

Bay Crossing Study Public Comments
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Date	Medium	Comment
8/1/2025	Website	I am adamantly opposed to including walking and biking pathways in the new Chesapeake Bay bridge design. This is a very dangerous distraction for drivers traveling the bridge. Not only that, but making it easier for those in mental health crisis to access the bridge is unthinkable. I encourage everyone to watch a documentary on Amazon Prime entitled "The Bridge". It is about the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco that has had walking and biking access to that bridge for years. It is disturbing to watch, and shocking and sad to see how easy it is for individuals contemplating suicide to walk or bike up the bridge and easily jump off. Their stats estimate at least 30 individuals (that they know of) jump off the Golden Gate Bridge each year.
8/4/25	Website	Something needs to be done about the Bay Bridge, terrible traffic almost all days of the week. The Bridge 30 years ago doesn't support the needs of today. A new Bridge or upgraded Bridges need to support travel infrastructure today.
8/18/2025	Website	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>We are adamantly opposed to a design of the proposed Chesapeake Bay Bridge that includes a pedestrian/biking walkway. In fact, we highly recommend that a suicide barrier be included on the new bridge. According to a Washington Post article in 1992, dozens of people have taken their lives by jumping off the Chesapeake Bay Bridge https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/09/07/chesapeake-bay-bridge-suicide-son-prevention/ . The article describes a specific incident that year and the emotional toll it took on this person's family, as well as the public reaction to the bridge being closed for hours while they unsuccessfully negotiated with the person. The vitriol from the public shocked local and state officials who responded by trying to address the issue of suicide prevention on the bridge directly.</p> <p>A study published in 1994 that analyzed fatal falls and jumps in Maryland between 1987 and 1992, found that 40% of the 56 suicides by jumping during that period occurred from bridges. Suicide prevention advocates believe that suicide by bridge is more likely to be impulsive than other means, and that barriers can have a significant effect on reducing the incidence of suicides by bridge. It therefore is imperative that the State of Maryland do everything it can to mitigate the risk of suicide from the new Chesapeake Bay Bridge by taking away easy access.</p> <p>As a Veteran resource center located on Kent Island, we know of two instances in the last two years where Veterans planned to take their lives by jumping off the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. We strongly suggest that any design for a new Bay Bridge crossing DOES NOT include access for pedestrians or bicyclists, and that it have suicide barriers.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>[Name Redacted][Title Redacted] [Name Redacted][Title Redacted] Veteran and Military Support Alliance (VAMSA) [Address Redacted]</p>