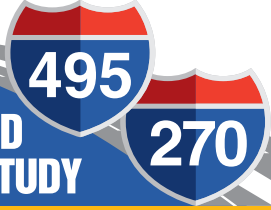




MANAGED LANES STUDY



INTRODUCTION

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) on October 1, 2021, in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study. The SDEIS has been prepared to consider new information developed after the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was published in July 2020 and presents results and recommendations relevant to the **Preferred Alternative, Alternative 9 - Phase 1 South: American Legion Bridge I-270 to I-370**. While the Managed Lanes Study considers ways to relieve congestion and improve trip reliability, mobility and connectivity for modes of travel, including transit, in the National Capital Region, this alternative focuses on building a new American Legion Bridge and delivering two high occupancy toll (HOT) managed lanes in each direction within Phase 1 South: American Legion Bridge I-270 to I-370. The scope of the SDEIS builds upon the analysis and information that remains valid in the existing DEIS but is limited to new information about the Preferred Alternative. It also provides an opportunity for the public, agencies and all stakeholders to review and provide comment on the Preferred Alternative and associated impacts as presented in the SDEIS.

Comments on the SDEIS will be accepted between Friday, October 1, and 11:59 PM on Monday, November 15, 2021. MDOT SHA and FHWA will conduct one virtual public hearing through two sessions on Monday, November 1, 2021.

The scope of the SDEIS builds upon the analysis and information that remains valid in the existing DEIS but is limited to new information about the Preferred Alternative. On I-495, the Preferred Alternative consists of adding two new HOT managed lanes in each direction from the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Fairfax County, Virginia to east of MD 187, Old Georgetown Road. On I-270, the Preferred Alternative consists of converting the one existing HOV lane in each direction to a HOT managed lane and adding one new HOT managed lane in each direction on I-270 from I-495 to north of I-370 and on the I-270 east and west spurs. There is no action, or no improvements, included at this time on I-495 east of the I-270 east spur. Transit buses and HOV 3+ vehicles would be permitted to use the managed lanes toll-free.

The SDEIS and its supporting information is available on the Op Lanes Maryland website. Prior to attending a public hearing session, the public is encouraged to review the online presentation available at OpLanesMD.com/SDEIS beginning Friday, October 1. After the hearing, a transcript of public comments will be available on the website.

SDEIS Virtual Public Hearing Sessions

TWO CALL-IN TESTIMONY PUBLIC HEARING SESSIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021

Session 1 • 2:00-4:00 PM

Session 2 • 6:00-8:00 PM

Members of the public will be allotted three minutes and elected officials will be allotted five minutes, per person, for verbal testimony. Responses to questions will not be given at the hearing. MDOT SHA and FHWA will consider and respond to substantive comments in the FEIS.

PROVIDE VERBAL TESTIMONY AT THE HEARING

- Register for one of the sessions at OpLanesMD.com/SDEIS or by dialing 833-858-5960
- Advance registration is required to be admitted to the phone queue for comment—register through November 1
- Approved session time and instructions will be emailed to registrants prior to November 1

PROVIDE VERBAL TESTIMONY THROUGH VOICEMAIL

- Provide verbal testimony by dialing 855-432-1483 and leaving a single voicemail message limited to three minutes
- Advance registration is not required—voicemail testimony will be accepted throughout the 45-day comment period

WATCH OR LISTEN LIVE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING SESSIONS

- Watch the livestream at OpLanesMD.com/SDEIS (closed captioning available)
- Listen via telephone by dialing 855-432-1483

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Ways to Comment on the SDEIS

- 🗣️ Provide verbal testimony at virtual **public hearing** sessions
- 📞 Provide verbal testimony via **voicemail** (855-432-1483) during virtual public hearing sessions, or throughout the 45-day comment period
- 📄 Submit an electronic **comment form** on OpLanesMD.com
- ✉️ Send an **email** to oplanesMLS@mdot.maryland.gov
- ✉️ Send a written **letter** about the SDEIS to:

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ALL COMMENTS received, regardless of method of submission, will be given EQUAL CONSIDERATION.

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