



## P3 PROGRAM UPDATE

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) I-495 & I-270 Public-Private Partnership (P3) Program continues working to relieve the National Capital Region's traffic congestion.

Maryland's Board of Public Works (BPW) designated the program as a P3 in June. The program is progressing with multiple efforts since its designation as a P3.

First, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study continues to coordinate with stakeholders and analyze the Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study developed to address the congestion plaguing travelers daily on I-495 and I-270.

Second, preliminary planning activities are underway for I-270 from I-370 in Gaithersburg to I-70 in Frederick.

Third, while the two environmental studies advance, the P3 designation allows the program to move forward with requesting and evaluating proposals to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain improvements on both I-495 and I-270. Once the NEPA study process is complete, and if a build alternative is selected, future P3 agreements will be submitted to BPW for approval.

Finally, a Managed Lanes Transit Work Group was established with regional and local transit providers, and will consider ways that transit programs could take advantage of managed lanes on I-495 and I-270

### What is a P3?

To learn more about how Maryland is taking advantage of a P3 to bring congestion relief, watch the video: [495-270-p3.com/p3-information](https://www.495-270-p3.com/p3-information)

### What is NEPA?

To learn more about NEPA and the environmental studies underway, visit: [495-270-p3.com/Environmental-about](https://www.495-270-p3.com/Environmental-about)

### Benefits of Managed Lanes

Managed lanes will offer travelers a choice of paying a toll to use new lanes for a more reliable, congestion-free trip when needed, or using the existing general purpose lanes toll-free. Those free lanes are expected to be less congested as well; experience with express toll lanes on I-95 has shown a time savings of 12 percent for drivers in the free lanes. Managed lanes integration will move people efficiently and provide better access to jobs, transit stations and transit-oriented developments throughout the region. To learn more about the benefits of managed lanes, watch the video: [495-270-p3.com/p3-information](https://www.495-270-p3.com/p3-information)



# I-495 & I-270 MANAGED LANES STUDY PROGRESS

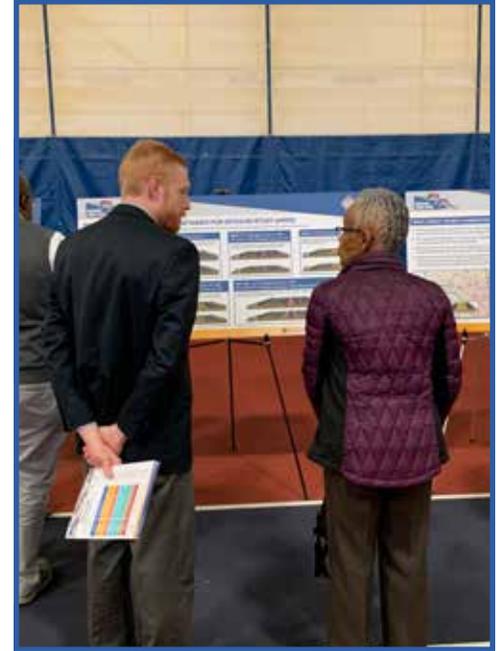
## SPRING 2019 PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

More than 1,100 people attended eight spring 2019 Public Workshops and 1,035 comments were received during the April 11 to June 14 public comment period that the MDOT SHA and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) held regarding the seven recommended Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study (ARDS).

Held in April and May, the spring 2019 Public Workshops were the third set of public meetings hosted since the Study began in March 2018. The workshops provided an opportunity for staff to share information with and gather feedback from the general public, elected officials and other stakeholders about the ARDS. The comments and input are helping define further detailed analysis of each alternative.

Dates, locations, presentations and informational materials for these workshops and the Study's previous public outreach activities are available on the P3 Program website at [495-270-p3.com/your-participation/past-public-outreach](https://www.p3.com/your-participation/past-public-outreach).

A Summary of Public and Stakeholder Engagement for the recommended ARDS may be found on the program website: [495-270-p3.com/environmental/resources](https://www.p3.com/environmental/resources).



## ONGOING WORK

With the workshops and comment period completed, MDOT SHA is conducting detailed traffic, engineering, financial, and environmental analyses of the ARDS presented at the spring 2019 Public Workshops. MDOT SHA also is evaluating a proposal to utilize the Intercounty Connector (ICC) as an alternative route to the topside of I-495, coupled with various transportation system and demand management solutions. The results of the detailed traffic, environmental, engineering, and financial analyses will be used to identify a Preferred Alternative for the Study and will be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

During the remainder of 2019, MDOT SHA will be developing the Managed Lanes Study's DEIS which will include:

- Detailed traffic, engineering, financial, and environmental analyses;
- Identification of the Preferred Alternative;
- Environmental impact avoidance and minimization measures, as well as mitigation for unavoidable environmental impacts;
- Summary of agency and public coordination and outreach; and
- Ongoing field work along the corridor, including on both public and private property.

The DEIS is scheduled to be published for public review and comment in Winter 2020. The document will be made available on the P3 Program website and various other public locations throughout Montgomery, Prince George's, and Frederick counties, including in county libraries. To formally gather public comments, on findings in the DEIS, Public Hearings will be scheduled for Spring 2020.



# CONTINUED COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

As we have done during the past year, P3 Program staff will continue to conduct extensive community and stakeholder engagement. Since Spring 2019, we have met with 48 community and stakeholder groups, briefing them on the P3 Program; I-495 & I-270 Managed Lanes Study; and I-270 Pre-NEPA activities.

To further engage a broad array of stakeholders, we are participating in pop-up events and staffing booths at a variety of community festivals and fairs throughout summer and fall 2019.

Visit [495-270-p3.com/your-participation/upcoming-events](https://495-270-p3.com/your-participation/upcoming-events) to check out our upcoming outreach event dates and locations. You may also request a briefing for your community or organization.



# OPPORTUNITY MDOT

In addition to providing travelers with congestion relief, the P3 Program has initiated Opportunity MDOT. Opportunity MDOT is intended to provide new potential economic opportunities for Marylanders. According to federal estimates, every \$1 billion in highway construction supports 13,000 jobs for one year. Maryland businesses and workforce could benefit from the estimated \$9 billion to \$11 billion economic investment in the P3 Program, helping to strengthen and grow Maryland's businesses, workforce, and economy for generations – one opportunity at a time.

Opportunity MDOT held its kickoff event on August 1. Information was provided to the business community on how businesses and workers can start securing help and support through training and advisory services and prepare for potential opportunities related to the P3 Program. More than 220 people representing 150 businesses, attended the Opportunity MDOT Kickoff at the University of Maryland in College Park.

To learn more and get started with Opportunity MDOT, visit [495-270-p3.com/opportunity-mdot](http://495-270-p3.com/opportunity-mdot).



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