

I-270 TOLL LANES

PROPOSED MAJOR ADDITION
VISUALIZE 2045

From I-495, Capital Beltway to I-70/US 40

Basic Project Information

Project Length.....34 Miles
Anticipated Completion.....2020-2025*
Estimated Cost of Construction.....\$4 billion
Submitting Agency.....Maryland DOT
Anticipated Funding Sources.....
☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ Local ☒ Private ☐ Bonds ☐ Other
CEID.....1186



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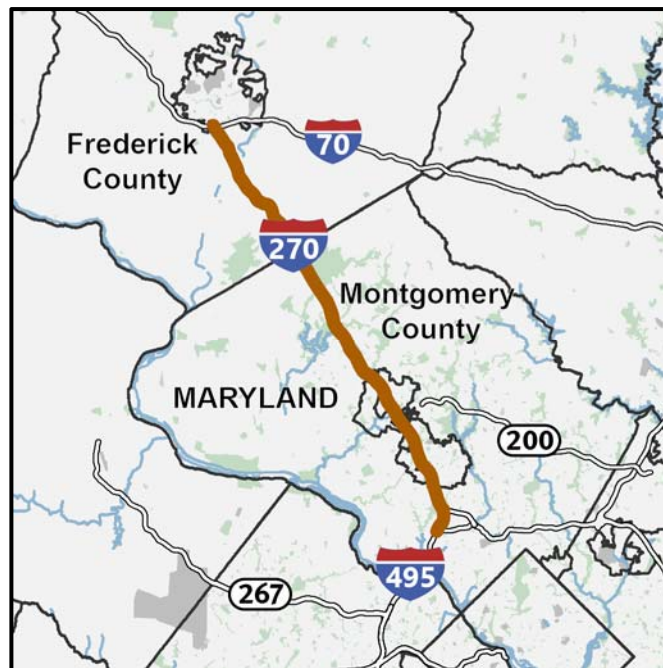


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December 14, 2017-January 13, 2018

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Project Description

The I-270 component of MDOT's "Traffic Relief Plan" project will add two new managed toll lanes in each direction along I-270 between the Capital Beltway (I-495) and I-70/US 40.

*Actual completion year will depend on awarded contract. For air quality conformity modeling purposes, the completion date is presumed to be 2025.

Existing Support for this Project

This project has undergone review at the local, state, and/or sub-regional levels and is included in the following approved plans:

- ☒ Montgomery County 2017 Transportation Priority Letter
- ☒ MDOT/SHA Traffic Relief Plan

See official Visualize 2045 Project Description Form for more information about this project.



Goal 1: Provide a Range of Transportation Options



Goal 2: Promote Dynamic Activity Centers



Goal 3: Ensure System Maintenance, Preservation, and Safety



Goal 4: Maximize Operational Effectiveness and Safety



Goal 5: Protect and Enhance the Natural Environment



Goal 6: Support Interregional and International Travel and Commerce

See reverse side for more information about how this project advances regional goals and addresses certain federal planning requirements.



How this project supports or advances goals in the Regional Transportation Priorities Plan

The Priorities Plan called upon the region to use tolling and pricing mechanisms to manage road congestion and raise revenue. This project adds a key corridor to the region's express lane network and will expand transportation choices (Goal 1) by adding toll lanes that will be dynamically managed to ensure free-flowing travel for drivers and express bus services. The 34-mile project connects numerous Activity Centers, which are the region's primary engines for economic growth and opportunity (Goal 2).



Goal 1: Provide a Range of Transportation Options

Provides, enhances, supports, or promotes the following travel mode options:

- ☒ Single Driver (SOV) ☒ Carpool/HOV ☐ Metrorail ☐ Commuter Rail
- ☐ Streetcar/Light Rail ☐ BRT ☒ Express/Commuter Bus ☒ Metrobus ☒ Local Bus
- ☐ Bicycling ☐ Walking ☐ Other
- ☒ Improves accessibility for historically transportation-disadvantaged individuals (i.e., persons with disabilities, low incomes, and/or limited English proficiency)



Goal 2: Promote Dynamic Activity Centers

- ☒ Begins or ends in an Activity Center
- ☒ Connects two or more Activity Centers
- ☐ Promotes non-auto travel within one or more Activity Centers



Goal 3: Ensure System Maintenance, Preservation, and Safety

- ☒ Contributes to enhanced system maintenance, preservation, or safety



Goal 4: Maximize Operational Effectiveness and Safety

- ☐ Reduces travel time on highways and/or transit without building new capacity (e.g., ITS, bus priority treatments, etc.)
- ☒ Enhances safety for motorists, transit users, pedestrians, and/or bicyclists



Goal 5: Protect and Enhance the Natural Environment

- Expected to contribute to reductions in emissions of:
- ☒ Criteria Pollutants (NOx, VOCs, PM2.5) ☒ Greenhouse Gases



Goal 6: Support Interregional and International Travel & Commerce

- Enhances, supports, or promotes the following freight carrier modes:
- ☒ Long-haul Truck ☒ Local Delivery ☐ Rail ☐ Air
- Enhances, supports, or promotes the following passenger carrier modes:
- ☐ Air ☐ Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail ☒ Intercity Bus

Addressing Federal Planning Factors

This project addresses the following federal planning factors designed to guide development of Visualize 2045:

- ☒ Support Economic Vitality
- ☒ Increase Safety for All Users
- ☒ Support Homeland and Personal Security
- ☒ Increase Accessibility and Mobility of People and/or Freight
- ☒ Protect and Enhance the Environment
- ☒ Enhance Integration and Connectivity
- ☒ Promote Efficient System Management and Operation
- ☐ Emphasize System Preservation

Consideration of Alternatives to Adding SOV Capacity

The agency or agencies submitting this project considered the following congestion-mitigation measures before proposing to significantly increase capacity for single-occupant vehicles (SOVs):

- ☒ Transportation demand management measures (including growth management and congestion pricing)
- ☒ Traffic operational improvements
- ☒ Public transportation improvements
- ☒ Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) technologies
- ☒ Other congestion management strategies
- ☐ Not applicable – This project does not increase SOV capacity or is exempt from consideration of alternatives.
- ☐ Not yet Available – Agencies have until March 2, 2018 to complete the required Congestion Management Documentation.

See the Congestion Management Documentation form for more information.

Information about how projects advance regional goals and address federal planning requirements is self-reported by the agencies submitting projects for inclusion in Visualize 2045.

The information on this form was last updated on December 14, 2017.

Comment on this project or on Visualize 2045

December 14, 2017-January 13, 2018 Comment on the projects before they are included in the federally required Air Quality Conformity Analysis

September 13-October 13, 2018 Comment on projects and any other aspect of the draft Visualize 2045 plan before final TPB adoption.

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