



# Maryland

## Department of the Environment

Wes Moore, Governor  
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor

Serena McIlwain, Secretary  
Suzanne E. Dorsey, Deputy Secretary

November 15, 2024

Re: **Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Francis Scott Key Bridge Rebuild Plan Revision**

Tidal Authorization Number: 24-WL-0757

Tracking Number: 202461017

Public Notice Period: November 15, 2024 – December 17, 2024

Public Hearing Scheduled for December 02, 2024

Comments will be accepted until December 17, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

The Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE” or “the Department”) received an application from the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) to amend the proposed work associated with the Francis Scott Key Bridge rebuild within Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Anne Arundel County to include temporary piles and a temporary trestle for construction. A public informational hearing will be held.

### **Project Details:**

The applicant has applied to amend the proposed replacement Francis Scott Key Bridge project to include the construction of temporary piles and a temporary trestle extending along the northeast and southwest shorelines along the proposed bridge alignment and will terminate approximately 200 feet from the Federal Navigation Channel. The proposed trestle will be 400,001 square feet (9.18 acres) and include a marine access pier on each shoreline and multiple finger piers along the trestle. The applicant has also proposed an additional 200 temporary mooring/template piles. The proposed trestle will have an air draft of 9.32 feet above mean high water. The purpose of this project is to include necessary access for the construction of the replacement Francis Scott Key Bridge.

Construction impacts will occur in Dundalk, Baltimore County, MD, and Hawkins Point, Baltimore City, MD.

To review the proposed plans for the temporary piles and temporary trestle, or to review information on the full rebuild project and to review the entire plans for the project, please use the following links:

- <https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/WetlandsandWaterways/Pages/FrancisScottKeyBridge.asp>
- <http://www.keybridgerebuild.com/>

In addition, a copy of the plans and supporting project information will also be housed in the following locations and will be made available upon request:

- Sollers Point Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library, 323 Sollers Point Rd. Dundalk MD 21222
- Enoch Pratt Free Library – Cherry Hill Branch, 606 Cherry Hill Rd, Baltimore, MD 21225

**Hearing Details:**

A public information hearing for the proposed temporary piles and temporary trestle listed above will be held to gather information and hear testimony to assist the Department in determining a decision. The scheduled hearing will include a court reporter to transcribe the comments made at the hearing and a sign language interpreter, and a Spanish interpreter will be present. Statements for or against this project may be presented orally at the hearing or in writing at the following address:

Maryland Department of the Environment  
Tidal Wetlands Division – Suite 430  
1800 Washington Boulevard  
Baltimore Maryland, 21230  
Attn: Matt Wallach.

Comments may also be provided electronically to [matthew.wallach@maryland.gov](mailto:matthew.wallach@maryland.gov).

***Hearing Schedule:***

**Date:** Monday, December 02, 2024  
**Location:** North Point Edgemere Volunteer Fire Department  
**Address:** 7500 North Point Rd, Baltimore, MD 21219  
**Poster Session:** 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM  
**Hearing:** Will begin at 5:30 PM  
**Public Comment**  
**Closing Date:** December 17, 2024

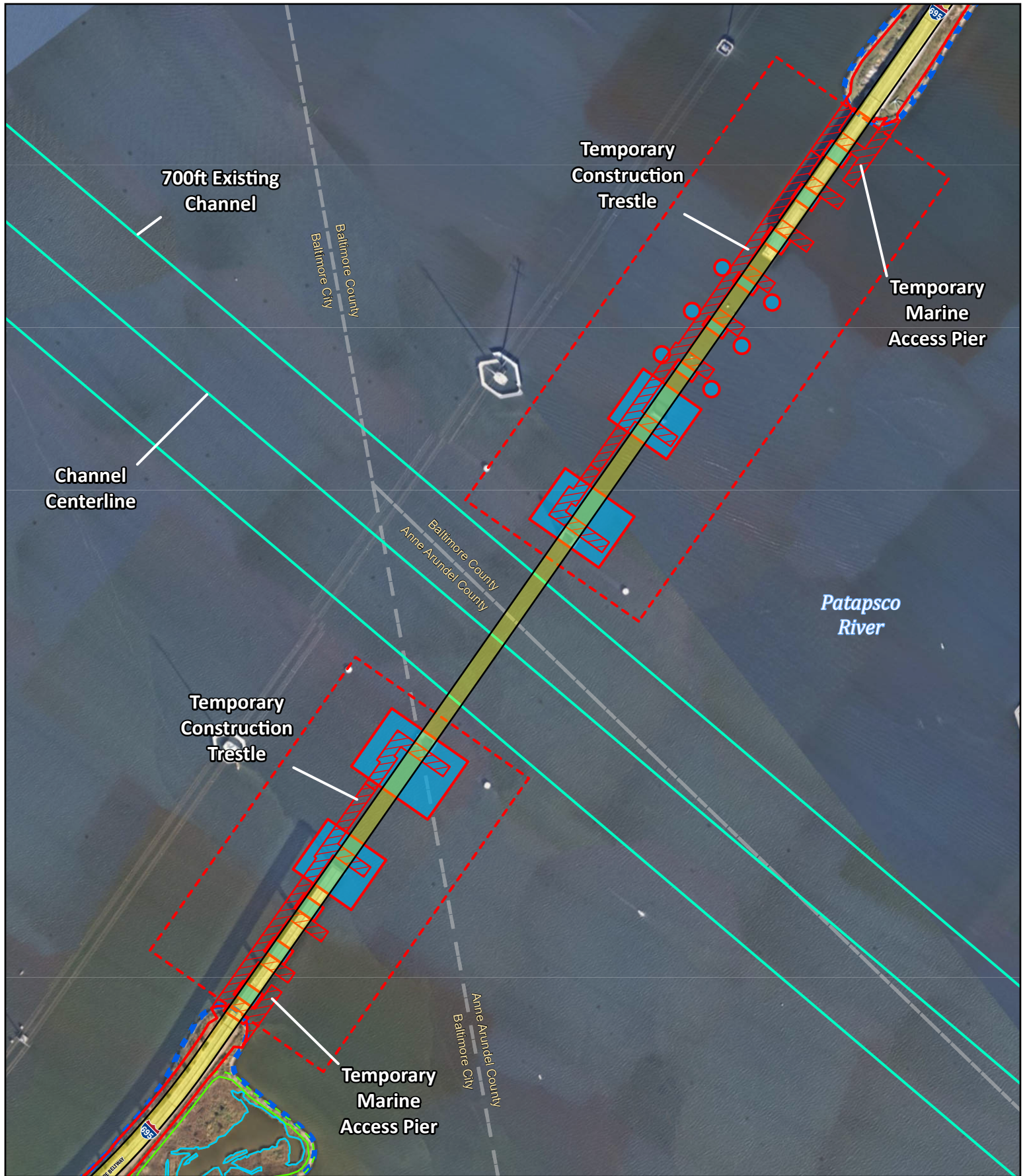
Please contact Matt Wallach, at [matthew.wallach@maryland.gov](mailto:matthew.wallach@maryland.gov) or 410-207-0893 if you have any questions. Any correspondence should include the project number with written comments accepted until December 17, 2024. Your comments and those of other interested parties and resource agencies will be considered to determine whether to issue, modify, or deny the addition of the temporary piles and temporary trestle to the Francis Scott Key rebuild project. Any further notices concerning actions on the following applications will be provided by mail or email to those on the interested persons list.

Sincerely,

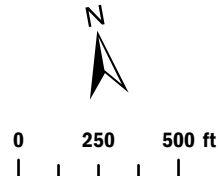
*Matthew Wallach*

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Tidal Wetlands Division  
Maryland Department of the Environment

Enclosure: Revised plans dated 11/4/2024



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| Proposed Bridge                  | Navigation Channel Boundaries    |
| Limits of Disturbance            | MHW Line                         |
| Potential Temporary Trestle Area | Permanent Tidal Waterway Impacts |
| Temporary Pile Area              | Streams                          |
| Municipal Boundaries             | Wetlands                         |
| Property Parcels                 | 25ft Wetland Buffer              |

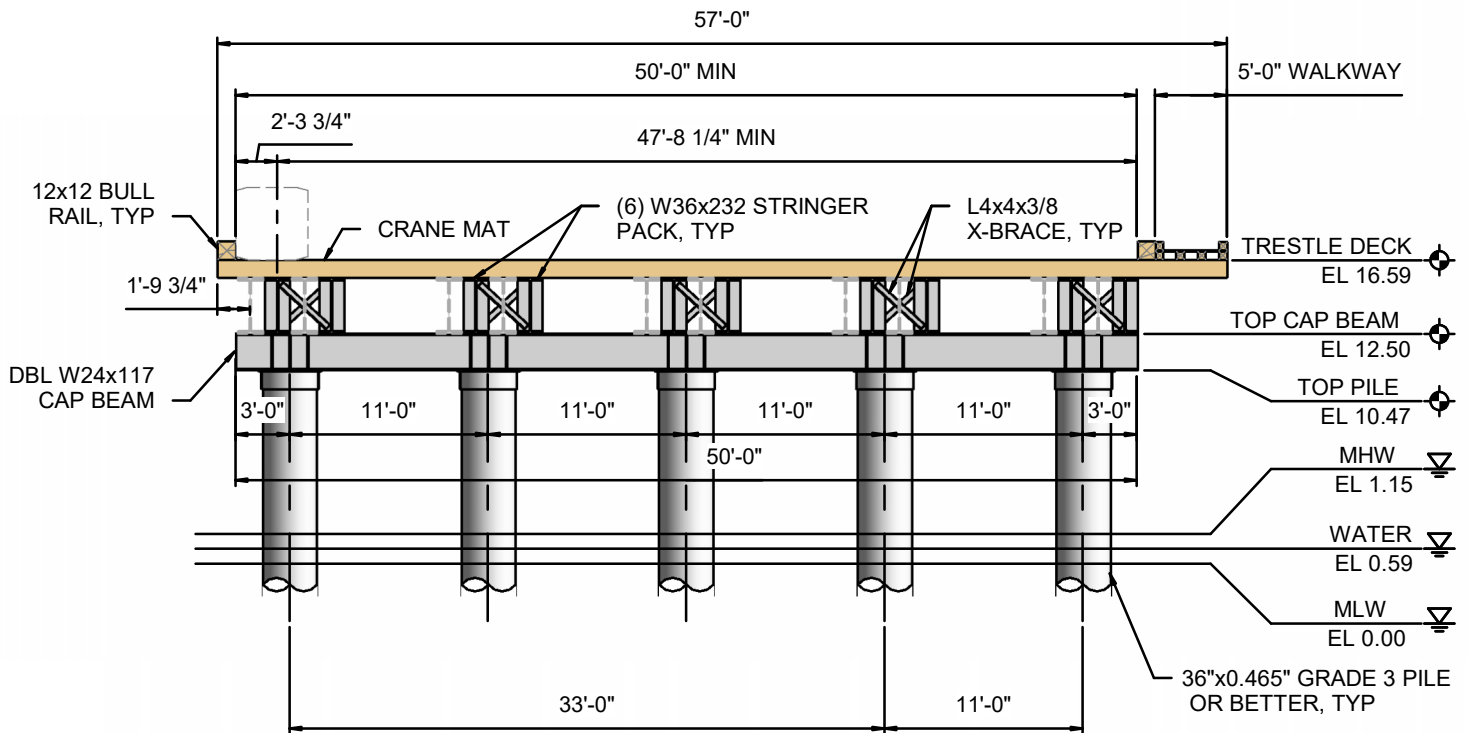


## Francis Scott Key Bridge Rebuild Impacts Map

November 4, 2024



# Proposed Temporary Trestle



## **TYPICAL SECTION**

SCALE: 3/32" = 1'-0"

Note: The proposed temporary trestle will have an air draft of 9.32 feet above MHW.



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**Francis Scott Key Bridge  
Rebuild Project**

**Impact Plates  
November 2024**