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Mr. Pete K. Rahn, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive
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Re: William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge
Use of Contra Flow & Lane #1 Deck Rehabilitation Schedule Modifications

Dear Secretary Rahn:

The Commissioners of Queen Anne's County hereby disapprove and reject the use of contra flow on the westbound span of the Bay Bridge as a matter of general public safety. We hereby petition the Authority and SUPPORT discontinuing the use of contra flow on the westbound span until further discussions can take place to evaluate the negative consequences outline herein.

LANE #1 DECK REHABILITATION SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS

The Maryland Transportation Authority has made several proposals to potentially shorten the duration of the \$27 million re-decking project from the current stated plan of two off peak construction seasons. An off peak construction season being defined as the time period commencing after the September Labor Day Holiday through April 15. These proposals will provide your contractor additional time to schedule required deck work and allow for concrete curing time with the consequence of prolonging traffic delays and routine major backups. We have considered these options and offer our recommendations as follows.

1. Work through the Thanksgiving Holiday – The current plan has all three westbound lanes reopened during the Thanksgiving Holiday when traffic volumes are expected to be high. The schedule modification proposed would allow the contractor to keep Lane #1 closed during this time period for concrete curing. This will create major backups will impact local retail sales that are typical during this holiday period. We SUPPORT this proposal.
2. Work until April 30 – This schedule modification provides the contractor two additional weeks for work activity and for concrete curing time. It will cancel the scheduled 10 K Across the Bay Run. We SUPPORT this proposal.
3. Work until May 15 - This schedule modification provides the contractor two additional weeks for work activity and for concrete curing time. It will cancel the scheduled 10 K Across the Bay Run and impact the early beach season, Mother's Day Holiday and Spring Break. We would like to revisit this proposal at such time that it can be determined that this schedule extension would result in a significant early completion date. We welcome future discussions on this proposal.