



Attention Waterway Users

Smooth Waters Initiative

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) is rebuilding the Francis Scott Key Bridge to reconnect I-695 in Baltimore. The MDTA is committed to constructing the safest bridge to enhance the needs for Marylanders for generations to come.

Pre-construction activities will continue throughout the summer months and MDTA is asking for your cooperation in keeping construction workers and waterway users safe!

Safety Guidelines:

Slow Down Near Construction Zones

- Maintain speeds of 6-knots or less to minimize wake.

Obey Safety Zone-No Entry Area

- Avoid entry into all USCG-Authorized Safety Zones near active marine construction.

Federal Navigation Channel Remains Open

- The Navigation Channel is not subject to speed restrictions.
- The areas between the Navigation Channel and the pre-existing main span piers are also not speed restricted. These areas are available for discretionary use by smaller recreational vessels.

Stay Informed

- Check the [USCG District 5 Local Notice to Mariners](#) for real-time updates and navigation alerts.

Why this Matters

- Construction barges and crews are operating daily.
- Excess wake creates dangerous conditions for workers and equipment.
- Slowing down helps prevent injuries and delays.

