



Maryland Transportation Authority

Nice Bridge Quick Facts

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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	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
	Identify MDTA Preferred Alternate	Spring 2010
	Preferred Alternate/Conceptual Mitigation	Summer 2010
	Draft Final Environmental Document	Fall 2010
	Final Environmental Document	Winter 2011
	Project Planning Completed	Winter 2011/2012
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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