

## Bay Crossing Study Public Comments July 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019

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7/1/2019	Web	NO BAY BRIDGE TO KENT COUNTY please don't bring that riff raft here KENT COUNTY is a nice small town it will be RUINED if there is a bay bridge to Baltimore.
7/11/2019	Web	<p>Considering the population and employment centers of Baltimore and Washington, needing a second bridge is probably a no-brainer.</p> <p>Proposal #7 can serve Baltimore and Washington for generally Northbound traffic and proposals #8 or #9/10 for Southbound/Eastbound traffic. Bridge proposals for Kent and Cecil counties don't seem to make any sense whatsoever, given the location of the existing bridge.</p>
7/12/2019	Web	I opposed to another Bay Bridge being run thru Kent and Queen Anne's Counties because we already have one with all the troubles and expenses. I think it would be entirely unfair to impose another one.
7/14/2019	Web	<p>I am against any bay crossing affecting pristine Kent County. Please do not consider this as an acceptable location to commercialize. The beauty of Kent county is its farm land and quiet way of life. Please do not spoil it for concrete and automobile pollution.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
7/15/2019	Email	<p>Hi Heather:</p> <p>Do you have any updates for the schedule of the Bay Crossing Study Range of Corridors and Draft Corridor Alternatives Retained for Analysis (CARA) and the associated public meetings? I believe the last communication I received indicated Spring 2019, but obviously we are past that. Any information you could share would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!</p>
7/16/2019	Web	I greatly oppose any proposed bridge to Kent county. We need preserved agricultural/undeveloped regions to protect our food safety, wildlife, clean water supply, and safety of those who live in the region (people and wildlife). A new bridge is not necessary for the residents that live in Kent county. The only people that want the bridge are those from the western shore looking for development opportunities. For people that want to travel to DC or Baltimore, the bridge to Annapolis is already available. The residents of Kent county have chosen to live in a region rich with local culture and free from the pressures that come from residential and commercial development, large road and bridge structures. The infrastructure for a bridge would ruin the local habitat/appeal and liveability for those in the area. It would ruin the charm of the small towns that are a proposed gateway for the bridge. For those of us who spend time on the water, it is a luxury to be

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		able to use the bay without a bridge in sight or in 'sound'. Let us preserve what little precious open, undisturbed portion of the Chesapeake bay is left for all to enjoy.
7/17/2019	Web	Vehemently opposed to the Bay Bridge to Kent plan - the disruption caused to local communities and this sensitive biological area is unacceptable and very clearly a quick economic grab with many casualties. NO Bay Bridge to Kent.
7/19/2019	Web	As a native of Queen Anne's county for almost my entire life I had to deal with Ocean City traffic, accidents and the western shore citizens using the Eastern Shore as their personal toilet. Several years ago I moved to Kent County where not only were the school systems lacking in the fundamental needs for the children but the arrogance of the local people of Chestertown and generally Kent County was astounding. With this being said I would like to see the new bridge span go through Kent County to hopefully alleviate some of the Queen Anne's County/ Kent Island traffic. As I stated before I am a long time resident of QA county. My blood line goes back almost to the days of when Kent Island was settled. So rest assured I know the frustration of an "outsider" moving into my home town. But as many know nothing is going to stop progress. Progress is the livelihood of our economical way. Progress and growth go hand in hand and I have accepted this. The local people of Kent County refuse to grow and I believe it is because this stubbornness that Kent County has and will continue to fail in education, economic growth and development and in life. Thank you
7/22/2019	Web	Where is a map showing possible locations of a new bay bridge? I have not found one on your website, but have seen a map labeled Tier 1 NEPA "Range of Corridors, Pre-Decisional, and Deliberative" in the Tidewater Trader.  If this is the map of proposed crossing locations, please post it on your site, along with a schedule of upcoming hearings or other developments.
7/27/2019	Web	I would like to comment on the Bay Crossing Study. Kent and Queen Anne's Counties are beautiful places full of historic, cultural and agricultural landscapes. Creating a quick route from Baltimore to this remote area of the shore would transform a quiet rural area into another bedroom community within commuting distance of Baltimore. We don't want to see our gorgeous landscape and quiet small towns transformed into just another area of suburban sprawl. Creating a new corridor to the 'Shore would be detrimental to the wonderful qualities of life experienced by those of us who live here. One only needs to look at what happened to Kent Island over the years to imagine the result of an additional bay crossing. What was once a

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7/28/2019	Web	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider a tunnel because of sea-level rise</li> <li>2. If a bridge is to be built, it should be parallel to the two current spans. That way there will be no heavy development on rural parts of the Eastern Shore</li> </ol>
7/31/2019	Web	<p>I have recently moved to Kent County from Bel Air, Maryland, where I resided for 2 years. Prior to that I had lived 44 years in rural Tennessee.</p> <p>I chose to move to Kent County to get away from the congestion, crime, urban sprawl, noise and air pollution of Bel Air. Bel Air used to be a charming little town but it is no longer. I was seeking a place similar to Bel Air of bygone times and Chestertown fit the bill.</p> <p>I am writing my comments because I care very much about the potential of losing the high quality of life here by the construction of another bay bridge.</p> <p>While I understand the necessity of another bridge, I ask that you be extremely deliberate in your decision making. Kent County has a rich rural, cultural and historic history. It is the gem of the Eastern Shore in my opinion. I moved here because of the wide open spaces, the slower pace, the cleaner air, the proximity to water, the kindness of its residents and for the peace and quiet.</p> <p>I am sure you can see the inevitable degradation that will occur to all Kent County's attributes if a new bridge is built here. All we have to do is look at Kent Narrows to see how that scenario will be replicated here in due time.</p>



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		<p>It seems to me we make decisions based upon the word “progress” too often. I think we need to consider the quality of life and the human component. This is home to many kind people who prefer the lifestyle of the Eastern Shore. Do we really want to destroy a way of life that has a long history here?</p> <p>I ask you to please consider my comments in your decision making.</p>