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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT
PUBLIC HEARING
MODIFICATION OF THE TIDAL WETLANDS LICENSE
AND AMENDMENT TO THE NON-TIDAL WETLANDS AND WATERWAY
CONSTRUCTION JOINT PERMIT APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT
THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE REBUILD PROJECT

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5:30 p.m.

North Point Edgemere Volunteer Fire Department

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<div>Page 2</div> <div> <p>1 I N D E X</p> <p>2 Call to Order 3</p> <p>3 Welcome and Introductions 4</p> <p>4 Chief of the Tidal Wetlands Division:</p> <p>5 Jonathan Stewart 4</p> <p>6 Maryland Transportation Authority:</p> <p>7 Jason Stolicny 13</p> <p>8 Public Comment 17</p> <p>9 Adjournment 27</p> </div>	<div>Page 4</div> <div> <p>1 to provide public comment, you need to let the people at</p> <p>2 the sign-in table know that.</p> <p>3 This hearing is being live-streamed and</p> <p>4 recorded. If you are here for informational purposes and</p> <p>5 do not wish to comment or you are unable to stay for the</p> <p>6 entire hearing, you have the opportunity to live-stream</p> <p>7 this video or watch the recording at a later time. The</p> <p>8 comment sheets located at the front desk have information</p> <p>9 to locate the live stream and the recording of this</p> <p>10 hearing.</p> <p>11 We will start with a welcome and some</p> <p>12 introductory comments by the Maryland Department of the</p> <p>13 Environment. We will then have a brief presentation from</p> <p>14 the applicant. And finally, I will review the ground</p> <p>15 rules for this hearing. At that point, we will start</p> <p>16 taking public comments.</p> <p>17 I would now like to introduce Jonathan Stewart,</p> <p>18 Chief of the Tidal Wetlands Division, Wetlands and</p> <p>19 Waterways Protection Program of the Maryland Department</p> <p>20 of the Environment.</p> <p>21 MR. STEWART: Thank you, Andrew.</p> </div>
<div>Page 3</div> <div> <p>1 P R O C E E D I N G S</p> <p>2 MR. BING: Good evening, everyone. I am Andrew</p> <p>3 Bing, and I will be the facilitator for tonight's public</p> <p>4 hearing. A few quick announcements.</p> <p>5 This hearing is for Modification of the Tidal</p> <p>6 Wetlands License and Amendment to the Non-Tidal Wetlands</p> <p>7 and Waterway Construction Joint Permit Application to</p> <p>8 Construct the Francis Scott Key Bridge Rebuild project.</p> <p>9 The demolition of the remaining Francis Scott</p> <p>10 Key Bridge structures was reviewed under two separate</p> <p>11 Tidal Wetlands License Numbers. And hearings for the</p> <p>12 rebuild of the Francis Scott Key Bridge were previously</p> <p>13 held on September 17, 2024, and December 2, 2024.</p> <p>14 Comments relating to the demolition and the rebuild were</p> <p>15 received during the respective public notice periods,</p> <p>16 which are both now closed.</p> <p>17 If anyone needs to use the restrooms, they are</p> <p>18 directly on the other side from me in the back, with a</p> <p>19 sign there. Please make sure you have signed in tonight.</p> <p>20 This will make sure that everyone is provided updates as</p> <p>21 this process moves forward. If you would like to sign up</p> </div>	<div>Page 5</div> <div> <p>1 Good evening. My name is Jonathan Stewart, and</p> <p>2 I am the Chief of the Tidal Wetlands Division of the</p> <p>3 Wetlands and Waterways Protection Program within the</p> <p>4 Water and Science Administration at the Maryland</p> <p>5 Department of the Environment. I will be the hearing</p> <p>6 officer for tonight's public informational hearing.</p> <p>7 Also in attendance from the Department are Jay</p> <p>8 Apperson, Deputy Director, Office of Communications;</p> <p>9 Amanda Sigillito, Chief of the Non-Tidal Wetlands</p> <p>10 Division; Bill Seiger, Chief of the Waterway Construction</p> <p>11 Division, they're sitting over there to my right; Jeff</p> <p>12 Thompson, the Non-Tidal Wetlands Central Division Chief.</p> <p>13 I had Matt Wallach down. Matt Wallach is the Tidal</p> <p>14 Wetlands Division Project Manager, but I don't see him</p> <p>15 here yet. And Steve Hurt, Tidal and Non-Tidal Wetlands</p> <p>16 Division Project Manager.</p> <p>17 I would like to welcome everyone here this</p> <p>18 evening and thank the North Point Edgemere Volunteer Fire</p> <p>19 Department for use of their facility tonight. So thank</p> <p>20 you.</p> <p>21 At this time, I would like to acknowledge any</p> </div>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 6</p> <p>1 elected officials who may be present here this evening.</p> <p>2 I was notified Tim Fazenbaker -- did I say that</p> <p>3 correctly? Okay. He's here, but he's not going to be</p> <p>4 providing testimony, correct?</p> <p>5 All right. Thank you for attending this</p> <p>6 hearing, and we will be hearing your testimony shortly if</p> <p>7 you do plan to speak. I have a lot to read that I have</p> <p>8 to read, so just be patient and we'll get through this,</p> <p>9 and then we'll start with handing it back over to Andrew.</p> <p>10 If there is anyone who has not signed the</p> <p>11 attendance sheets, please do so before you leave tonight,</p> <p>12 even if you're not providing testimony. These sheets</p> <p>13 will be used to notify you of MDE's final decision and</p> <p>14 provide you with a copy of the hearing report, and will</p> <p>15 also be used to identify those of you who wish to make a</p> <p>16 statement at tonight's hearing. Those statements will be</p> <p>17 heard at the conclusion of the applicant's presentation.</p> <p>18 The attendance sheets will also be provided to the Board</p> <p>19 of Public Works for use in its review process.</p> <p>20 As a courtesy, please turn off all your</p> <p>21 communication devices or place them in the silent mode,</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 8</p> <p>1 hearing is being recorded.</p> <p>2 The statutory authority for issuance of the</p> <p>3 tidal wetlands license is Title 16 of the Environmental</p> <p>4 Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as implemented under</p> <p>5 COMAR Section 23.02.04 and subtitle 26.24. A state tidal</p> <p>6 wetlands license is issued by the Board of Public Works,</p> <p>7 consisting of the Governor, the State Treasurer, and</p> <p>8 Comptroller of the State of Maryland, based upon a report</p> <p>9 and recommendations submitted to the Board by the</p> <p>10 Department.</p> <p>11 In accordance with the Maryland Constitution,</p> <p>12 the Board is the sole body with authority over state</p> <p>13 property, including state tidal wetlands. In its</p> <p>14 proprietary authority, the Board has the right to grant a</p> <p>15 third party a license to construct or conduct an activity</p> <p>16 in state tidal wetlands.</p> <p>17 According to Section 16-202 of the Environment</p> <p>18 Article, the Secretary of the Department shall assist the</p> <p>19 Board in determining whether to issue a license to dredge</p> <p>20 or fill state wetlands.</p> <p>21 The Secretary shall submit a report indicating</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 7</p> <p>1 please.</p> <p>2 Hearing procedure. We are conducting a public</p> <p>3 informational hearing pursuant to Subsection 5-204 of the</p> <p>4 Environment Article, Code of Maryland Regulations</p> <p>5 26.17.04.13, 26.23.02.02, and 26.24.01.05. The purpose</p> <p>6 of this public informational hearing is for the applicant</p> <p>7 to present the proposed project and tidal and non-tidal</p> <p>8 wetlands and waterway impacts that may be associated with</p> <p>9 the proposed activity. In addition, the hearing provides</p> <p>10 the Department with an opportunity to solicit additional</p> <p>11 information from interested persons.</p> <p>12 While I want to stress the fact that we are</p> <p>13 here to share information, we will have some structure to</p> <p>14 the hearing in terms of the order and length of the</p> <p>15 various presentations. Please be advised that it is not</p> <p>16 necessary to read a statement to make it part of the</p> <p>17 official record. Written comments will also be accepted</p> <p>18 and receive the same consideration as any oral statement</p> <p>19 you make here tonight. In fact, for accuracy, if you</p> <p>20 have written comments to read into the record, please</p> <p>21 provide a copy of those comments before you leave. This</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 9</p> <p>1 whether the license should be granted, including any</p> <p>2 recommended terms, conditions, and consideration after</p> <p>3 consultation with applicable federal, state, and local</p> <p>4 entities, issuance of sufficient public notice, and</p> <p>5 conducting any requested hearing, consideration of any</p> <p>6 public comments received, and consideration of any other</p> <p>7 information the Secretary thinks advisable.</p> <p>8 In making its decision, the Board is guided by</p> <p>9 the public policy of the state, considering applicable</p> <p>10 ecological, economic, developmental, recreational, and</p> <p>11 aesthetic values to preserve tidal wetlands and prevent</p> <p>12 their destruction.</p> <p>13 I will read briefly from the regulations so</p> <p>14 that it is clear how we are going to proceed.</p> <p>15 COMAR 26.24.01.05.E through G. An applicant</p> <p>16 and any interested person shall be given an opportunity</p> <p>17 at the informational hearing to present facts, make</p> <p>18 statements supporting or opposing the license. Questions</p> <p>19 may be asked of and directed to the hearing officer, but</p> <p>20 cross-examination may not be conducted.</p> <p>21 The order of the presentation is determined by</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p> <p>1 the hearing officer and may be conducted as follows:</p> <p>2 Introduction of the activity and participants</p> <p>3 by the hearing officer; presentation of the proposed</p> <p>4 project by the applicant; questions about the activity;</p> <p>5 statements by public officials; statements in opposition;</p> <p>6 statements in support; and then closing of the</p> <p>7 informational hearing by the hearing officer.</p> <p>8 The hearing officer has the authority and duty</p> <p>9 to conduct a full and fair public informational hearing;</p> <p>10 act to avoid unnecessary delay and maintain order;</p> <p>11 regulate the course of the hearing and conduct of the</p> <p>12 participants; extend the time period for providing</p> <p>13 supplemental written comments or information for</p> <p>14 inclusion in the hearing record; and rule upon a request</p> <p>15 for a continuance of the hearing.</p> <p>16 At the close of the public comment period, the</p> <p>17 hearing officer shall prepare an official record of the</p> <p>18 public informational hearing and comments.</p> <p>19 In summary, the Maryland Department of the</p> <p>20 Environment is conducting a public informational hearing</p> <p>21 for the final alignment modification to Tidal Wetlands</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p> <p>1 24,383 square feet or 0.56 acres, a permanent impact to</p> <p>2 tidal waters. Temporary impacts to tidal waters have</p> <p>3 remained the same at 10,605 square feet or 0.25 acres.</p> <p>4 The project updates will also permanently</p> <p>5 impact 135,789 square feet or 3.12 acres of emergent non-</p> <p>6 tidal wetlands; 101,681 or 2.34 acres of 25-foot non-</p> <p>7 tidal wetland buffer; 187 linear feet, 599 square feet of</p> <p>8 an intermittent tributary to the Patapsco River; and 112</p> <p>9 linear feet, 337 square feet of perennial tributary to</p> <p>10 the Patapsco River.</p> <p>11 The project is proposed within the Baltimore</p> <p>12 harbor and the Patapsco River watershed, a USE-2 waterway</p> <p>13 within the project area with USE-1 tributaries. The</p> <p>14 project is located on I-695 from southwest of Broening</p> <p>15 Highway to northeast of the B&A railroad crossing in</p> <p>16 Baltimore City in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties.</p> <p>17 Mitigation may be required for all permanent</p> <p>18 tidal and non-tidal wetland and waterway impacts. The</p> <p>19 applicant has proposed to satisfy non-tidal wetland</p> <p>20 mitigation through payment into an approved mitigation</p> <p>21 bank and/or a permittee-responsible site, and tidal</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p> <p>1 License 24-WL-0757, an amendment to the Non-Tidal</p> <p>2 Wetlands and Waterways Application 24-NT-0163.</p> <p>3 The modification request and revised</p> <p>4 application was submitted on July 3 of 2025. The</p> <p>5 applicant has applied to modify Tidal Wetlands License</p> <p>6 24-WL-0757 and amend the Non-Tidal Wetlands and Waterways</p> <p>7 Application for the proposed replacement of the Francis</p> <p>8 Scott Key Bridge project over Patapsco River in Baltimore</p> <p>9 City, Baltimore County, and Anne Arundel County in</p> <p>10 Maryland.</p> <p>11 The updates include adjusting a final alignment</p> <p>12 of the main span of the bridge 260 feet east of the</p> <p>13 original alignment to avoid conflicts with large</p> <p>14 structural components of the original bridge, which are</p> <p>15 deep below the mudline of the Patapsco River.</p> <p>16 The amended application modification request</p> <p>17 also include impacts based on 50 percent design level</p> <p>18 plans, which include revised details for bridge piers,</p> <p>19 pier protection, roadway approaches, and roadway drainage</p> <p>20 associated with the final alignment. Tidal impacts have</p> <p>21 decreased from 553,820 square feet or 12.71 acres to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 impacts through off-site and out-of-kind permittee-</p> <p>2 responsible mitigation.</p> <p>3 The purpose of this project is to rebuild and</p> <p>4 include necessary access for the construction of the</p> <p>5 replacement of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.</p> <p>6 There may be additional concerns related to</p> <p>7 issues that are beyond the scope of this particular</p> <p>8 hearing. I ask that this hearing remain focused on the</p> <p>9 issues associated with the final alignment modification</p> <p>10 requests to the tidal wetlands license and amendment to</p> <p>11 the non-tidal wetlands and waterway application.</p> <p>12 Thank you for being patient, and I turn it back</p> <p>13 over to Andrew.</p> <p>14 MR. BING: Thanks, Jonathan.</p> <p>15 Okay. Next, we will hear from Jason Stolicny,</p> <p>16 who is representing the Maryland Transportation</p> <p>17 Authority. Jason will provide a short presentation of</p> <p>18 the project. After this, we will begin with the public</p> <p>19 comments.</p> <p>20 Jason?</p> <p>21 MR. STOLICNY: All right. Thank you, Andrew.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 The Maryland Transportation Authority has</p> <p>2 submitted a Joint Permit Application revision to modify</p> <p>3 the Tidal Wetland License and amend the Non-Tidal</p> <p>4 Application to reflect the final design and alignment of</p> <p>5 the I-695 Francis Scott Key Bridge Rebuild Project. This</p> <p>6 revision reflects the 50 percent design level plans,</p> <p>7 including refined details for bridge piers, pier</p> <p>8 protection, road approaches, and drainage associated with</p> <p>9 the final bridge alignment.</p> <p>10 The final alignment of the Key Bridge is shown</p> <p>11 in orange in this overview slide. The alignment has been</p> <p>12 adjusted approximately 260 feet to the southeast of the</p> <p>13 original Key Bridge, shown in gray. This adjustment was</p> <p>14 made to avoid conflicts with components of the original</p> <p>15 bridge, which are located deep below the mudline of the</p> <p>16 Patapsco River. The Key Bridge has also been shifted</p> <p>17 slightly to the southwest to center the main span of the</p> <p>18 bridge over the center line of the federal navigation</p> <p>19 channel.</p> <p>20 This is a more detailed view of the work</p> <p>21 proposed within the Patapsco River. The green outline</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 piers in water have floating foundations, except for the</p> <p>2 one bridge pier, which is submerged with the foundation</p> <p>3 intersecting the river bottom near Hawkins Point.</p> <p>4 Shifting focus to the structures shown on</p> <p>5 either side of the pier, these represent the pile-</p> <p>6 supported concrete pier protection fender system. These</p> <p>7 fenders employ a similar floating design using support</p> <p>8 piles. By utilizing the floating foundations and the</p> <p>9 pile-supported fenders instead of the submerged</p> <p>10 foundations and rock island pier protection depicted in</p> <p>11 the initial permit, the impacts of the Patapsco River</p> <p>12 bottom are significantly less than originally permitted.</p> <p>13 The final alignment and 50 percent design have</p> <p>14 resulted in some unavoidable increases in impacts to non-</p> <p>15 tidal wetlands, non-tidal streams, and non-tidal wetland</p> <p>16 buffers. This slide presents the south approach to the</p> <p>17 bridge along Hawkins Point, where the increase in impacts</p> <p>18 is located. The approach was adjusted to the south of</p> <p>19 the original alignment to accommodate the final alignment</p> <p>20 of the bridge. Additionally, an access road must be</p> <p>21 constructed along the approach to support construction</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 shows the location of the proposed bridge pier</p> <p>2 foundations. The pink outline shows the location of the</p> <p>3 proposed bridge pier protection, the blue fill shows the</p> <p>4 impacts to tidal waters requiring mitigation.</p> <p>5 Tidal water impacts requiring mitigation result</p> <p>6 from the permanent piles supporting the pier foundations</p> <p>7 and from the pier foundation located closest to the</p> <p>8 shoreline near Hawkins Point, which intersects the</p> <p>9 mudline of the Patapsco River. The orange dashed lines</p> <p>10 show the layout of the temporary trestle, which has been</p> <p>11 adjusted to accommodate the construction of the bridge</p> <p>12 along the final alignment, and the associated pier and</p> <p>13 pier protection elements.</p> <p>14 This slide presents the typical section of a</p> <p>15 proposed main span bridge pier and pier foundation near</p> <p>16 the federal navigation channel. The structure in the</p> <p>17 center of the slide shows the piles, foundation, and pier</p> <p>18 elements of a pier near the navigational channel in the</p> <p>19 center of the bridge. This is called a floating footing</p> <p>20 because the concrete foundation floats above the river</p> <p>21 bottom on supporting piles. Most of the proposed bridge</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p> <p>1 and future maintenance of the bridge on the final</p> <p>2 alignment.</p> <p>3 This work will result in unavoidable permanent</p> <p>4 impacts to emergent non-tidal wetlands shown with dark</p> <p>5 green shading, the 25-foot non-tidal wet buffer shown</p> <p>6 with light green shading, and non-tidal open waters shown</p> <p>7 in dark blue shading on the right side of the slide. The</p> <p>8 50 percent design includes roadway grading and drainage</p> <p>9 improvements that will result in new unavoidable</p> <p>10 permanent impacts to non-tidal wetlands, buffers, and</p> <p>11 waterways shown in light blue shading on the left side of</p> <p>12 the slide.</p> <p>13 MR. BING: Okay. The purpose of this public</p> <p>14 hearing is to allow interested parties to provide public</p> <p>15 comments related to the final bridge alignment and</p> <p>16 associated impact changes to the Francis Scott Key Bridge</p> <p>17 Rebuild Project.</p> <p>18 My role as the hearing facilitator is to run a</p> <p>19 professional and orderly public hearing. I understand</p> <p>20 how important these issues are, and I take my role as</p> <p>21 hearing facilitator seriously. I am committed to</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 providing members of the public an opportunity to provide</p> <p>2 comments in an organized, fair, professional, and orderly</p> <p>3 manner. We look forward to hearing your perspectives,</p> <p>4 but please be courteous of all speakers and understand</p> <p>5 that offensive or profane language will not be allowed.</p> <p>6 We are interested in hearing comments related</p> <p>7 to the modification of the Tidal Wetlands License and</p> <p>8 amendment to the Non-Tidal Wetlands and Waterway</p> <p>9 Construction Joint Permit Application to construct the</p> <p>10 Francis Scott Key Bridge project from all interested</p> <p>11 individuals. Again, neither I nor the panelists will</p> <p>12 respond to any questions or comments. We are here to</p> <p>13 listen.</p> <p>14 Please remember that we are recording this</p> <p>15 hearing, so speak directly and clearly into the</p> <p>16 microphone and provide your full name, address, and any</p> <p>17 organization that you may be representing. To ensure all</p> <p>18 will be heard, there will be a three-minute time limit</p> <p>19 for public testimony and a five-minute time limit for</p> <p>20 elected officials and anyone representing an organization</p> <p>21 or community.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 get to you. But we're going to go to our first person,</p> <p>2 Mr. Francis M. Seman.</p> <p>3 Mr. Seman, if you could come up to the</p> <p>4 microphone, and if you could state your name, spell your</p> <p>5 name, and let us know where you reside.</p> <p>6 MR. SEMAN: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.</p> <p>7 I appreciate -- how much? Three minutes? Okay.</p> <p>8 MR. BING: Well, first, if you could state your</p> <p>9 name.</p> <p>10 MR. SEMAN: My name is Francis M. Seman, Sr. I</p> <p>11 live at 1315 Willow Road, Dundalk, Maryland, which is up</p> <p>12 by Walmart.</p> <p>13 MR. BING: And just spell your name for us.</p> <p>14 MR. SEMAN: S-E-M-A-N, Senior, and it's</p> <p>15 Francis, F-R-A-N-C-I-S.</p> <p>16 MR. BING: And now, you have three minutes.</p> <p>17 MR. SEMAN: I'm here as a person of concern.</p> <p>18 Necessary thing to be done is to rebuild a bridge. There</p> <p>19 should be no environmental issue, no matter what you have</p> <p>20 to do. When you do the job and get it done, Mother</p> <p>21 Nature will put things back as it should be. There is no</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 The time will start after you introduce</p> <p>2 yourself. I will remind you when you have 30 seconds</p> <p>3 remaining so you can begin to wrap up your testimony. As</p> <p>4 the hearing facilitator, if you are unable to conclude</p> <p>5 your comments at the end of your time period, I will end</p> <p>6 your testimony and move on to the next person.</p> <p>7 Also, as I mentioned, the hearing is being</p> <p>8 live-streamed and recorded. If you are here for</p> <p>9 informational purposes and do not wish to comment or you</p> <p>10 are unable to stay for the entire hearing, you have the</p> <p>11 opportunity to live-stream this video or watch the</p> <p>12 recording at a later time. The comment sheets located at</p> <p>13 the front desk have information to locate the live stream</p> <p>14 and the recording of this hearing.</p> <p>15 So we'll start now. I do not have any elected</p> <p>16 officials who have indicated they want to provide</p> <p>17 testimony, and I only have one member of the public who</p> <p>18 has indicated they want to provide testimony. So if</p> <p>19 anyone here -- if you do -- if you've changed your mind</p> <p>20 and you do wish to provide testimony, just go over to the</p> <p>21 sign-up table, sign up, they'll bring me a card, and I'll</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 issue for all these extra conditions that are desired to</p> <p>2 come about because it's time-consuming.</p> <p>3 And when I went to a meeting over at Hanover</p> <p>4 Street with the hospital over there at the beginning of</p> <p>5 the spring, I mentioned to them about the new type of</p> <p>6 bridge to be put, and I told them that they could build</p> <p>7 the two-tier bridge, which is shown on the screen</p> <p>8 earlier, and guess what? They're going to build a two-</p> <p>9 tier bridge there. And I told them they could have it</p> <p>10 done in two years.</p> <p>11 Well, it doesn't appear to be that the timeline</p> <p>12 is going to be for two years. And anything that is</p> <p>13 remaining from the old structure should be removed. If</p> <p>14 you have to dynamite it and remove it or build cofferdams to</p> <p>15 get down to a lower part of the surface, so be it, but</p> <p>16 then you won't have any obstruction for any time later on</p> <p>17 for reconstruction of anything.</p> <p>18 And you can't talk too much about the past</p> <p>19 because originally, tugboats were supposed to escort the</p> <p>20 ship under the Key Bridge up into the harbor and bring it</p> <p>21 back down to Carroll Island. Had they been doing that,</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 22</p> <p>1 we wouldn't have the problem we are going to have today.</p> <p>2 And they should have construction people on</p> <p>3 both sides work 24 hours a day, because we're depriving</p> <p>4 people hours of time for communication to go from one</p> <p>5 area of the Baltimore area over to the Glen Burnie area</p> <p>6 and vice versa. It's very time-consuming. We should</p> <p>7 have the thing implemented. And for just taking down the</p> <p>8 old structure, I told them that they should have had it</p> <p>9 cut up in small pieces, taken over to Tradepoint Atlantic</p> <p>10 like they did with the steel structure, and they could</p> <p>11 have it done in a short time --</p> <p>12 MR. BING: Thirty seconds.</p> <p>13 MR. SEMAN: -- and use the heavy cranes. So it</p> <p>14 would eliminate -- and your approaches, you've got to</p> <p>15 have an approach in Dundalk area, southbound going to</p> <p>16 Broening Highway and coming out of Dundalk going north.</p> <p>17 You have to put approaches there for the people. You</p> <p>18 can't have an approach to go all the way down and around,</p> <p>19 and underneath the bridge. It's very important, and</p> <p>20 nobody should be squawking about the approach. You</p> <p>21 should have access to go into Dundalk, which they don't</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 24</p> <p>1 consider providing testimony. So we will just take a</p> <p>2 brief recess, and then we'll come back on and let</p> <p>3 everyone know what we're doing.</p> <p>4 So right now, it is -- I'm not sure what time</p> <p>5 it is, but -- 5:54 p.m., and we are in recess.</p> <p>6 (Whereupon, there was a recess.)</p> <p>7 MR. BING: Okay. It is now 6:10 p.m. We are</p> <p>8 coming back from recess. We have not had anyone else</p> <p>9 sign up to provide testimony. So at this time, I'm going</p> <p>10 to turn everything back to Jonathan Stewart, who is going</p> <p>11 to close out the hearing.</p> <p>12 MR. STEWART: All right. Thank you, Andrew.</p> <p>13 The formal hearing record will remain open</p> <p>14 until Saturday, September 6, 2025. All correspondence</p> <p>15 must be postmarked or emailed by this date. I have with</p> <p>16 us a limited number of sheets explaining how to submit</p> <p>17 additional comments. I think they're on the back table;</p> <p>18 is that correct?</p> <p>19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.</p> <p>20 MR. STEWART: Yes. And it will explain how to</p> <p>21 submit additional comments on that sheet. Please forward</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 23</p> <p>1 have now.</p> <p>2 MR. BING: Okay. Wrap up, please, sir.</p> <p>3 MR. SEMAN: Thank you for your time, and I</p> <p>4 appreciate you hearing me out.</p> <p>5 MR. BING: Thank you.</p> <p>6 MR. SEMAN: And someone did mention that, being</p> <p>7 you named the bridge to be a two-tier bridge, they said</p> <p>8 you should call the bridge Seman's Bridge.</p> <p>9 MR. BING: All right.</p> <p>10 MR. SEMAN: And that was mentioned by one of</p> <p>11 the officials at the hospital --</p> <p>12 MR. BING: All right</p> <p>13 MR. SEMAN: -- for the condition. Thank you.</p> <p>14 MR. BING: Thank you.</p> <p>15 So again, I don't think we have anyone else who</p> <p>16 has signed up to provide testimony, so what we're going</p> <p>17 to do at this point is take a brief recess. I'm going to</p> <p>18 talk to my colleagues with the Maryland Department of the</p> <p>19 Environment, and then I'll come back and confirm how</p> <p>20 we're going to proceed going forward. But again, I want</p> <p>21 to give anyone who took the time to show up time to</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 25</p> <p>1 any additional comments that you would like to make for</p> <p>2 the record to -- and I don't know if it's going to be on</p> <p>3 the slide.</p> <p>4 But it is available back there on the sheet, by</p> <p>5 email to Matthew Wallach at matthew.wallach@maryland.gov,</p> <p>6 or by mail to the Maryland Department of the Environment,</p> <p>7 care of Matt Wallach, Tidal Wetlands Division, 1800</p> <p>8 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, Maryland</p> <p>9 21230, and/or by email to Emily Dolbin, and that's</p> <p>10 emily.dolbin@maryland.gov, or by mail to the Maryland</p> <p>11 Department of the Environment, care of Emily Dolbin, Non-</p> <p>12 Tidal Wetlands Division, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite</p> <p>13 430, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.</p> <p>14 After the hearing record closes, the Department</p> <p>15 will review and consider all of the comments it received</p> <p>16 during the comment period. If necessary, the Department</p> <p>17 may request additional information from the applicant to</p> <p>18 address certain comments.</p> <p>19 Regarding the tidal modification, after all</p> <p>20 relevant issues have been resolved, the Department will</p> <p>21 make its decision and final report and recommendations to</p>

<div>Page 26</div> <p>1 the Wetlands administrator for the Board, who shall then</p> <p>2 present the proposed project for decision at a public</p> <p>3 meeting of the Board in accordance with COMAR Chapter</p> <p>4 23.02.04.</p> <p>5 The Board's decision will be final, and there</p> <p>6 will be no further opportunity for administrative review.</p> <p>7 Any person, withstanding, may petition for judicial</p> <p>8 review of the Board's decision in the Circuit Court of</p> <p>9 the respective jurisdiction, city of Baltimore, Anne</p> <p>10 Arundel County, or Baltimore County. The petition for</p> <p>11 judicial review must be filed within 30 days of the</p> <p>12 Board's decision.</p> <p>13 Regarding the non-tidal wetlands and waterways</p> <p>14 application, unless extenuating circumstances justify an</p> <p>15 extension of time, the Department is obligated to issue,</p> <p>16 modify, or deny the permit within 45 days of the public</p> <p>17 informational hearing, which is Saturday, October 4,</p> <p>18 2025. The Department's decision and accompanying</p> <p>19 information will be sent to the interested persons list</p> <p>20 as well as the applicant. So I remind everybody, before</p> <p>21 you leave tonight, make sure you have signed up on the</p>	<div>Page 28</div> <p>1 C E R T I F I C A T E</p> <p>2 I, Vivian Saxe, hereby certify that I</p> <p>3 transcribed from audio file the proceedings to the best</p> <p>4 of my ability in the foregoing-entitled matter; and I</p> <p>5 further certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and</p> <p>6 correct transcript of the audio files produces.</p> <p>7 IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have subscribed my name</p> <p>8 on August 28, 2025.</p> <p>9</p> <p>10</p> <p>11</p> <p>12 Vivian Saxe</p> <p>13 Transcriber</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p>
<div>Page 27</div> <p>1 interested persons list if you want to receive any of the</p> <p>2 information.</p> <p>3 The Department's decision will be a final</p> <p>4 agency determination. There will be no further</p> <p>5 opportunity for administrative review. Any person,</p> <p>6 withstanding, who is either the applicant or</p> <p>7 participating in the public participation process through</p> <p>8 submission of written or oral comments, may petition for</p> <p>9 judicial review in the Circuit Court as noted above. The</p> <p>10 petition for judicial review must be filed within 30 days</p> <p>11 of the publication of the non-tidal wetlands permit</p> <p>12 decision.</p> <p>13 We appreciate your interest in this project and</p> <p>14 thank you for attending the hearing. The time is now</p> <p>15 6:14, and this hearing is now adjourned. So thank you,</p> <p>16 everybody, for attending.</p> <p>17 (Meeting adjourned.)</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p>	

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