



Maryland Transportation Authority

Nice Bridge Quick Facts

(updated July 2012)

- PROJECT NAME AND LIMITS** Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge Improvement Project: US 301 from Charles County, Maryland to King George County, Virginia.
- COUNTY** Charles County, MD and King George County, VA
- PURPOSE AND NEED** The Nice Bridge opened to traffic in 1940. A major rehabilitation on the bridge deck took place in 1985. The Purpose and Need of the Nice Bridge Improvement Project is to:
- Provide a Potomac River crossing that is consistent with the US 301 approach roadways;
 - Provide sufficient capacity to carry US 301 traffic across the Potomac River in the design year 2030;
 - Improve traffic safety on the bridge and the approach roadways;
 - Maintain two-way traffic along US 301 during wide-load crossings, incidents, poor weather conditions and during bridge maintenance and rehabilitation work.
- PROJECT ACTIVITIES**
- The MDTA is conducting a NEPA project planning study of proposed alternates to address the transportation needs at the Nice Bridge.
 - The proposed alternates, as shown in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and presented at the 2009 Public Hearings, focused on the existing crossing, and included north and south alignments for a parallel two-lane span (retain or replace the existing bridge) and a four-lane span (take existing bridge out of service) including options for bicycle/pedestrian provisions.
 - The MDTA Preferred Alternate/Conceptual Mitigation package has been concurred upon by the regulatory agencies.
 - The Draft Final Environmental Document is being reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration.
- | PROJECT SCHEDULE | Planning | 2006 thru 2012 |
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| | Identify MDTA Preferred Alternate | Spring 2010 |
| | Preferred Alternate/Conceptual Mitigation | Summer 2010 |
| | Draft Final Environmental Document | Fall 2010 |
| | Final Environmental Document | 2011/2012 |
| | Project Planning Completed | 2012 |
- FUNDING STATUS** The project is funded for project planning. No funding for the future project phases of final design, right-of-way, and construction is available.
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