



MD 331 Dover Bridge Replacement

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) will construct a new high-level, fixed-span bridge just south of the MD 331 (Dover Road) Bridge over the Choptank River in Talbot and Caroline counties, beginning in Summer 2014. The proposed 2,020-foot-long bridge will have two 12-foot-wide lanes with eight-foot-wide shoulders and a 50-foot vertical underclearance (distance above the water). The work is necessary to increase vertical clearance over the Choptank River to eliminate the need for a moveable bridge structure, reduce congestion due to frequent bridge openings, and address safety concerns related to the narrow roadway section on the existing bridge. This project is part of SHA's bridge preservation and replacement program. Both lanes of traffic along MD 331 will be maintained during construction and two-way traffic will be maintained on the existing bridge and roadway until the new parallel roadway and bridge are built. Traffic will then be switched to the new alignment. The project site is located within the Critical Area for Atlantic and Coastal Bays and will require approval by the Critical Area Commission.

Any person wishing to request information regarding the Critical Area impacts, or submit written comments on the proposed project, may do so by contacting the project representative. All comments concerning the Critical Area impacts must be received by SHA in writing no later than February 5, 2014.

Caroline County Tax Map

45 Parcels 1, 2,

46 Parcels 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 176, 177, 180

52 Parcels 79, 80, 81, 83

Talbot County Tax Map

35 Parcels 16, 42, 99