

Common Scoping Questions

Some of the more frequently asked scoping questions are listed below. To view the full Scoping Report, please visit baycrossingstudy.com.

Question	Response
Why do we need a new study? Why are we spending so much on another study when other studies were already completed?	Development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with NEPA is required for projects of this scale that need federal approvals or receive federal funding. Information from previous studies will be considered, updated and used as appropriate.
Have you thought about the impact on local roads feeding into a new crossing?	Yes. Potential impacts to the larger roadway network that would connect to a potential new crossing will be considered in the Tier 1 EIS.
Will provisions for bicycles or pedestrians be considered?	Yes. Bicycle and pedestrian access will be considered as the study moves forward.
Will the MDTA consider other methods to cross the Chesapeake Bay or other strategies to make traffic move more efficiently (i.e. ferry service, transit, different toll collection scenarios)?	Yes. Other alternatives aside from a new roadway crossing such as ferry service, transit and different toll collection scenarios will be considered to determine whether they are able to meet the study's purpose. They may also be incorporated as a component of crossing alternatives.
Will the MDTA consider if a new bridge could bring new development and how that development could impact the environment and our communities?	Yes. The Tier 1 EIS will include a high-level evaluation of potential environmental impacts in order to facilitate a comparison of the corridor alternatives. This will include a range of environmental and community effects as well as the potential for indirect and cumulative effects.