



CECIL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Department of Public Works
Engineering and Construction Division
200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Suite 2400A, Elkton, MD 21921

Replacement of Belvidere Road Bridge No. CE0055 over CSX Railroad

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What is the purpose and scope of the project?*

The existing bridge is currently in poor condition, the bridge will require substantial rehabilitation in the near future to the bridge foundations and supporting Structure. In addition, the existing bridge is functionally obsolete meaning the bridge road width is not in accordance with current standards for the current traffic. Construction of a new bridge will provide a new wider and modern bridge with 2 lanes in both directions and improved roadway to accommodate the substantial growth in traffic volumes expected, in connection with Maryland Transportation Authority’s I-95 at Belvidere Road Interchange Project.

2. *What is the project schedule?*

Preliminary Engineering	June 2022
Public Informational Meeting	July 2022
Begin Semi-Final Engineering	August 2022
Begin Property Evaluation and Acquisitions	September 2022
Begin Final Engineering	April 2023
Begin Utility Relocations plan	October 2022
Project Advertisement for Bidding	October 2023
Project Award and Contractor Notice to Proceed	December 2023
Begin Onsite Construction	January 2024
Construction Complete	June 2025

All dates are tentative and subject to change based Engineering and Environmental approvals, and Cecil County and Federal project funding approvals.

3. *How will the real estate process go?*

It is estimated that we will begin right of way evaluations, coordination, and development of plats and appraisals in August 2022. Property owner contact is estimated in March 2023.

4. *Why are you taking so much right of way/property?*

Five factors generally affect the amount of property acquired, wider road and shoulder, storm water ditches, new utility easements, and additional clearance over the railroad must be provided which raises the entire roadway leading up to and at the crossing. The County will only acquire the land it needs to build the project.



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5. *Will there be impact to sewer or water utilities?*

No sewer or water utilities are included in this project.

6. *Will there be impact to overhead utilities?*

The project corridor has both power and communication utilities overhead supported by utility poles. That utility relocations will be required.

7. *What will the bridge look like after construction is complete?*

The County has replaced several bridges over CSX railroad over the past ten years and the proposed bridge will more than likely resemble those replaced at the following locations, except the difference that the new Bridge will have 2 lanes in both directions.

- Baron Road over CSX - Located north of the Town of North East off of MD 272 through Nazarene Camp Road.
- Nottingham Road over CSX - Located a few miles east of Mechanics Valley Road and between the intersection of Union Church and Marley Road.
- Appleton Road over CSX - Located north of Elkton and between Barksdale Road and Fletchwood Road.

8. *What kind of delays and detours can be expected?*

A temporary road and the existing bridge will be used to allow construction of the new bridge offline without substantial detours.

9. *How long will the project be in construction?*

It is anticipated to start in January 2024 and last through June 2025. The County will try to maximize construction activities through longer work days and weekend work during spring, summer, and fall when temperatures and conditions are more favorable for construction.

10. *What is the estimate project cost?*

The estimated cost is average of \$12 – \$18M.

11. *How is the project funded?*

The project will be funded 80% federal grant and county will pay 20% match. Principio North Entrance implementation will be paid by Stewart properties.