to mention the havoc large cyclist can cause on the bridge during high vehicular traffic times. This is a recipe for disaster and a major public safety concern!!!!
4/13/2023	Online Survey	Dumb idea!!! With the new bridge flowing so good, why would you consider this???
4/13/2023	Online Survey	As one of many in my local community, I come here to voice a concern of my own. When I saw the information about the bicycle information I was floored. I immediately thought to myself how much issue and possible tragedy is at risk. I think of not only citizens using extreme caution as they are trying to cross a bridge with no extra room in case of an emergency, but also the first responders that would have to keep responding to multiple incidents. I personally have been passed on the new bridge multiple times by motorist at an excessive rate of speed with my newborn in my vehicle where he is supposed to be safe. Like I stated above, I am one of many in Newburg community but I hope the little information above goes a long way, As I know from facing many tragic accidents as a first responder. Lets do better, prevent tragedies and push out information for cyclist to use other local biking paths.
4/14/2023	Online Survey	I will not ride a bike across the Nice Bridge. As a commuter though I am adamantly against permitting bicyclists on the bridge any time any day. Not having a dedicated bike lane puts all users in grave danger. Commuters have waited many years for a safer bridge that replaced two lanes 11ft. wide to 4 lanes each 12 ft wide. Permitting bicyclists to share the bridge with trailers, SUV's, cars, trucks, and semis reverts the safety back to that of the old bridge. Disruptions to the ease of traffic caused by bicyclists will cause back up and safety problems for all commuters and adversely affect people living in the Rock Point corridor especially in summer when a problem of back ups preventing residents from traveling to and from their homes. When bicyclists get to the other side there are no bike lanes in Virginia. The decision not to permit bicyclists on the bridge was made when the dedicated bike lane was omitted for financial reasons. That ship has sailed. Time and money should not be wasted to revisit a decision that has already been made. This topic has been examined numerous times already and each time the decision has been no to bicyclist. Please do not permit bicyclists on the bridge.
4/14/2023	Online Survey	Bicycles are a great healthy, low impact way to see the State and get good exercise, and they are a way of life for many Marylanders, as well as many tourists. It would be great to have safe passage.
4/17/2023	Online Survey	Totally asinine to let bikes on the bridge. You're going to inconvenience millions of travelers in order to bend over for a few "lance armstrongs" to cross? Stupidity at its best!
4/18/2023	Online Survey	Are you crazy. You just opened a new bridge to help with traffic, and now want to close a lane for Bikes - where are they going. My vote – NO

4/19/2023	Online Survey	It would be great to have a predetermined time and day of the week, or even a day of the month (e.g. first Saturday from 8am to noon), advertised for cyclists to have a lane of traffic blocked by a traffic safety vehicle with flashing lights. This would provide a physical barrier/mitigation for cyclists. It might also encourage cyclists to ride mostly in these windows.
4/21/2023	Online Survey	As an Safety Analyst by trade, this is an obvious bow down to a fractional portion of the population that would/will be using the bridge. This is going to create a hazardous situation with a probability of 10 to the negative 4, at best.  I commute across the bridge, and north and south bound on 6-7 days a week.  If this system is put into operation a well thought out mitigation would be to not allow bicyclist to commute on the bridge during normal weekday peak (rush) travel hours, nor early Saturday mornings or late afternoon on Sundays when traffic is normally higher.
4/23/2023	Online Survey	According to your own traffic projection charts, at no time does typical expected traffic exceed 1500 veh/hr. Since a single lane can accommodate 1800 veh/hr, there is not a justification for restrictive hours of bicycle use at this time.
4/25/2023	Online Survey	I cross the Nice Bridge about 8 times/month. Allowing bicycles to ride across the Nice Bridge, with no breakdown lanes, mixed with 50mph vehicular traffic, and requiring trucks to use the right ("bicycle") lane except for pulling out to pass a bicycle is absolutely asking for injuries and deaths....of bicyclists or cars getting hit when suddenly swerving or braking. Are bicycles allowed on I-95? No. Wilson Bridge? No. Chesapeake Bay Bridge? No. Etc. Why not provide escorts for large groups (such as a club event) and provide a low cost mini-bus/pickup service for individual/small groups? Cheaper and safer. I believe allowing bicycles on the Nice Bridge is irresponsible to public safety.
4/26/2023	Online Survey	I LOVE RIDING MY TREK BIKE! However the new bridge is NOT the place to ride! You're not only going to endanger the bicyclists but the young 17 year old that just got their drivers license! The 40 year old single Mom who drives over that bridge every day for work to provide for her family. This is an incredibly bad idea!
4/27/2023	Email	Subject: Bicycle access on Nice Middleton Bridge  I had the pleasure of attending the informational open house held on April 26th for cyclists who might consider using the newly constructed Nice Middleton Bridge. Although I completed both surveys presented on site they did not provide space for my thoughts on the plan for providing safe travel on the bridge by cyclists.  I don't see how the cyclist activated system of flashing lights, warning motorists there's a cyclist in the lane, makes the inherently inadequate lane safer. I don't have confidence that motorists will heed the warning. The lane is not wide enough to allow a motor vehicle and bike in the same space. The 2 foot shoulder (from what I could see) is non existent. The time allowed for a cyclist to cross (10-15 minutes) doesn't allow for factors that would decrease riding speed (wind that's often present, % grade of the bridge, draft caused by passing vehicles, etc).  MDOT SHA, opted to exclude a separate travel lane for cyclists and because of that decision, I don't see where anything can be done to make the bridge safer for those wanting to cross by bike. The opportunity

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		<p>was lost once plans for the separated bike lane were scrapped and now, no amount of retrofitting "safe" measures will fix this.</p> <p>[Name Redacted] [Address Redacted] [Email Redacted]</p>
4/27/2023	Online Survey	<p>At the public meeting it was noted that the flashing warning lights are only at the initial sign approaching the bridge. However the area requiring the most caution is the crest of the bridge, 1.5 mi later northbound or .4 mi later southbound. Therefore it would be safer to have additional dynamic signage along the bridge as an active reminder of cyclists present. (This also provides additional opportunities for motorists who may have missed the initial indicator)</p>
4/27/2023	Public Meeting	<p>To maximize cyclist survival during crossings, could State Highway Dept. provide a truck with flashing yellow arrow sign directing motorist out of the right lane (cyclist lane)? The truck slowly follows riders with the flashing sign. It would also provide a barrier to prevent motorists from rear ending a rider or group of riders.</p> <p>The VA section of Rt 301 has only 2' wide shoulders! Many motorists DO NOT obey the white pavement line separating the travel portion of the roadway from the shoulder. Tractor trailers moving at high speeds will blow a cyclist over with its wind blast! Vehicle traffic needs 3' to safely pass a cyclist!</p> <p>Allowing motorists to use both lanes while cyclists cross the bridge greatly increase the risk of a cyclist-motorist collision.</p>
4/27/2023	Public Meeting	<p>Not applicable to a motorist</p>
4/27/2023	Public Meeting	<p>I think it's an accident waiting to happen. [Name Redacted]</p>
4/27/2023	Public Meeting	<p>I would ride over any day of the week excluding commuting times &amp; high traffic times. I think the signs directing drivers to move into the left lane when they encounter a cyclist would help motorists to not be held up by cyclists.</p> <p>Also, signs emphasizing the 3' distance rule would help as well</p>
4/27/2023	Public Meeting	<p>As a long time cyclist, I feel that cycling safety has been a last consideration in planning. I don't trust a 10 minute flashing light to protect me from motorists. If members of MDTA would like to ride across the bridge (on bicycles) and test the light system, I'd have more confidence in it.</p>
4/27/2023	Public Meeting	<p>Depending on the ride (organized &amp; numerous participants) could use the bridge at any time during daylight hours</p>
4/27/2023	Public Meeting	<p>Don't forget the return trip!</p>

4/27/2023	Online Survey	<p>The use of amber "caution" lights is inadequate for bicycle use of the bridge. There is already a lane-control system installed and working on the bridge, therefore the entire right lane should be marked "closed" for 15-20 minutes when a cyclist begins to cross. Only by closing the lane for the entirety of the bridge can safety be provided when the cyclist is not visible due to the vertical curvature of the bridge.</p> <p>By MdTA's own estimates when deleting a separated path, bicycle usage will be low. Therefore any potential disruption to motor traffic from a 20 minute lane closure will be minimal and infrequent, and will quickly return to normal after the end of the period. Further, periods where a lane closure would be disruptive should be rare, as the information boards estimate single-direction vehicular traffic to not exceed 1500 veh/hr, whereas it is generally accepted that a single traffic lane can support up to 1800 veh/hr.</p> <p>MdTA should also re-implement the as-available shuttle service for cyclists not brave enough to ride the bridge. Only a small minority of cyclists are confident on 50 mph roads whereas a separate path would have been accessible to all.</p> <p>If not already implemented, the cyclist crossing system should notify the police monitoring, so that the police force is aware when there is a cyclist on the bridge.</p>
4/29/2023	Online Survey	<p>The new bridge was built to help all the congestion especially on weekends or if there is an accident on the bridge. If bikers were going to be allowed to use the bridge a bike lane should have been built. Way to dangerous for bicyclists with the way people don't pay attention these days.</p>
4/30/2023	Online Survey	<p>I am opposed to the bicyclists being on the Nice Bridge because I feel it would be unsafe and was not designed for that usage. With the lanes as used currently, there has been no backups and it has flowed freely. With the bicyclists using the right lane, it will hinder traffic especially if they have mechanical issues creating yet another danger for the cyclist. Furthermore, as a paying frequent user of the bridge, I feel that the bridge should be for motorists only as our fees will be paying for the upkeep. Recreational use of the bridge by the cyclists does not negate the dangers and the traffic concerns that they will cause.</p>
4/30/2023	Online Survey	<p>The New Nice Bridge has been a long time in the making, motorists has suffered over the years in backups for hours because it was two lanes, to have bicycles want to travel on it now is ridiculous !</p>
4/30/2023	Online Survey	<p>I am against the bicycle program. The bridge was built to improve and speed up traffic flow. Bicyclists will only slow auto traffic down. There is no shoulder on the Va side for cyclist traffic. Where will they ride once they get into Va.?</p>
5/1/2023	Email	<p>Subject: Fwd: Nice/Middleton Bridge Bicycle Access</p> <p>I looked over the slides from your web page at <a href="https://mdta.maryland.gov/sites/default/files/Files/Projects_and_Studies/NewNiceMiddletonBridge/NMB_Boards_2023_4_11_rd01.pdf">https://mdta.maryland.gov/sites/default/files/Files/Projects_and_Studies/NewNiceMiddletonBridge/NMB_Boards_2023_4_11_rd01.pdf</a> I didn't see any additional materials other than a survey. So that is what I have to go by.</p> <p>I am an experience bicyclist and have ridden in 22 states and cross country from coast-to-coast. What I see here, I really don't like at all. Let me be specific.</p>

	<p>1) Sharing the traffic lane with a 50mph speed limit without a wide shoulder is crazy. It is well understood that wide lanes provide visual cues tend to encourage higher speeds. I would expect traffic at 60mph or greater. Bad news.</p> <p>2) The blinking lights with "Bikes on Bridge" is a joke. What are you telling the drivers? What does that mean to them? How do they know that the bikes may use the full lane and that they should be REQUIRED to slow down and change lanes to pass safely. You are not sending that message anywhere. Really bad news. Please don't even think of using a "Share the Road" sign as that will make it worse.</p> <p>3) Similarly, what are you telling the bicyclists? Can they or should they use the full lane? There is a traffic control sign for that that clearly says "Bike May Use Full Lane". I am not seeing that deployed here. Why not? More bad news.</p> <p>4) There is no indication there are multiple sets of blinking lights across the bridge. If a driver misses seeing the light, that will be a big problem. I wouldn't want my safety to be dependent on one blinking light only at one end that a driver didn't see because they were following a truck too close. You could have used all those overhead lane arrow lights in a smart way.</p> <p>5) You say the blinking light blinks for 10-15 minutes. Which is it, 10 or 15 minutes? This time needs to have a healthy safety margin for any traffic slow downs or head winds. Isn't there a way to keep the lights on until the cyclist is across? I assume this bridge has cameras?</p> <p>6) No information is provided on how you expect a bicyclist to safely merge into the right traffic lane with high speed traffic. If you think drivers are going to see the blinking light and kindly change lanes and allow them to merge in front of them, then I have a bridge with a separated bike lane I would like to sell you.</p> <p>Here is what's going to happen with your approach: bicyclists will be biased to the right side of the right lane because they don't want to be anywhere near the speeding left lane traffic. Since the right lane is 12 feet wide, drivers in the right lane are going think they have enough room to squeeze by without changing lanes. They will do this as they will think they have the right to do it, as you have no signage telling them it is not OK. Drivers will not slow down and likely blow their horn in the process. God forbid a truck does this. This will violate the 3 foot passing law for sure and eventually someone will get hit. At some point the lawsuits will cost more than the savings from deleting the separated facilities in the first place.</p> <p>There really should have been a dedicated separated facility as was advocated for and originally in the plan. It is utter malpractice to remove that from the design and offer what you are proposing in it's place. A better alternative would be to preserve the old span for this purpose. I am seeing repeated systemic failures here. This shouldn't be this hard to do! There is a fine examples of new construction with separated facilities going across Great Egg Harbor Bay on the New Jersey Garden State Parkway and another on the Stainton Memorial Causeway.</p> <p>I see no point in filling out your survey as the when would be a good time to cross. There just is no good safe time as designed. Please don't try to do this on any other bridges.</p> <p>I sorry to be so negative, but I see so many red flags here. I wish it were different.</p> <p>Respectfully, [Name Redacted]</p>
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5/1/2023	Email	<p><b>Subject: Nice Middleton Bridge Bicycle access</b></p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>We have filled out the questionnaire on your site but it seems to be mainly for the cyclists and not for anyone who does not agree that this should happen so we are sending you this email with our concerns.</p> <p>The bridge was not built for bicycle use and a 2 foot shoulder is not adequate for anyone to use for this purpose. This means they will be using the entire right lane, impeding the flow of traffic. What happens if they have mechanical issues while on the bridge and have to walk the bike or try to fix it while on the bridge? If your car breaks down, as least you have the safety of a car to remain in , they would have no safety for them at all once the timer runs out for their crossing and the warning system ceases.</p> <p>There is no reason for them to be crossing this bridge other then recreational and the "I did it" feeling. Neither of those are good reason for putting their safety and the safety of TOLL PAYING MOTORISTS at risk. To assume that it would only be used for this infrequently would be a false assumption. As someone who lives on a road that is often used by bicycle clubs, they are out any day of the week and at any part of the day. This is a TERRIBLE IDEA.</p> <p>We go to Virginia quite frequently to visit family and were very excited by the new bridge. Sundays were terrible trying to come back into Maryland with traffic backed up for miles. Since the new bridge has opened, we have NOT experienced any backup what so ever. It's doing it's job well! Why mar this by allowing bicycles to choke the traffic flow?</p> <p>Big NO to bicycles on the Nice Bridge for EVERYONE'S safety.</p> <p>Sincerely, [Name Redacted]</p>
5/3/2023	Online Survey	<p>From a public safety perspective, the proposed process of a single point of flashing lights to warn motorist is not sufficient to provide adequate safety to cyclists and motorists. At the open house, I proposed the idea of the "crossing button" to change the overhead lane controls from a green arrow to a red X whenever a cyclist is crossing. Motorists are not going to heed to this single point of notification. Furthermore, unlike the Hatem Bridge, the layout of the Nice Bridge with it's blind peak WILL create a safety concern by a motorist traveling 50-65mph in the right lane and crest the peak to find a cyclist just over the peak. Closing the lane for the prescribed 15min window is a necessity. I understand the recommended times to cross "safely" but we know that this is going to be hard to regulate. It puts an added burden on MdTA officers. I would strongly suggest the group charged with designing this functionality consider that the Nice Bridge is not designed the same as the Hatem Bridge and should be treated differently to this regard. I hope these comments are strongly considered and if need be, the Public Safety partners who have stake in the outcome of this project are willing to partner with this group to work through these challenges.</p> <p>We all hope that these safety concerns never come to fruition, but I think we all know that they are inevitable!</p>



5/3/2023	Online Survey	ridiculous plan - should have built the lane that was in the original design. Now - keep the bikes off - safety hazard
5/4/2023	Online Survey	I strongly oppose bicycles on the Nice/Middleton Bridge.  Allowing bicyclist on this 50 mph uphill/downhill 2 mile bridge which contains no shoulders is an extremely dangerous plan. Although Rt 301 is not an Interstate Highway, it is a popular alternative to I-95. It is heavily travelled by daily commuters, large 18 wheel trucks, trailers and RVs. Bridge signs advise 50T trucks to stay in the right lane; a biker occupying the right lane cannot possibly travel anywhere near the posted speed limit of 50mph. Allowing bikers access daylight hours 7 days a week will cause major disruptions to the flow of traffic on this heavily travelled area. Looking back just a year ago to the congestion at this bridge on weekends and holidays, should convince the MDOT not to ever reduce the bridge back to one lane south and one lane north. Again, I am strongly opposed.
5/4/2023	Online Survey	They should never be able to cross the bridge
5/5/2023	Online Survey	Allowing bicycle use on the bridge defeats the ease of traffic congestion and safety features, and increases the use of lane changing which can be unsafe. I see the bridge backups continuing especially during the summer weekends when there is increased motorists, and a time when bicyclists would be more active. The vehicles are and have been paying for use of the bridge. What are the cyclists paying for their use?
5/8/2023	Online Survey	If you want to see a safe way for cyclists to cross a bridge, look at New York's Mario Cuomo Bridge across the Hudson River. Absent a physical barrier between car and bike traffic, you will have many cyclists' deaths on your hands.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The lack of bicycle facilities on the bridge or using the old bridge is a disgrace and one we will have to live with for the next 50-100 years. Expecting bicyclists to ride on the bridge with cars going 65 mph is the most ridiculous proposition I have ever heard. All those involved in this decision should be ashamed of themselves.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	Please provide a dedicated lane for biking and walking in each direction!! I would like to be able to cross here just as cars would and not be at risk of death!!!
5/8/2023	Public Survey	Would vary based on the time of year and weather - wind and any precipitation being factors. I'm not sure I see myself using the bridge competing for space with highway speed traffic. Motorists speeding to/from vacation or trucks hauling loads from point A to point B. I'm sure they would see a cyclist as a nuisance and would not treat them kindly.
5/8/2023	Public Survey	Your plan to share a lane between bicyclists and cars/trucks in way too dangerous. I would never actually try this as currently proposed. The fact that in this day and age MD would build a bridge without safe bicycle and pedestrian access is extremely short-sighted
5/8/2023	Public Survey	The proposed system for shared usage of the right most lane of automobile traffic by an assumed marginal amount of bicycle traffic is absurd and unsafe. It appears to renig on the promise for bicycle access when in fact it makes clear that such a promise was no such thing and from its utterance a lie. It is testimony to the wrongheadedness of the previous Governor's administration that declined to provide dedicated and safe pedestrian and bicycle bridge access. At best the system will result only in delays and/or the return of

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		the bridge to its former two lane configuration; most likely if the system is implemented it will result in injuries and deaths that are entirely foreseeable and preventable. Shame on us for electing such a dishonest Governor who continues to waste taxpayer money by making expenditures such as those on this bridge appear to be "savings" for not including dedicated non motor vehicle access.
5/8/2023	Public Survey	The lane sharing plan is not safe. Anyone who thinks it is appropriate has never ridden a bicycle outside of their gated community.
5/8/2023	Public Survey	The proposed plan is going to get bicyclists killed. Cars don't slow down for bikes.  Narrow the car lanes, put up a jersey wall, and give bikes and pedestrians a safe way to use the bridge.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	There should be a dedicated and protected crossing lane for cyclists and pedestrians. Anything less (such as a blinking light that will do nothing to protect against distracted and dangerous drivers) is just asking for someone to be killed.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	For the safety of cyclists please do not permit mixed use traffic on this bridge.  The steep elevation of the bridge combined with the increased speeds will to dangerous and potentially fatal collisions
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The plan to allow bicycling across the Nice/Middleton bridge is asinine and extremely dangerous for both bicyclists and car drivers. Bicycle lanes protected from the flow of auto traffic should have been designed into the bridge before it was built.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	This is an extremely BAD IDEA. The ONLY SAFE WAY to have had a provision for Bikes on the Bridge would have been in the initial design phase, certainly not as a last minute afterthought. As an occasional user of the RT. 301 Potomac River Crossing for many years, I have seen a couple of really serious accidents on the Bridge. Being a (Now Retired) Firefighter, I stopped to assist, and I can say without any doubt, the normal Highway Accident Scene does not even come close to the Situations encountered in a crash on a Bridge. PLEASE do not let Bikes on the Bridge. Thank You.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	This is extremely dangerous and I would never bike across a bridge in a shared lane with cars going at highway speeds. This will kill somebody. A separated protected bath for bikes and pedestrians is the only safe option. Current idea is completely ridiculous.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	With the current "blinking lights plan" - I intend to use the bridge after upping my life insurance, because I expect to collect. Anyone who proposed this "blinking lights plan" should be professionally disqualified for intermodal transportation planning
5/8/2023	Online Survey	It would be absolutely ridiculous to allow bicycles in general purpose lanes on the bridge.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The expectations of the bicycling community to accommodate the miniscule crossings by cyclists under their own power are irresponsible demands on public funds and gross neglect of safety for both cyclists and motorists. The only sensible option for both, in my opinion, is to station a van with bike carriers to be on call during limited hours on limited days, subsidized by the state and partially funded by tolls on cyclists.

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5/8/2023	Online Survey	If y'all really think some of these moron drivers would SEE a flashing light alerting of bike, and then watch out for a bike, SOMEONE IS GOING TO DIE! If you wanted Bicycles to cross, why wasn't there a lane DEDICATED to them when built!???
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The idea to use a flashing light is just insane and dangerous. Cyclists will sue. The old bridge should have become a cyclist brudge
5/8/2023	Online Survey	I feel like timing should not be important considering that it should be safe at all times of the day.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The light system is a highly dangerous and unacceptable plan for cyclists.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	Bridge had the potential to close a gap between MD and VA for pedestrians and cyclists of all types (commuters, tourists, recreational). MDTA decided to divert the funding for the bike/ped access to electronic toll lanes in Harford County which will just increase sprawl. This was done without revising the EIS for the bridge project in violation of NEPA. The current suggested alternative (warning lights) is unsafe and will deter non-motorized uses. MDTA should consider closing a lane for extended periods of time (10 am-3 pm THU-SUN) to build uses.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	Keep the old bridge for cyclists, this new bridge plan for bikes is insane and dangerous. I won't use it unless I'm in a large group. The old bridge could serve cyclists for generations and would draw many to the area.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	MDTA needs to hold motor vehicle traffic while a bicyclist is on the bridge. Or, at minimum, provide a shadow vehicle (paid for by toll revenues). The so-called "bicycle system" will result in drivers killing bicyclists, assuming anyone is brave or foolhardy enough to even attempt it on a bicycle.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	A dedicated small bike path needs to open. You expect cyclists to be safe in stop and go traffic, which will happen no matter the bridge.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	Bridge should be open to bikes at all times. Bicycle access on the bridge must be completely separated from motor vehicle traffic. Any design that does not allow safe and separated bicycle and pedestrian access is a failure to adhere to the state's vision zero policy.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	No bicycle's should be allowed it's not safe and the bridge needs the four lanes for traffic flow
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The flashing lights will not work, just as the Bicyclist May Use Full Lane and Share The Road signage does not. These are reckless patches
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The proposal as I understand it it's kind of crazy and dangerous. However, motorist has dealt with one lane traffic since the original bridge was constructed in with delays seemingly only on holiday weekends. Since the new bridge has red and green x's, I would suggest a system where cyclists could trigger the red X for a 15 minute time span in order to cross. This feature could be unavailable for instance, on Sunday evenings in the summer for northbound traffic, so as to not create an inordinate vehicle delay in Dahlgren.

5/8/2023	Online Survey	I am a very experienced bicycle tourist, having toured more than 10,000 miles on bicycle. I have also driven across this bridge near Dhalgren dozens of times. The flashing light solution notifying of cyclists being proposed is not safe. Bicyclists will get hit. I have had many close calls in similar road configurations. Because the bridge was (mind bogglingly) built without a sidewalk, another safe accommodation needs to be made. The right lanes could be closed to cars at scheduled times or a guide car provided on routine standby. I would have loved to bike over the old bridge. In fact, if kept, it would be a destination ride for me.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The decision to not include dedicated bike lanes has been made. A four lane highway was built to accommodate only vehicular traffic. Having high speed traffic impeded on a narrow span is incredibly dangerous and not in the best interests of the public. Perhaps a service can be set up to "ferry" bikes in trailers from one end to the other every half hour, such as an actual water ferry service would be a better option. It would prevent traffic flow disruption and solves the problem of anyone riding a bike from becoming distracted looking out at the water while riding and swerving into traffic. Allowing bike traffic in the bridge is not in the best interest of anyone and needs to be eliminated as an option.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	My time and day requirements are noted above, but since there is no block to enter other comments I will use this space to say that a flashing light solution is absolutely not safe. Pedestrians are not allowed on Interstate Highways due to safety so it is unreasonable to think 100% of drivers will see and drive a safe distance around a bike. Hiway construction crews have fatalities from cars and this will be no different. MD committed to providing safe passage for bikes and pedestrians, so a safer solution than a flashing light is required.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	It's impossible to expect cyclists to be able to safely cross the bridge as proposed. If implemented, you will take the region's cycling infrastructure backwards. Please design and construct dedicated, separated pedestrian and bike lane(s).
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The design where cyclists share the road with cars traveling at highway speeds will get people killed.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The proposed plan using a warning light at the entrance to the bridge is dangerous and absurd, and made even worse in a time where increases in crashes in recent years have been mostly attributed to driver distraction. This "system" has already failed on the Hatem Bridge. Why are you attempting to use it on this bridge? This ought to be a lesson to the administration, that this project is a failure for bike riders and pedestrians, and you should be looking at SAFE alternatives for this bridge, just to resurrect any possibility that it could be used for non-drivers. A shuttle provided by the states would be a much safer alternative, and the state should bear the cost, given their abject failure on this project. And this failure should be a lesson for the next projects, such as a Susquehanna crossing, and the Rt 90 bridge into Ocean City. While other states and cities have well understood and implemented REAL bike and ped access on bridges, Maryland is flailing around with dark ages thinking. You have been left behind!
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The current "safety" measures provide zero actual protection for cyclists crossing the Nice Middleton bridge. I am an experienced life-long cyclist with decades of experience in recreational cycling, to include commuting. I would not do consider, nor recommend to anyone, crossing the NICE Middleton bridge via bicycle relying only on "x's" to prevent being murdered by a motor vehicle.



5/8/2023	Online Survey	The bridge just became safer and less terrifying for motorists last year. It sounds irresponsible and dangerous to plan for bicyclists on the new bridge. As a motorist who uses the bridge for trips south of Baltimore/Annapolis, I'd seriously reconsider my route if this plan goes through.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	This proposal is a death trap. Cyclists will die at the hands of those who put it in place. Any fatality is too many fatalities on Md roads!
5/8/2023	Online Survey	I don't want to share a lane with motor vehicles. A cyclist was run over and killed on River Road, near Little Falls Parkway, last year by a flatbed truck. Cyclists need permanent barriers separating them from car and truck traffic
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The plan to install warning lights activated by cyclists pushing "beg buttons" is a gross dereliction of duty by state officials. First you lied about including bike lanes, now you want to kill a few cyclists so you can say the bridge is too dangerous and close it to bicyclists completely. You are criminals.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	Bike and cars sharing a 50mph roadway is an unconscionable and catastrophically dangerous proposal. I hope if built you all will be required to ride a bike across the unsafe bridge you helped build.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	While primarily I would want to use it to cycle on the weekends, there may be times during the week when I would want to use it. For instance, vacation, doing weekday trainings for a trip, etc.  Additionally, I have been searching for ways to explore more of the State and the region via bicycle and have been disheartened with the lack of safe facilities for me to do so. This proposal is another example that denies me the ability to recreate in these areas, which means I don't spend my time or money in them.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	If it is expected that Cyclist share the bridge with motorists, then a barrier of some sorts need to be there to separate the two.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The plan with flashing lights and fifteen minutes to cross is a non starter for me. You need safe lanes just like what was done at the Wilson Bridge.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The State of Maryland rebuilt the last bridge crossing the Potomac before the Chesapeake Bay and failed to provide a safe crossing option for pedestrians, and failed to provide a safe crossing option for bicyclists. Upstream bridges crossing the Potomac that were rebuilt in recent years included these options, e.g., the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Taxpayer money was wasted.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	Usage assumes physical separation from vehicular traffic
5/8/2023	Online Survey	Read proposed "hit button" proposal and 10/15 to cross. That's is completely insane.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	I know it's late in the game for this, perhaps a way to separate bicycle traffic from car traffic
5/8/2023	Online Survey	Depends on my plans. There was a great solution and it is being torn down. The flashing lights is totally unworkable; just ask law enforcement officials who get hit with their lights activated. Try riding with your family with the flashing light solution.

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5/8/2023	Online Survey	It is simply unsafe at any time to allow bicycles on a high speed highway, particularly on a bridge with narrow shoulders. Warning lights may help, but people will still be killed or injured. The previous administration made a huge mistake. Find a way to hang dedicated bicycle and pedestrian lanes from the side of the bridge or somehow use the old bridge or its piers for bicyclists and pedestrians.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	What is the average grade to the peak of the bridge?
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The idea of a light to warn motorists, traveling 50 to 70 miles an hour, that a bike, traveling 5-15 miles an hour, is ludicrous.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	I'm really excited for the prospect of being the very first cyclist to be killed on this bridge by a Dodge Ram; thank you to Larry Hogan and MDTA for maximizing my chances of achieving this dream. If I am able to achieve this distinction, please repurpose the flashing lights to be a memorial in my name.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	Usage will depend entirely on whether or not it feels safe from driver
5/8/2023	Online Survey	I WOULD have wanted to use the bridge for recreational biking but unfortunately, I am not willing to use the bridge for biking at all given that there will be no protected lane for bikes. The plan to share a lane with cars traveling at high speeds and only have flashing lights to warn motorists of bicyclists is extremely dangerous. I would never feel safe in this situation. This is a huge lost opportunity for the biking community as well as for Maryland's efforts to make the state greener and have a lower climate footprint.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	It is a shame to find yet another area in which the US falls behind Europe. With the closing of the power plant located here on the water an opportunity presented itself for a bike line from northern parts of Charles and PG counties across this part of the river into Virginia. The East Coast greenway bypasses this area because of the fact that there is no safe crossing. The fact that millions of dollars in taxable revenue from long distance bike riders seems to be lost of the planning groups. This type of crossing would have generated many dollars for the small towns along the route. Spend sometime looking at how small towns have been revitalized by these types of plans. Asking a bicyclist on a loaded bike to travel across a bridge with vehicles is a none starter. 50 is the limit and drivers add 10 to that feeling they will not be stopped then add a blind point to the driver at speed coming to the crest in the bridge and it is not if someone will die but when and how many.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	This proposal is not well thought through at all. This will trick bicyclist into thinking they're safe and soon after it opens someone or even worse a family will die due to a moterist not paying enough attention. That's not fair and totally avoidable. Why implement something you know will kill people. Can't Maryland Govt officials and planners do a better job. We expect more from our state Govt employees. This is crap and no one who worked on this plan would ever actually bike over this and enjoy the fruits of their labor. No one. Be better, do a better job. Hire a better planning crew to come up with at least a bare minimum plan that is viable. This current plan is not viable at all in the least! For God's sake did anyone even review this plan before it went public for comment. If so, those reviewers should be fired.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	It is too unsafe to allow cyclists to share lanes with fast-moving traffic and given the number of vacationers that also travel the bridge that raises additional safety concerns as to whether they would heed the blinking lights. It is highly unlikely that a cyclist would survive being hit by an automobile traveling at speed.

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5/8/2023	Online Survey	This plan is unsafe! Best way for bicyclists to utilize this bridge would be to drive, park, then bike trails once on the other side. Not fair to impede vehicle traffic and absolutely not fair to place anyone in danger. Keeping in mind that if something happens the bikes have no where to veer out of danger. They are on a bridge, a VERY high bridge. Also has high wind days and inclement weather days been taken into account? When conditions could be bad for both cars and bikers alike. BAD PLAN! NIX IT!!
5/8/2023	Online Survey	Please take into consideration other methods of transportation
5/8/2023	Online Survey	this is a horrible idea. as a motorist, crossing bridges without shoulders is always nerve racking, especially when you consider high winds, large trucks, and other motorist hazard conditions. adding cyclists without a hardened and protected lane endangers all bridge users. shame on you.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	Cyclists' safety first! Convenience to motorists--secondary concern
5/8/2023	Online Survey	This is the dumbest, unsafest design I could possibly imagine. I'd be safer swimming with my bike.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	I would never ride a bike on this bridge under the current plan. Expecting bikes to share a lane with cars going 50+ mph is insane.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	This is dumb. Can you publicly admit this is a failure since the final design did not include separated bike lanes that would make infinitely more sense than forcing bikers next to traffic at high speeds. Isn't 301 a dedicated I-95 bypass route, why would you do it this way? Might as well just have a ferry at both ends for cyclist/peds.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	I don't think there should be any bicycles allowed to cross the bridge. It would affect the flow of traffic from the nice flow we've seen since the new bridge opened. Major highways are meant to move traffic, it's not meant to be a scenic leisurely drive.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The flashing button alert system is ludicrous, and inherently unsafe. A better solution with dedicated space for cycling and walking must be developed for this bridge
5/8/2023	Survey	I don't think bicyclist shouldn't be able to ride on the bridge. It will be very dangerous to motorist and bicyclist.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	I learned about this proposal through various news reporting. This plan to have a warning system is unconscionable. It will result in cyclists dying if they attempt to use such a system.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	If people driving can cross at all hours, why is your agency proposing to limit the hours that people biking can cross the bridge? Also, the lane closure lights should come on when a person biking wants to cross the bridge as FHWA Guidance states that it is unsafe to share the road with the operating speeds of people driving on the bridge.

5/8/2023	Online Survey	I feel that it would be very unsafe to use this bridge as a bicycle crossing. Traffic would back up and there is not a dedicated bike lane to help get them across safely.
5/8/2023	Online Survey	The proposed traffic signal for cyclists is a really bad idea that should be scrapped.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	This plan will lead to unnecessary deaths. What happens if a cyclist gets a flat tire on the middle of the span? It's an unconscionable decision to not provide a safe means to cross this bridge for cyclist for a newly constructed bridge.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	The shoulders along Route N/S 301 to and over the bridge needs to be cleared of debris and road hazards.  A wide, two lane pedestrian/cycling lane should have been included in the initial construction plans.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	As a commuter (but not across the bridge), I understand the possible frustration of weekday trips; that's why I propose weekend trips instead, to minimize the disruption. That it will fulfill the bike lane as promised, when the project was first proposed.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	I am a cycle tourist who rides to Maryland annually. If you want to keep getting my vacation dollars, your one and only option is to charge the traffic engineer who suggested this flashing lights plan with reckless endangerment. Otherwise I'm done riding to your state.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	The plan to allow bikes on the bridge is incredibly unsafe on its face; ignoring that raises questions about the administration's good faith and judgment. There is a reason you sometimes see signs on entrance ramps expressly prohibiting pedestrians and bikes, it is unsafe at those speeds and with the amount of traffic and lane changing. Such poor design would open MDTA and the State to legal liability for accidents, deaths, and injuries.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	The current proposal for the new bridge is a recipe for disaster. Cyclists would be taking tremendous risk riding on the bridge along with traffic. Flashing lights will do nothing, as drivers pay little attention to any other safety features and routinely disrespect cyclists. The bridge should have a protected bike lane. Otherwise, I won't be using it all.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	Bicyclists should be allowed safe passage on the bridge at all times. The best way to have safe passage is a protected bike lane as in the original plan
5/9/2023	Online Survey	I travel over the Nice Bridge as much as 10 times a year on the way from Maryland to the Outer Banks. The bridge is finally a pleasant and safe bridge to travel over since the new one opened. The old bridge was scary and dangerous. Allowing cyclists on the new bridge is a horrible idea and will once again make the bridge feel dangerous for motorists. Cyclists cannot keep up with traffic and will force motorists to maneuver around them, which will add to traffic and dangerous lane changes at night and in heavy beach traffic. You finally have a decent bridge for motorists, why ruin that? I sympathize with those frustrated that former Governor Hogan didn't care about cyclists and wouldn't listen to the public, but trying to fix that issue with this approach is a bad idea. The ship has sailed.

5/9/2023	Online Survey	The current plan being considered is dangerous. A protected lane, like on the Wilson bridge, is preferable. Keeping the old bridge for bikes and walking would have been a good alternative. Unfortunately these 2 options have already been eliminated, leaving no good way to accommodate cyclists.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	A bicycle lane should have been planned from the start! Why do we need to restrict bicycles to certain days and hours. The Woodrow Wilson bridge has what is needed (though the bike/pedestrian lane could be wider). It gets a lot of use.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	I am disappointed with the proposed "flashing light" solution. Just today I was on a trail, and activated a flashing light to alert motorists of a bicyclist crossing, and one motorist ignored it (and it only takes one...) Please at least consider adding sharrows, and the option to provide a bridge authority vehicle with flashers to drive behind bicyclists while riding across the bridge. Thank you for your consideration.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	Flashing lights are entirely ineffective to protect cyclists from high-speed vehicular traffic.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	Bridge design purposely did not allow for bicycle safety. The proposed lighting plan can not make up for that. Hopefully, Governor Moore will direct that funds be spent wisely elsewhere.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	My responses are for when I would prefer to cycle the bridge if there was a dedicated and protected lane or accommodation - the current concept will get a cyclist killed and should not be implemented. Shame on the MTA for even proposing this.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	It's a shame it has come to this. State promised to put a bicycle/pedestrian separate lane and pulled it away at the last minute. This would have allowed 24/7 usage. This bridge was poorly designed even for motorist. No pullover lane...nop margin for error.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	Please check this website of a place in Japan where there are several suspended bridges that connect several islands for a total of 40 miles where bicycle, cars and pedestrians share space. I hope there is a logical and safe solution to incorporate cycling on the bridge. It will be a good way to promote cardiovascular health, release of endorphins through exercise and tourism. Please check the website <a href="https://www.kanpai-japan.com/shimanami-kaido#part-1">https://www.kanpai-japan.com/shimanami-kaido#part-1</a>
5/9/2023	Online Survey	As a Registered Professional Engineer (Virginia), I need to state that this proposal is completely unsafe and wrong. Since the bridge was not designed/built for bicycles, they have no business on the bridge. Flashing lights, activated by a bicyclist, do nothing to increase the safety. Provisions should have been made for bikes as a part of the bridge design if it was the desire for bikes to use the bridge. I strongly recommend that this proposal NOT be adopted!
5/9/2023	Online Survey	The bridge is not wide enough to accommodate pedestrians safely. Allowing pedestrian's/bicyclists on the bridge will be an extremely dangerous situation and should not be allowed. The bridge will only be used by bicyclists for recreational purposes and this does not out weigh the risk.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	This is not a safe idea to allow the bicycles to us this bridge just like they can't be on a highway! This is unsafe and will cause more accidents



5/9/2023	Online Survey	Having used the Hatem bridge, I can confirm that when planning a cycling trip, not all on-line sites indicate the limited hours/days of the week the bridge is available to cyclists. This results in either an illegal (and unsafe) bridge crossing, or unplanned detours which typically cost a cyclist hours of additional time. A 24/7 option would prevent hazardous situations, while encouraging and benefiting from increased cyclist traffic.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	The new bridge has inadequate safety features for cyclists. Especially if they get a flat tire from the debris present.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	This proposal is not safe for cyclists. Collision between a cyclist and a car will at 50 mph will most likely result in the death of the cyclist. There is no reason to believe that the flashing lights will significantly reduce the speed of motorists or decrease a risk of collision. The only way to make this crossing safe is to separate cyclists and motor vehicles or reduce the speed of vehicle traffic on the bridge substantially.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	The proposal for cycling accommodation, as it stands, is absolute madness. I'd like to know who gets held accountable when this death trap gets enacted.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	1. Why are all these questions geared to the cyclist only?  2, It is one of the most assanine ideas I've ever heard of! You build a new wider bridge to resolve congestion issues and the throw bicycle traffic going 20 miles an hour in the middle of the road to cause congestion. Then when a bicycle gets run over and this will happen the bridge will be closed for hours for the investigation. Brilliant Idea!
5/9/2023	Online Survey	If I could put none of the above for usage, I would. The plan for bicyclists as it currently stands is a slap in the face to anyone who cares about safety. Proposing that bicycles share the road with 50 mph (or higher) car and truck traffic is a patently ridiculous plan and the engineers who signed off on it should be ashamed of themselves. The best test for safe infrastructure is whether folks would allow their children to use it, and this absolutely fails that test. I certainly won't use it as currently planned and I'm sure not even confident road cyclists would feel safe using it either. It feels like the DOT engineers who proposed this are doing it to check a box and don't actually care if someone gets injured or killed here. The bridge needs an actual pedestrian/cyclist path that's physically separated from car traffic. Anything less than that is unacceptable.
5/9/2023	Online Survey	I would like to be able to safely cross the bridge by bicycle whenever I get there just like I would like to drive across the bridge at any hour. Since the bridge was built without a designated safe bicycle/pedestrian lane, please either designate one lane for bicycles or at least have safety warning lights flashing when bicycles are crossing the bridge so that the drivers can be more aware of the presence of cyclists. Throughout MD there are traffic signs notifying motorists that cyclists may use the entire lane. Can one of these signs be placed near the entrance to the bridge to help motorists be more aware of cyclists on the bridge?
5/9/2023	Online Survey	Blood on your hands if you do the stupid light to notify drivers. Do what's right. Give cyclists a safe separate lane
5/9/2023	Online Survey	Somebody is going to be killed if MDTA advances with this proposal -- if anybody uses it on a bike. It would be better for MDTA to leave bicyclists and pedestrians a boat on either side of the river that they could use to cross.

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5/9/2023	Online Survey	I live in D.C., commute by bike, and take occasional recreational bike rides regionally. I am accustomed to biking in D.C. rush hour, but I would NEVER bike over the Nice/Middleton Bridge with the proposed lane-share plan. I consider offering the option to be recklessly dangerous. My commutes in D.C. traffic have taught me that there is a small, but significant, minority of motorists who become aggressive and irrational when they perceive bicyclists are in "their" space, slowing them down. Without a dedicated bikes-only lane, such motorists will pass cyclists as closely as they can, buzzing by the cyclists to "teach them a lesson" about taking up a car lane, and dangerously merge or just swerve into and out of the left-hand car lane to get around the cyclist. The very few cyclists that try to ride over the bridge will get into confrontations and collisions regularly. So few cyclists will continue after several incidents that this bike-share lane plan will effectively prohibit cyclists from the bridge. If this is the plan, MDTA should just be transparent and state clearly that they are prohibiting cyclists from the bridge.
5/10/2023	Online Survey	Bicycles should not be permitted on this bridge. People already lose their minds when they you have to move over for vehicles on the side of the road; they literally shove people out of their lanes to move over, without slowing their speed. This is exactly what will happen with people riding bikes on the bridge. Stick to trails that are designed for bicycle traffic.  I've been crossing the bridge for 20 years and have never seen a bike rider anywhere south of Rock Point Road. It makes no sense.
5/10/2023	Online Survey	SHOULD HAVE A SEPARATE BIKE LANE. Shared lanes have clearly been dangerous when looking at the death toll to cyclists and putting a lot alert is insufficient.
5/10/2023	Online Survey	The proposed flashing light only to warn motorists that they might kill someone is absolutely unconscionable.
5/10/2023	Online Survey	I do not feel this bike stuff bridge is necessary and is a waste of Maryland taxpayers money! with today's economy we have other important things to send our money on! Please stop wasting taxpayers money! PLEASE cancel this project!
5/10/2023	Online Survey	The proposal to let bikers hit a button to turn on a light to warn drivers that they're crossing on a bike, when some of those drivers are going 50 mph, is completely absurd. It is reckless, irresponsible, dangerous, will get somebody killed, and should probably be illegal. Whatever moron decided this was okay should immediately be fired and barred from ever working on any transportation projects permanently. Nobody is going to to use it, and then anti-biking activists will use the lack of bikers to justify fighting real biking infrastructure. MDTA should be ashamed of itself for even considering something this stupid.
5/10/2023	Online Survey	The Bridge should be open to bicycle and pedestrian access at all time. I recently herd about the plan to put flashing warning lights on the bridge to warn drivers if there is a bicycle or on there. That is a criminal way to handle access on a high speed road. That design will kill someone or the bridge will never be used for bicycle/pedestrian. A separated bike/pedestrian lane needs to be built
5/10/2023	Email	Subject: Bridge Bicycle System  I attended the April 26 bicycle system information open house and learned that the proposal is for bicycles to have 7 day a week dawn to dusk access to the bridge. I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED to bike riding on the bridge. This will create an extremely dangerous traffic and safety situation for both bikers and drivers of

		<p>cars, tractor trailers and RVs.</p> <p>While Rt 301 is not an Interstate, it has been for many years an alternative to nearby I-95. Rt 301 is heavily travelled weekdays for commuting and weekends for holiday travelers from Canada to Florida; and drivers traveling from east and west.</p> <p>The speed limit of 50 miles an hour cannot even be closely reached by bicyclists and therefore will impede travel lanes. This will bring traffic to a crawl – right back to where we were before the bridge expansion.</p> <p>I have lived in this area for over 20 years and have experienced miles of traffic backups every weekend. I implore the MDTA to deny, or severely restrict, bicycle access on the Nice/Middleton Bridge.</p> <p>Thank you, [Name Redacted]  [Address Redacted]</p>
5/10/2023	Online Survey	There should be a safe, blocked off passage over the bridge for cyclists at all times.