



Francis Scott Key Bridge Impact Resources

What Happened:

In the early hours of Tuesday, March 26, 2024, a cargo ship, M/V DALI (Singapore-flagged), collided with the Francis Scott Key Bridge causing the center portion of the bridge (N/B I-695 and S/B I-695) to collapse into the water, obstructing the Port of Baltimore's main channel. Sadly, six workers lost their lives in this tragic incident. The transportation and shipping sectors have been significantly impacted.

From the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Kevin Atticks:

On behalf of the Maryland Department of Agriculture, we extend our deepest sympathies to all those affected by the recent Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families, and the first responders who bravely rushed to the scene. As we grapple with the implications of this tragedy, we also recognize the potential impact on the local and national economy, particularly within the agricultural community. The Port of Baltimore serves as a crucial link in the supply chain for Maryland's farmers and the broader national agricultural community, facilitating the export of agricultural products. The temporary closure of this vital gateway will have far-reaching implications, affecting not only the local agricultural industry but also the national economy. We recognize the substantial challenges that farmers will face due to this unforeseen disruption.

How We Plan to Assist:

The **Maryland Department of Agriculture** is committed to closely monitoring the Key Bridge situation and Baltimore Port closure, providing unwavering support to our industry stakeholders and partners. The Department will continue to communicate relevant information regarding the import and export of agricultural commodities, products, and equipment, with a focus on minimizing the impact of this tragic event on our agricultural community. As we navigate through the aftermath of this tragedy, we will continue to provide updates, guidance, and support to our agricultural community. We are dedicated to keeping our stakeholders informed and empowered as we work towards recovery and resilience.



Additional Resources:

Office of the Governor

Link to press releases from Governor Wes Moore regarding Key Bridge incident

<https://governor.maryland.gov/news/press/Pages/default.aspx>

[Office of Maryland Governor Moore State of Emergency Executive Order](#)

State Agencies

[Maryland Port Administration](#)

[Maryland Port Administration official page for Key Bridge response](#)

[Maryland Transportation Authority \(MDTA\) Key Bridge News](#)

[Maryland Department of Environment](#)

[Maryland State Police](#)

[Maryland Department of Commerce](#)

- [Francis Scott Key Bridge- Business Assistance Survey](#)

[Port of Baltimore Directory](#)

City Of Baltimore

City of Baltimore Press Releases

<https://mayor.baltimorecity.gov/news/press-releases/2024-04-04-april-4th-update-key-bridge-response-unified-command>

Anne Arundel County Emergency Management

Federal Agencies

[U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Baltimore District](#)

[National Transportation Safety Board](#)



U.S Army Corp of Engineers tentative timeline for Main Channel opening timeline press release:
<https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Media/News-Releases/Article/3731790/us-army-corps-of-engineers-develops-tentative-timeline-to-reopen-fort-mchenry-c/>

[U.S. Coast Guard](#)

[Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](#)

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) press releases:
<https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2024/03/29/readout-meeting-agricultural-stakeholders-port-baltimore-and>
<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/news/program-update/bridge-collapse-usda-provides-guidance-imporders-agricultural-shipments-bound>

[Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Executive Order](#)

Farm Organizations:

American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) economic analysis of agricultural impacts:
<https://www.fb.org/market-intel/what-will-the-collapse-of-baltimores-key-bridge-mean-for-agriculture>

[Maryland Farm Bureau](#)

[Maryland Grain Producers](#)

[Maryland Soybean Board](#)

[Mid-Atlantic Soybean Association](#)

[Delmarva Chicken Association](#)