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TRAFFIC TO BE HELD ON BAY & KEY BRIDGES WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON DURING LARGE CRANE DELIVERY BY SHIP TO PORT OF BALTIMORE

*24/7 Single-Lane Closure for I-895/K-Truss Steel Bridge Project to
Begin on the Evening of June 20*

WHAT: The MD Transportation Authority (MDTA) will temporarily hold traffic in both directions on the William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial (Bay) Bridge (US 50/301) and Francis Scott Key Bridge (I-695) during passage of a marine vessel carrying four large cranes. This crane delivery will postpone by one day the start of the continuous (24/7) single-lane closure associated with the I-895/K-Truss steel bridge repair project.

WHEN: **Wednesday, June 20**, traffic on the Bay Bridge will be held at approximately 1:15 p.m. for about 40 minutes; traffic on the Key Bridge will be held at approximately 3:15 p.m. for about 20 minutes. Times and durations are approximate and dependent upon the vessel's progress.

Since the Key Bridge is an alternate route for the I-895/K-Truss repair project, the continuous (24/7) single-lane closure on I-895 will be postponed until the evening of **Wednesday, June 20**. Most motorists will notice the lane closure during morning rush hour on **Thursday, June 21**, and should use the Fort McHenry Tunnel (I-95) or the Key Bridge (I-695) as alternate routes.

WHY: This action is being taken to ensure that motorists are not distracted while traveling the Bay and Key bridges during the passage of this marine vessel transporting four large, fourteen-story cranes up the Chesapeake Bay to the Seagirt Marine Terminal. The MDTA Engineering, Operations and Police Divisions are coordinating with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Pilot's Association.

To learn more about the cranes and their delivery, visit the Maryland Port Administration's website mpa.maryland.gov or contact Mr. Richard Scher at 410-385-4480. To learn more about the I-895 K-Truss steel bridge repairs or to view real-time traffic camera images on MDTA roadways, visit mdta.maryland.gov.

**FOR 24/7 BAY BRIDGE TRAFFIC INFORMATION
CALL 1-877-BAYSPAN (1-877-229-7726) or visit baybridge.com**

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The MDTA thanks motorists for their patience.

Funded solely by toll revenue, the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) is an independent State agency that finances, owns, operates and maintains the State's eight toll facilities. The MDTA's eight Members, appointed by the Governor with consent of the State Senate, serve as the agency's policy-setting and governing body. Maryland's Secretary of Transportation serves as MDTA Chairman.

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