Want to know what Labor Day weekend traffic might be like?

BMC provides data to help you plan your holiday travel

Presentation to the Technical Committee – October 3rd, 2017
Chesapeake Bay Bridge
Labor Day Travel

- The Labor Day holiday weekend provides Marylanders one last chance to get out and have some end-of-the-summer fun, especially those looking to head to the Eastern Shore.

- In 2016, more than 356,000 vehicles crossed over the Chesapeake Bay Bridge during the Labor Day weekend. MdTA predicted a 1% increase in traffic volumes on its facilities this year.
The Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) offers travel tips for the Labor Day holiday weekend:

Travel off-peak when heading to and from the Eastern Shore. The best times to travel the Bay Bridge this weekend include:

- • Thursday – before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- • Friday – before 7 a.m. and after 9 p.m.
- • Saturday – before 8 a.m. and after 6 p.m.
- • Sunday – before 8 a.m. and after midnight
- • Labor Day Monday – before 10 a.m. and after midnight
PDA Suite Apps / Visuals Used

Congestion Scan
(Heat Map)
Traffic Conditions – Saturday Before Labor Day

2016

2017
## Traffic Conditions – Saturday Before Labor Day

### US 50 EAST PAST EXIT 32 MD 908 OCEANIC DR (EB)

#### Traffic management center communications (No data available)

#### Notifications and responders

- **Fireboard**
- **MDTA Police**

#### Lane status

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#### Overhead sign messages

- **8872: Us 50 East Prior to EX 28 Bay Dale Dr.**

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• Highlighting BMC’s Regional Coordination
• Sent to state elected officials in Annapolis
• Holiday Travel Article pages 16-23
• I-95 Corridor Coalition, CATT Lab, PDA Project highly cited throughout
• Interview with Michael Pack. Selected quote:

“A better informed public means better decision-making,” Pack said. “If you get people to make better travel decisions, then you’re minimizing the kind of congestion that is out there and you’re minimizing the number of incidents. It may seem hard to believe but good traveler information can save lives.”

• http://baltometro.org/phocadownload/Publications/COG_Quarterly/Fall2016.pdf
Local Media

Traveling during Thanksgiving week

Ed Style of the Baltimore Metropolitan Council demonstrates the "RITIS" (Regional Integrated Transportation Information System) program, which provides traffic data including the busiest times to travel for Thanksgiving on the roads in the region. Travelers also explain how they are attempting to avoid these travel issues. (Barbara Haddock Taylor, Baltimore Sun video)

For those looking to get away on one of the popular travel weekends, the Baltimore Metropolitan Council *studies the best and worst times* for traffic. If you're heading across the Bay Bridge this weekend, the analysts recommend leaving either before 11 a.m. or after 10 p.m. to avoid the worst traffic. Another important factor: which day you drive.

"If you're going to take a three-day weekend, take a day on the back end," Ed Stylc, a travel analyst at the council. "Extend it after the holiday. Everybody on a standard weekend is leaving Sunday. If you can leave Monday, you're going to be a lot better off."
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