

Chesapeake Bay Western Shore - Construction Zone around the William Preston Lane Jr. Memorial Bay Bridge

What is the current regulation for the area?

Currently there is no speed limit regulation for this area, although it is directly adjacent to the Sandy Point Bathing Beach Restricted Zone and the Mezick Pond Minimum Wake Zone.



What is being considered?

The Department is considering establishing a 6-knot speed zone in the Chesapeake Bay for the area surrounding the construction site of the Maryland Transportation Authority's Eastbound Bay Bridge Deck Replacement Project. The speed limit would be effective at all times through March 31, 2026.

Why is this change necessary?

The speed zone under consideration is required to ensure public safety and protect human life. Without an established speed limit, the construction zone poses safety threats for all waterway users, employees, and contractors. The speed limit will help protect all workers and barges from excessive wake actions. This action will positively support the project and prevent delays.

Who will this affect?

All vessels

Map of the Area Under Consideration

