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## Event: Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse

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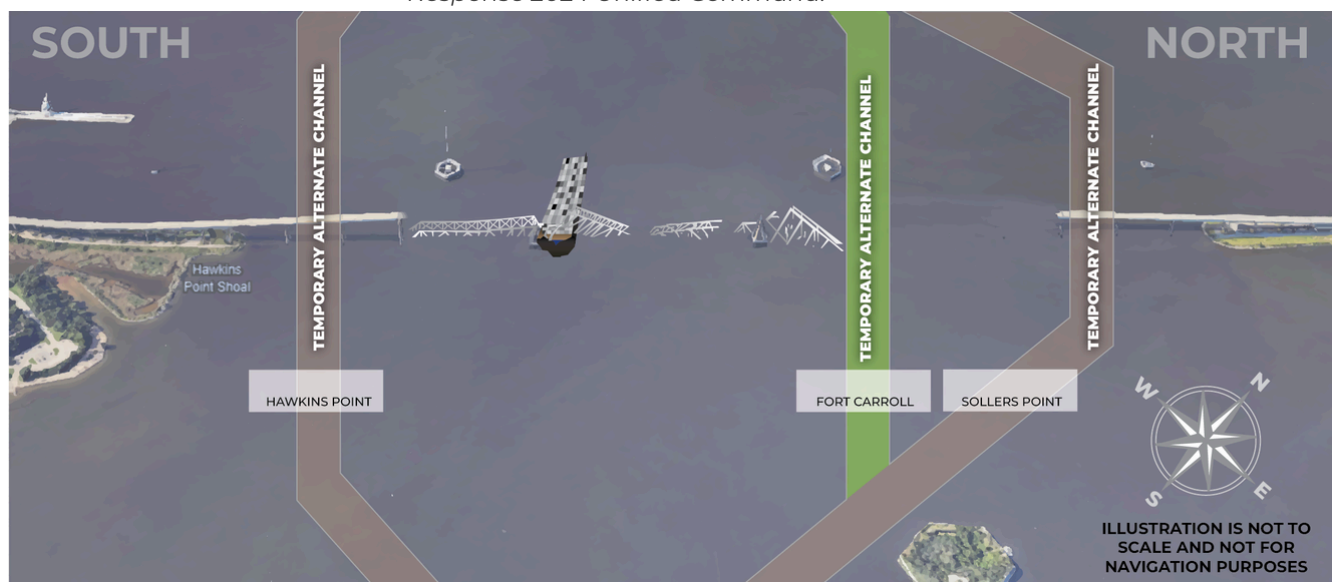
**REMINDER:** The Maryland Business Emergency Operation Center (MBEOC) is activated for this incident. The information in the following brief is intended for members of the PSIP & NPEP programs. You can find more information about our team on [our webpage](#). This brief is sent Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please [provide feedback](#) on our services.

**There are 6 sections below:** New Updates, Recovery, Transportation, Operational Information, Situational Awareness References, and Declarations/ Legislation/ Executive orders.

**\*NEW UPDATES\*** throughout the PDF document, yellow highlight indicates new information

- Maryland Department of Labor: A temporary office at 2501 Broening Highway near the Seagirt terminal will open starting Monday, April 22, 2024 at noon to help workers with applications for the [Worker Support Program](#) as well as for Unemployment Insurance. Starting Tuesday, April 23, the office will be open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Unified Command reported on April 19th that [a third temporary alternate channel is now open](#) and will provide limited access for commercially essential vessels.

*\*\*The Fort Carroll Temporary Alternate Channel, depicted in green, has a controlling depth of 20 feet, a 300-foot horizontal clearance, and a vertical clearance of 135 feet, and will facilitate additional commercially essential vessel traffic through the port of Baltimore. Infographic courtesy of Key Bridge Response 2024 Unified Command. \*\**





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## RECOVERY

- Recovery operations began March 27th for the missing workers who were on the bridge. Two bodies were recovered on March 27th and a third [body of a missing person](#) was recovered on April 5th. On April 15th, Salvage teams recovered a vehicle with the remains of the [4th victim trapped inside](#).
- 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 - Government

### Federal

- [Homeport updates for Mariners](#) - MSIB for Maryland - NCR
- [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 deadline is 12/30/24.
  - Apply for assistance [online](#). Business Recovery Centers Below:
  - [Anne Arundel County](#) - 710 Aquahart Rd., Glen Burnie, 21061. 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.

### State: Including those as part of the PORT ACT

- [Maryland's Francis Scott Key Response Website](#) is meant to assist workers and businesses in identifying the resources available to them. This website serves as the central location where all programs and resources will be shared as well as the locations where workers and businesses may receive in person assistance. This information will be updated as additional programs become available.
- [Maryland Department of Commerce](#) established the "[Port of Baltimore Emergency Business Assistance Program](#)" to provide up to \$100K in grants to eligible businesses. Grant funds will be awarded on a first-come first-serve basis. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Applications are available beginning April 22, 2024, and will be accepted through May 6, 2024, or until grant funds are fully obligated, whichever comes first. [FAQ](#)
  - 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.
- [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 no-interest loans to eligible businesses of 500 or fewer employees that have been impacted by a



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loss of revenue or an increase to costs relating to the Key Bridge collapse. The application portal for these programs will be open April 22, 2024.

- Neighborhood Business Works: [FAQ](#)
  - Small Business Grants up to \$50,000.
  - Loan Program for Loans up to \$500,000 - 12 month payment deferral period, Loan repayment term - subject to underwriting, 0% Interest rates, 10% forgiveness with timely repayment.
- [Maryland Department of Labor](#) Created Two Programs:
  - [Resources for Workers:](#)
    - [Unemployment Insurance Assistance:](#) Unemployment Insurance is available to eligible employees who worked in Maryland and have been laid off or are working reduced hours due to the Key Bridge collapse. Hotline (667-930-5989), [online](#) (Beacon System), Mobile Office at Steamship Trade Center, 1901 Portal Street, Baltimore, MD 21224 (Hours: M-F, 8:30am - 4:30pm) or [in-person](#). For more information on how to file an Unemployment Insurance claim, visit the Department of Labor's [Information for New Claimants webpage](#).
    - [Port of Baltimore Emergency Worker Support Program](#) - This program will provide \$430 weekly temporary relief payments during the Port's reduced operations, while funds are available. Port workers who receive unemployment insurance benefits are eligible for this program, as well as independent contractors and self-employed workers who meet the criteria.
      - Learn more about the Port of Baltimore Worker Support program [here](#).
      - [Apply](#) for the Port of Baltimore Support Program here. [FAQs](#).
      - A temporary office at 2501 Broening Highway near the Seagirt terminal will open starting Monday, April 22, 2024 at noon to help workers with applications for the Worker Support Program as well as for Unemployment Insurance. Starting Tuesday, April 23, the office will be open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
    - [Port of Baltimore Worker Retention Program:](#) The Worker Retention Program can provide up to \$200,000 in grant funding to pay for employee wages (up to \$7,500 per worker) to keep workers on the job and avert layoffs, as well as subsidize supportive services for workers such as childcare and transportation. If you want to apply for the Worker Retention Program, complete [Part A](#) and [Part B](#). [FAQ - Prospective Applicants](#). [FAQ - Awardees](#)
  - [Maryland Insurance Administration](#) - The Maryland Insurance Administration offers a variety of services and resources to help Maryland consumers and businesses with insurance needs. If you or your business has insurance-related issues or questions regarding losses from the Key Bridge collapse, contact the Maryland Insurance Administration.
  - [Maryland Port Administration](#) - Department of Transportation Port Administration



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[statement on activity](#) at the port. The MPA website has a [FAQ section](#) that answers a lot of questions including general information, statistical reports, shipping & terminal and other agency contacts.

- [Maryland Transportation Authority](#): publishes updates on traffic patterns.
- **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.

## Local

- [Anne Arundel County](#) Francis Scott Key Bridge Resources. Anne Arundel County [Workforce Development](#) has resources available for businesses & individuals impacted by the Port closure. 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](#).
  - April 10th, Mayor Brandon M. Scott announced [additional steps](#) that the City of Baltimore is taking to respond to the Key Bridge Collapse. The [Action Plan](#) will continue to evolve and expand as the community needs change.
  - The [Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs](#) has the [Baltimore Civic Fund](#) which the support is going directly to the families of the deceased and the two survivors.
  - [Wage Subsidy Program](#) - The Mayor and the Mayor's Office of Employment Development are launching a Wage Subsidy Program to assist Baltimore City based Port-impacted small businesses in retaining their employees. The City of Baltimore is committing an initial \$1 million for this program. Eligible businesses can receive up to \$7,500 per worker in subsidy payments with a maximum of \$22,500 or 3 months of assistance per worker.

## Recovery resources - Nonprofit & Private Sector

- [211 Maryland](#) - has a comprehensive health and human services resource database. With over 7500 resources, individuals with essential needs can get connected to local help 24/7/365.
- [Baltimore Port Alliance](#) is hosting a [Spring Hiring and Career Expo](#) Thursday, May 2 at the Community College of Baltimore County Dundalk Campus. BPA invites entities offering resources and aid for affected port workers and businesses to exhibit at this Expo. We aim to connect job seekers and employers with any and all available resources, support economic recovery, and amplify employment opportunities centered around the vital Port of Baltimore. [Registration open April 26 Exhibitor and Employer Registration](#)
- [Baltimore Community Foundation's Key Bridge Emergency Fund](#) : The Baltimore Community Foundation, as part of their Maryland Tough, Baltimore Strong Key bridge fund, is providing grants to community organizations (501c3's and those without) providing support to port workers and their families, first responders and their families and surrounding communities. Interested organizations can visit their webpage to [apply](#).



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- [BayVanguard Bank](#) - Existing customers of BayVanguard bank that are directly impacted by the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse may be eligible for direct deposit assistance, payment deferments, and other assistance programs.
- [Casa De Maryland](#): has support programs for work programs & legal services. Includes [press releases](#) related to FSK bridge collapse.
- [Credit Unions Committed to Financial Relief](#) - that are part of the Maryland-DC Credit Union Association have joined the economic and financial response to credit union customers who are impacted by the Key Bridge collapse. These relief programs include: Deferments on consumer loan payments, Deferments on mortgage payments, Waivers on overdraft and/or late payment fees
- [Greater Baltimore Committee](#) - The Maryland Tough Baltimore Strong (MTBSA) is a cross-sector collaboration of philanthropic, business and community organizations and leaders committed to ensuring a full recovery following the FSK bridge collapse.
- [Hope Floats Baltimore](#): Links to support: Baltimore Civic Fund, Support Stranded Sailors, Chief Petty Officers Association of Baltimore, United Way, and other information.
- [Maryland Chamber of Commerce](#), World Trade Center Institute and the Greater Baltimore Committee want to understand what resources would be helpful to impacted businesses.
- [Maryland Food Bank](#) - Find nearest Food Pantry location.
- [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.
- [Maryland Philanthropy Network](#): has a web page of different philanthropic responses and donation opportunities.
- [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.
- [United Way of Central Maryland](#): will support efforts in eviction prevention, food access, and other mid-and long-term needs.

## TRANSPORTATION

- [The I-695 outer loop is closed](#) at Exit 1, and the 695 inner loop is closed at Exit 42.
- [I-895 Baltimore Harbor Tunnel Overnight Lane Closures for April 22 - 25, 2024](#). The Northbound Tunnel is scheduled to be closed at 9 p.m. on the evenings of Monday, April 22, through Thursday, April 25, for maintenance operations. Two-way operations will be in the southbound tunnel. Re-opening is scheduled to take place at 3 a.m. the following morning.
- [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



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regulatory requirements in Part 395 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs).

- [Maryland Transportation Authority](#): 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. It is important to note that diesel fuel transports (placard 1993) are permitted in tunnels. While bearing flammable placards, these carriers are classified as hauling combustibles due to their higher flashpoint and lesser hazard to the public. Vehicles in excess of 13'-6", in height, or 96" (8 feet) in width are prohibited from using the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel. I-95 Ft. McHenry Tunnel restrictions are height – 14' - 6" width – 11' - 0".
- The public is reminded that the Unified Command continues to maintain a 2000-yard maritime Safety Zone around the incident site. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) implemented a [Temporary Flight Restriction \(TFR\)](#) on March 26th and it has been [updated as of April 9](#). The TFR extends for two nautical miles in radius from the center of the bridge and from the surface up to and including 1500 feet above ground level (AGL). There is a zero-tolerance policy regarding any UAS/drone use anywhere within the "No Drone Zone" established by the FAA. Anyone who attempts to fly a UAS/drone in any prohibited manner may be subject to arrest, prosecution, fines, and/or imprisonment.

**OPERATIONAL INFORMATION** - Missing Person Recovery, Channel, Dali, Wreckage & Debris removal updates can be found [here](#).

- 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.
- 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.

### 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](#). Simulation training has begun for Pilots and tugs to learn to navigate the new channels.
- The Biden-Harris Administration [Approves Grant Funding](#) to Expedite Capacity Expansion for Port of Baltimore Terminal Operator, Tradepoint Atlantic.



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*\*\*US Coast Guard personnel deploy buoys marking the Fort Carroll temporary alternate channel. [Photo by Michael Himes](#)\*\**



### 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.
- 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](#) Has been an instrumental partner in supporting port activity.

### 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 (410-205-6625) has received over 80 calls for service to date.
- Large capacity grabber is in transit from Galveston, TX with an ETA April 22nd.



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- UC is strictly enforcing restricted access to the Dali and Sparrows Point due to unscheduled visitors and visitors not wearing appropriate PPE.

## SITUATIONAL AWARENESS REFERENCES

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

## DECLARATIONS, LEGISLATION, EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- On April 9th, Governor Wes Moore 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. 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 01.01.2024.14](#) - Prohibiting certain intercepts of temporary economic and financial assistance relief related to the FSK Bridge collapse.
- [Executive Order 01.01.2024.13](#) - Authorizes the Secretary of Natural Resources to Modify Rules for the Operation of Vessels in Close Proximity to the FSK Bridge Area.
- [Executive Order 01.01.2024.12](#) - Authorizing the suspension of statutes, rules, and regulations governing grant procurements and temporary assistance programs related to the FSK Bridge collapse.
- [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](#)

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