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### MDTA Splits Key Bridge Rebuild into Four Procurements

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The [State Contracting, Procurement and Bid Protests Team](#) of Rifkin Weiner Livingston is continuing to monitor the procurement for the rebuilding of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. Last month, the Maryland Transportation Authority announced

that it was exercising the “off-ramp” mechanism of the [progressive design build](#) contract it has on the project with Kiewit Infrastructure Co.

On Tuesday, May 19, 2026, MDTA held an industry forum to unveil its plan to split the construction phase into **four separate procurements**. The four components, which will be procured and contracted individually, are structured around the following distinct phases of the rebuild:

**1. Demolition & Miscellaneous Marine Work** - This covers the removal and salvage of two three-span steel plate girder units over the Patapsco River, partial demolition of eight marine piers, sub-aqueous demolition of three marine foundations, and full demolition of two land piers

**2. Main Span and Marine Approaches** - This signature contract of the rebuild entails building a new cable-stayed bridge featuring a 1,665-foot main span with a 230-foot minimum vertical clearance over the federal navigation channel, along with robust vessel collision pier protection and marine approach bridges.

**3. South Land Approach** - This component involves building approximately 3,000 feet of approach bridge over land (including abutments and retaining walls), ground improvements within the wetlands, roughly 2,000 feet of on-grade approach roadway, stormwater management (bioswales), and electronic tolling/lighting infrastructure.

**4. North Land Approach** - Mirroring the south side, this contract covers approximately 2,400 feet of over-land approach bridge, abutments, ground improvements, 3,400 feet of on-grade roadway construction, environmental management assets, and integrated intelligent transportation systems.

MDTA expects to issue solicitations for procurement of the Demolition and Marine Work and the Main Span and Marine Approaches in the summer of 2026. Solicitations for each of the Approaches are expected in Winter 2027. The target date for opening of the new bridge remains at **late 2030**.

RWL's [State Contracting, Procurement and Bid Protests Team](#) is prepared to assist your efforts if you are interested in any aspect of this project. We can be reached at [bgogel@rwillaw.com](mailto:bgogel@rwillaw.com) or 410-554-3628, [slivingston@rwillaw.com](mailto:slivingston@rwillaw.com) or 301-704-8060.

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