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Event: Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse BEOC Partner Email Brief - 10APR2024

REMINDER: The Maryland Business Emergency Operation Center (MBEOC) is activated for this incident. The information in the following brief is intended for members of the PSIP & NPEP programs. You can find more information about our team on [our webpage](#).

SITUATIONAL UPDATE: (Updates highlighted in yellow)

NEW INCIDENT UPDATES

- Our next BEOC partner update call is Today at 3:30pm EST. If you've not received a calendar invitation please email psector@maryland.gov. Please [provide feedback](#) on our services so we can better serve your needs.
- Yesterday, Governor Wes Moore presided over the first bill signing ceremony of 2024, where [he signed into law the Maryland Protecting Opportunities and Regional Trade \(PORT\) Act](#). The bipartisan legislation supports businesses and workers who have been affected by the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. .
- [Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development](#) - under the April 5th executive order, DHCD is authorizing the Neighborhood Business Works Program to provide \$15 million in grants and low-interest loans to eligible businesses of 500 or fewer employees that have been impacted by a loss of revenue or an increase to costs relating to the Key Bridge collapse and will be formally established upon the enactment of the PORT Act.
- Maryland Department of Commerce - in partnership with the Governor's Office and local partners launched the [Official State of Maryland Business Impact Survey](#). This survey will help inform how the Port Act funding will be allocated. Impacted businesses should take a few moments to fill it out

Governor Moore shares an inspiring message for all - April 9th LinkedIn [video](#)



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Recovery

- Recovery operations began March 27th for the missing workers who were on the bridge, but have been paused until salvage operations clear obstructing debris.
- Two bodies were recovered on March 27th and a third [body of a missing person](#) was recovered on April 5th.
- Not including the Dali, there are 136 foreign nationals on 7 ships in port. CBP is allowing shore leave and coordinating with the vessels directly.

Recovery Resources

- [Small Business Association \(SBA\)](#) - businesses impacted by the FSK Bridge collapse are eligible for low-interest, long-term Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help overcome temporary loss of revenue stemming from the bridge collapse. Eligibility applies to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses, and private nonprofit organizations. The application filing deadline is 12/30/24.
 - Apply for assistance [online](#). Business Recovery Centers Below.
 - [Anne Arundel County](#) - 710 Aquahart Rd., Glen Burnie, 21062. Hours of operation: M-F, 8am-6pm, Saturday 10am-2pm, Sunday Closed
 - [Baltimore County](#) - 7200 Sollers Point Rd, Baltimore, MD 21222. Hours of operation: M-F, 8am-6pm, Saturday 10am-2pm, Sunday Closed.
 - [Baltimore City](#) -1501 S. Clinton St, Suite 100, Baltimore, MD 21224. Hours of operation: M-F, 8am-6pm, Saturday 10am-2pm, Sunday Closed
- [Maryland Department of Commerce](#) - On April 5th, established the “[Port of Baltimore Emergency Business Assistance Program](#)” to provide up to \$100,000 in grants to eligible businesses.
- [Maryland Insurance Administration](#) - A Virtual Disaster Center will open [Thur. April 11th & Tues. April 16th, 12-2 pm or 5-7 pm](#). to help anyone with insurance-related issues or questions regarding losses from the FSK Bridge disaster.
- [Maryland Department of Labor](#) has created a resource for workers and businesses impacted by the bridge collapse. Visit the MD Beacon Unemployment Insurance [Application website](#). Benefit Line for Port of Baltimore Workers: Call - 667-930-5989
- [Anne Arundel County](#) Francis Scott Key Bridge Resources. Arundel County [Workforce Development](#) has assistance resources available for businesses and individuals impacted by the Port closure. Affected Anne Arundel County Businesses should contact the [Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporation](#) (AAEDC) for information and assistance
- [Baltimore County](#) - Resources for Francis Scott Key Bridge Incident web page.
- [Baltimore City](#) - Francis Scott Key Bridge Updates web page. [News & Information](#). During the April 3rd [Governor Moore's Press Conference](#) (minute 32:48), Mayor Brandon Scott announced that the City of Baltimore's Board of Estimates approved a \$1 million dollar grant to support workers and businesses impacted by the event.
- [Maryland Food Bank](#) - Find nearest Food Pantry location



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- **Crisis Lifeline.** Tragedy impacts all of us and it can be hard to process. [Call or text 988](#) if you or a loved one are feeling overwhelmed, sad, or stressed. 988 is available free 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- [MD Chamber of Commerce](#), World Trade Center Institute and the Greater Baltimore Committee want to understand what resources would be helpful to impacted businesses.

Donations

- [Maryland Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster \(VOAD\)](#) sign up for updates and nonprofit, faith-based and community organization Resource & Operational Coordination calls and support those affected.
- [Baltimore Civic Fund](#): Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs that has a fund to support families
- [Baltimore Community Foundation](#): [Baltimore Orioles & Baltimore Ravens](#) combine to donated \$10 Million to the Baltimore Community Foundation's Key Bridge Emergency Fund
- [United Way of Central Maryland](#): will support efforts in eviction prevention, food access, and other mid-and long-term needs.
- [Casa De Maryland](#): has support programs for work programs & legal services. Includes [press releases](#) related to FSK bridge collapse.
- [Maryland Nonprofit and Maryland Latinos Unidos](#) - are [compiling a comprehensive list](#) of available resources, services and assistance programs from fellow organizations, community groups, and faith based organizations that can be mobilized to aid those affected by the Key Bridge collapse

Transportation

- The 695 outer loop is closed at Exit 1, and the 695 inner loop is closed at Exit 43.
- Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Extension of Emergency Declaration Under 49 CFR 39.25 No.2024-002. The US DOT and FMCSA, [declare that an emergency exists](#) to extend the emergency declaration issued by the Governor of the State of Maryland and continuing the emergency relief granted from certain regulatory requirements in Part 395 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs)
- [Maryland Transportation Authority](#) publishes updates on traffic patterns. Additionally, vehicles transporting hazardous materials are prohibited in tunnels and should use the western section of I-695 around the tunnels. This includes vehicles carrying bottled propane gas in excess of 10 pounds per container (max of 10 containers), bulk gasoline, explosives, and significant amounts of radioactive materials.



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Operational Information

- The US Coast Guard and other lead agencies for the incident have identified three main objectives for the safe removal of the Dali. These are: 1) remove bridge pieces from the ship, 2) Stabilize containers on the ship, and 3) Relocate the ship.
- The estimated total weight of all steel and road deck debris in the water is 27K tons (54 million lbs) Debris in the federal channel is more extensive than previously believed.
- The Unified Command continues to maintain 1 2000-yard maritime Safety Zone for the M/V Dali recovery efforts, and a Temporary Flight Restriction with a radius of three nautical miles from the surface, up to and including 1,500 feet above ground level also remains in effect.
- NTSB continues its investigation and is specifically looking for large pieces of the fendering system of the bridge.
- Transponders for barge locations will continue to be installed.

M/V Dali

- Dali crew members remain on the ship until further notice and will report crew emergencies to USCG.
- Hull integrity of the ship has been confirmed by USACE. The vessel is secured by 4 anchors and 1 tugboat. Two additional tugs are on standby.
- Contractor Resolve Marine will coordinate on-board containment of any spilled oils or hazardous substances, along with any recovered containment material. The Dali is being prepped for the start of container removal. The previous concerns of hazardous gasses from fermenting soybeans cargo is nearly addressed. Fermented beans have been bagged and all soybean cargo is being removed. 50 tons of soybeans are left to be removed.
- Damaged containers from the Dali are being removed to the CSX yard by barge for evaluation and disposal. Remaining containers will need to be transported back to the port for processing. The CSX yard is being inspected for future use in docking/unloading the Dali.
- The [removal of containers onboard the Dali](#) at the Key Bridge began on Sunday, April 7th. A total of [thirty-four \(34\) containers](#) have been removed as of 1700 on April 9th.
- [Once Dali is floated, it will be moved to Siegert and use the CSX yard for staging.](#)

Channel

- The Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has [published a tentative timeline](#) to reopen the channel. USACE expects to open a limited access channel 280 feet wide and 35 feet deep, to the Port of Baltimore by the end of April. USACE engineers are aiming to reopen the permanent, 700-foot-wide by 50-foot-deep federal navigation channel by the end of May, restoring port access to normal capacity. Governor Moore [published a statement](#).
- The Biden-Harris Administration [Approves Grant Funding](#) to Expedite Capacity Expansion for Port of Baltimore Terminal Operator, Tradepoint Atlantic.



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- [United States Army Corps of Engineers](#) (USACE) Francis Scott Key Bridge Response Updates.
- A milestone schedule is being put together to track the phases of clearing the temporary channel and the main channel. Currently, it's estimated to be 17% completed.

Port Activity

- Over the next couple of weeks, six regularly scheduled roll-on/ roll-off (Ro/Ro) vessels and an additional nine redirected vessels will arrive at Tradepoint Atlantic. During that time, 10K automobiles will be unloaded and processed.
- CSX added a new freight route to transport cargo to New York while limited activity continues at the Port of Baltimore.
- All cruise operations are temporarily moved to the Port of Virginia. While ships are not stopping in Baltimore, passengers are still reporting to the terminal and being bussed to/from Norfolk. Approximately 70 buses per ship.
- Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) Motor Carrier Division (MDC) has taken steps to make available weight permits for containerized cargo commodities heading to Maryland via alternative sea ports such as Norfolk as long as the shipping channel to the Port of Baltimore is blocked.
- [Tradepoint Atlantic](#)
- Department of Transportation Port Administration [statement on activity](#) at the port.
- [Maryland Port Administration](#) - This website has a [FAQ section](#) that answers a lot of questions including general, shipping & terminal and other agency contacts..

Salvage

- Salvage operations on the Francis Scott Key Bridge began March 30th.
- Salvage teams are using an exothermic cutting torch to systematically separate sections of the steel bridge, which will be taken to a disposal site.
- USACE is in the process of picking up a 1K ton lifting capacity hydraulic "grab" to assist with removing wreckage from the bottom of the channel.
- Debris Reporting Hotline: Call - 410-205-6625.
- Large capacity grabber is in transit from Galveston, TX with an **ETA April 22nd.**

Situational Awareness Information

- [Governor Moore Recorded Press Conferences](#) on the collapse of the FSK Bridge
- On April 5th, President Biden visited Baltimore and announced a [series of steps](#) his Administration is taking following the bridge collapse.
- [Key Bridge Response 2024 Website](#)- Official site, maintained by the Unified Command, for the most up-to-date information regarding the Francis Scott Key Bridge Response.
- [National Weather Service](#): Hour by hour Forecast



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- [Congressional Research Service](#) Baltimore Bridge Collapse FAQ

Declarations, Legislation, Executive Orders

- On April 5th, Governor Moore authorized [\\$60 million](#) and a series of executive actions to respond to the bridge collapse. You can learn more about the programs by reading this [fact sheet](#).
- [Executive Order 01.01.2024.11](#) - Establishing Temporary Economic and Financial Relief Programs for Workers and Businesses Impacted by the Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse and Disruption of Operations to the Port of Baltimore
- [Executive Order 01.01.2024.09](#) - Maryland State of Emergency Declaration
- Baltimore City Local State of Emergency Declaration. [Link](#).
- Baltimore County Local State of Emergency Declaration: [Link](#)

 <h2 style="margin: 0;">Hazardous Weather Possible</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Thursday through Saturday</p>	
<p>OVERVIEW:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A strong cold front will pass through the region Thursday through Thursday night. There is a potential for multiple hazards including severe storms, isolated instances of flooding, potential moderate tidal flooding, and gale-force winds. 	
TIMING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday through Saturday
HAZARDS & IMPACTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe: Damaging wind gusts possible Thursday into Thursday night. • Flood: Isolated to scattered instances of flooding possible Thursday into Thursday night. • Winds: Gale Force winds over all waters Thursday night into Saturday. • Coastal flooding: Moderate coastal flooding possible along portions of the tidal Potomac and Chesapeake Bay coastline, especially Thursday into Friday.
FORECAST CONFIDENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confidence is low for severe storms, but there is potential for considerable wind damage if storms occur. • Confidence has increased regarding the threat for flooding, moderate tidal flooding, and gale-force winds.

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