



2024-2027 TIP Amendment: I-695 / Francis Scott Key Bridge Rebuild

June 25, 2024



Reason for Amendment

- Add planning and construction dollars to FY 2025
- Funding needed in a subsequent phase for NEPA signature
- Team wanted coverage in the event we could begin demolition activities early

Background



March 23, 1977: 1.7 mile-long Key Bridge opened over the Patapsco River as part of I-695



March 26, 2024: Cargo ship leaving the Port of Baltimore strikes the Key Bridge causing its collapse

Project Intent

- Clear the Ft McHenry Channel and fully reopen marine vessel traffic to the Port of Baltimore
- Remove unstable / dangerous debris from the River
- Remove remaining debris to prepare for bridge rebuild
- **Rebuild the Key Bridge**

Project Goals

- **Restore functionality and transportation connectivity**
- **Revitalize surrounding areas**
- **Stimulate economic activity**
- **Attract investment and breathe new life into communities that are impacted by the bridge collapse**

Rebuild Parameters

The new Key Bridge will:

- Be higher to accommodate taller ships entering the Port
- Be constructed in the same location on approximately the same alignment
- Stay primarily within the state's existing right-of-way
- Include four lanes (2 per direction) and shoulders
- Include larger pier protection in the water

Timeline

- **April 2024: Initiate regular agency coordination**
- **May 2024: Restore use of Federal Channel**
- **June 2024: US Coast Guard Clearance Determination**
- **July 2024: NEPA approval (anticipated Categorical Exclusion)**
- **Sept to Dec 2024: Permits and Authorizations**
- **Fall 2024: Demolition of Remaining Structure**
- **January 2025 – Begin Construction**

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