



May 9, 2022

Custodian of Records
Maryland Department of Transportation
7201 Corporate Center Drive, 2nd Floor
Hanover, MD 21076

Re: MPIA Request for Records Relating to Strategies for Congestion Management at/on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge

Dear Custodian:

On behalf of the Queen Anne's Conservation Association ("QACA"), I am writing to request, pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act ("MPIA"), inspection of records held by the Maryland Transportation Authority relating to strategies for congestion management at/on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

Specifically, QACA hereby requests access to all records created between August 30, 2016 and April 22, 2022 discussing or referring to the use or possible use, separately or in combination, of any of the following congestion management strategies at/on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge: (i) peak period variable toll pricing; (ii) truck/bus restrictions in the reversible/contra-flow lane; (iii) rapid reversible lane deployment; (iv) active management of reversible/contra-flow lane based on demand/need; (v) HOV/HOT lane restrictions in one lane in the peak traffic direction; and (vi) incident management best practices.

The records we are requesting may be regarded by MDTA as falling into the category of "Transportation Systems Management / Travel Demand Management (TSM/TDM) – infrastructure and operational changes to improve the function of the existing roadway network without adding major new capacity", as discussed at page 7-2 of the *Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study: Tier 1 NEPA Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision*, March 2022 (Tier I FEIS/ROD). "Variable tolling" is specially mentioned in the Tier 1 FEIS/ROD as one of these "changes", and the other strategies we have specified in this request may likewise be categorized by MDTA as "TSM/TDM" strategies. Our request therefore should be treated (without limiting its scope) as encompassing any such strategies regardless of the precise terminology that may be used in a particular record.

We respectfully request that all fees in connection with this request be waived in the public interest. QACA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, whose mission is to monitor environmental impacts upon, and to promote and protect, the natural resources and rural character of Queen Anne's County, Maryland. QACA will provide broad public dissemination of the information

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sought. If this is not agreeable, please immediately contact QACA's counsel, who is copied on this letter. Communications concerning this request may also be sent to our counsel.

Sincerely,

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