



# Welcome

## Public Hearing for the I-95 Express Toll Lanes (ETL) Northbound Extension (Section 200) and I-695 Ramps Toll Rate Plan

### Purpose of Hearing

The purpose of the hearing is to:

- Notify the public that the proposed toll rate range for the I-95 ETL Northbound Extension (Section 200) and I-695 ramps match the existing toll rate ranges already set for the open/existing I-95 ETL facility (Section 100).
- Provide an opportunity to discuss the proposed toll rate ranges for Section 200 and I-695 ramps with Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Staff.
- Provide an opportunity to comment for the official record, which will be considered by the MDTA Board Members as part of their final decision making process.





## **Who is the MDTA**

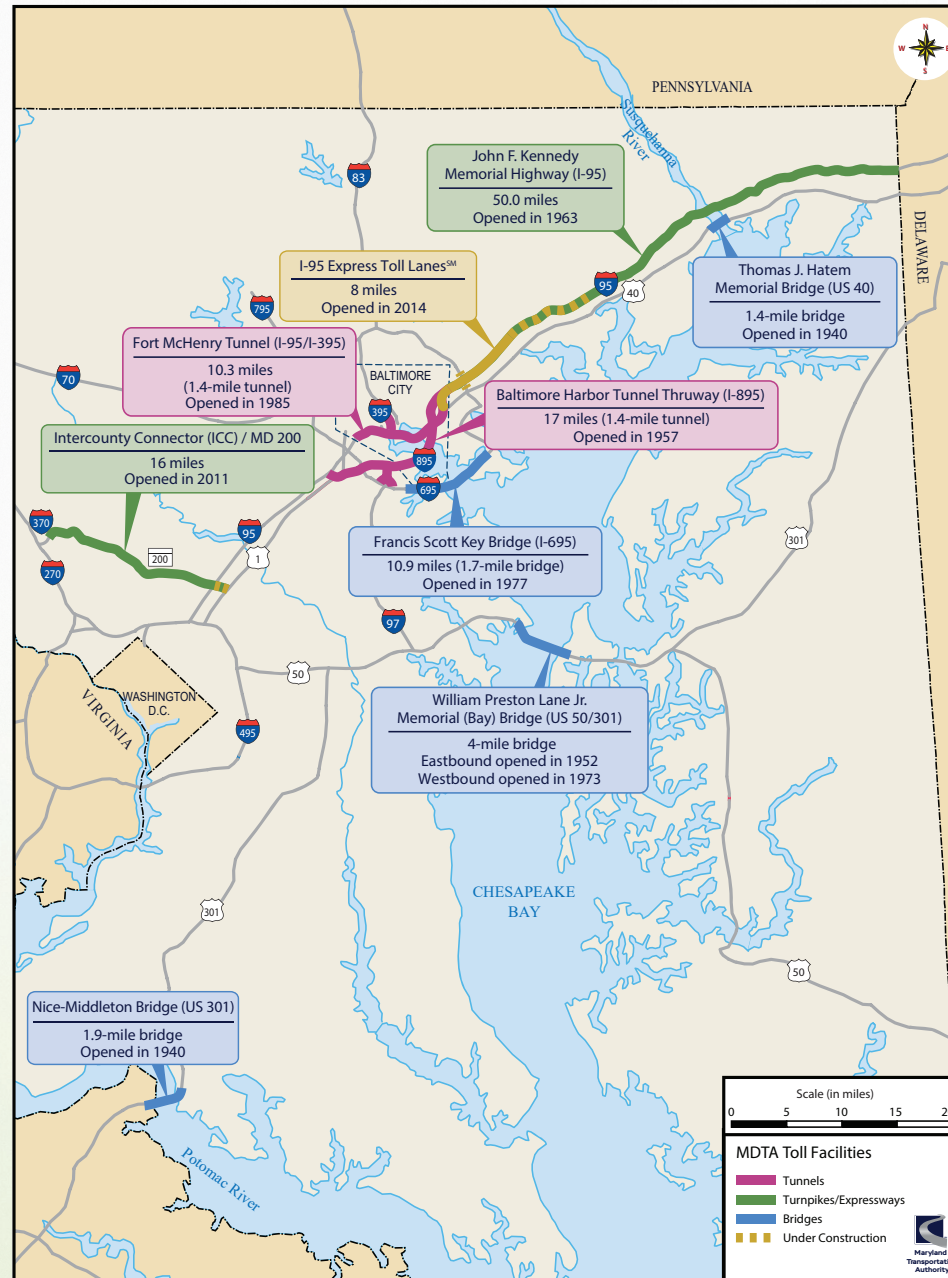
- **The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) is the State agency responsible for:**
  - Financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, protecting, and improving the State's eight toll facilities, including the I-95 Express Toll Lanes, with toll revenues paid by customers using those facilities.
  - The MDTA is self-sufficient and receives no gas tax, motor vehicle fees, or other revenue from the Transportation Trust Fund.
  - MDTA is governed by citizen Board Members appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate, and chaired by the Secretary of Transportation
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# I-95 EXPRESS TOLL LANES (ETL) NORTHBOUND EXTENSION



## MDTA Facilities

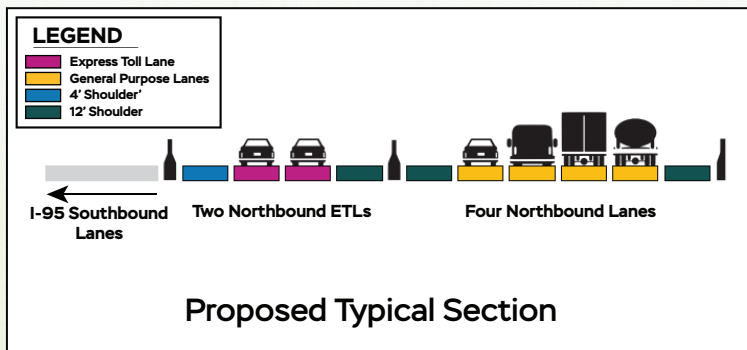






## What are the limits of the I-95 ETL Northbound Extension (Section 200)?

- Construction is ongoing to extend the I-95 ETL in the Northbound direction from MD 43 to north of MD 24, within the Section 200 limits of the I-95 Master Plan.
- The extension is expected to be open to traffic by Winter 2024/2025 to MD 152, with the full extension to north of MD 24 open to traffic by Winter 2027/2028.
- In addition, the project includes connecting the I-695 ramps into the new I-95 ETL northbound lanes.







# Project Benefits of the ETL Program

- **Congestion Relief:** Reduces the traffic congestion providing a more reliable commute time and removes the I-95/MD 24 interchange from the bottleneck list.
- **Jobs:** Improves connections to Trade Point Atlantic supply chains, supporting jobs.
- **Freight Mobility:** I-95 is the highest freight corridor in Maryland and the backbone for freight traffic for the East Coast.
- **Park & Ride (P&R):** Includes two P&R facilities for enhanced carpooling (MD 152 & MD 24/MD 924).
- **Transit:** Provides new transit connections with new lines already opened:
  - MD 24/924 P&R: Harford Transit stop added, Tour bus lines added, and sidewalk access added to the MTA 410 bus stop
  - MD 152 P&R: MTA adding a bus stop and coordinating with Harford Transit
- **Safety:** Prior to the ETL Program, I-95 experienced crash rates higher than the statewide average. The ETL facility also provides a better access for EMS service in times of emergency.
- **Environmental:** Provides water runoff treatment, stream enhancements, wetland creation, and tree planting.
- **Maintenance:** Provides a safer and less impactful opportunity for facility maintenance and replaces several 50-year-old bridges.



Provides new transit connections



Environmental Enhancements



Replaces 50 year old bridges



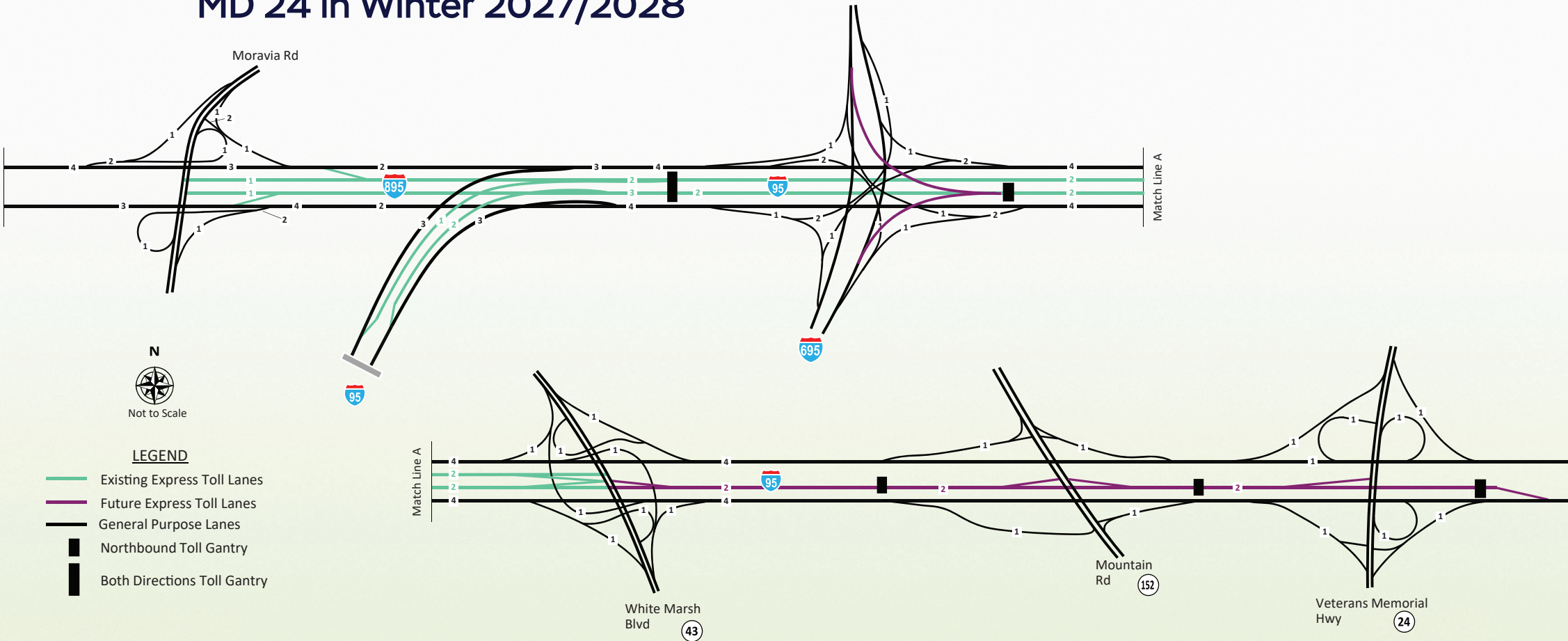


## Opening by Winter 2027/2028

### The I-95 Northbound ETL improvements will open on:

I-95 Northbound ETL to MD 152 in Winter 2024/2025

I-695 Ramps to I-95 Northbound ETL and I-95 Northbound ETL to north of MD 24 in Winter 2027/2028







## **Why Will the ETL be Tolled?**

- **Section 200 is an extension of an existing toll road and is being extended to offer a relatively free-flowing travel choice, especially during peak travel periods, by varying toll rates.**
- **Toll revenue will be used to construct the Facility.**

## **Where do Toll Dollars Go?**

- **All toll dollars collected at MDTA toll facilities go directly back into the operation, maintenance, and improvement of all MDTA facilities.**
- **Toll dollars are NOT shared with the State's General or Transportation Trust Funds or with other state government agencies.**





# What is the toll rate proposal for the I-95 ETL Northbound Extension (Section 200) and I-695 Ramps?

- **The proposed toll rate ranges for Section 200 and I-695 Ramps match the existing I-95 Express Toll Lane rate ranges.**
- **Existing toll rates ranges applied to the Northbound Extension are projected to continue high speed operations on I-95 through 2035.**

Motorcycle	Peak	Off-Peak	Overnight	4-axle light	Peak	Off-Peak	Overnight
E-ZPass	\$0.11 to \$0.18	\$0.09 to \$0.15	\$0.04 to \$0.15	E-ZPass	\$0.55 to \$0.88	\$0.43 to \$0.75	\$0.18 to \$0.75
Pay-by-Plate	\$0.14 to \$0.22	\$0.11 to \$0.19	\$0.04 to \$0.19	Pay-by-Plate	\$0.69 to \$1.09	\$0.53 to \$0.94	\$0.22 to \$0.94
Video	\$0.17 to \$0.26	\$0.13 to \$0.23	\$0.05 to \$0.23	Video	\$0.83 to \$1.31	\$0.64 to \$1.13	\$0.26 to \$1.13
2-axle	Peak	Off-Peak	Overnight	4-axle heavy	Peak	Off-Peak	Overnight
E-ZPass	\$0.22 to \$0.35	\$0.17 to \$0.30	\$0.07 to \$0.30	E-ZPass	\$0.66 to \$1.05	\$0.51 to \$0.90	\$0.21 to \$0.90
Pay-by-Plate	\$0.28 to \$0.44	\$0.21 to \$0.38	\$0.09 to \$0.38	Pay-by-Plate	\$0.83 to \$1.31	\$0.64 to \$1.13	\$0.26 to \$1.13
Video	\$0.33 to \$0.53	\$0.26 to \$0.54	\$0.11 to \$0.45	Video	\$0.99 to \$1.58	\$0.77 to \$1.35	\$0.32 to \$1.35
3-axle light	Peak	Off-Peak	Overnight	5-axle	Peak	Off-Peak	Overnight
E-ZPass	\$0.33 to \$0.53	\$0.26 to \$0.45	\$0.11 to \$0.45	E-ZPass	\$1.32 to \$2.10	\$1.02 to \$1.80	\$0.42 to \$1.80
Pay-by-Plate	\$0.41 to \$0.66	\$0.32 to \$0.56	\$0.13 to \$0.56	Pay-by-Plate	\$1.65 to \$2.63	\$1.28 to \$2.25	\$0.53 to \$2.25
Video	\$0.50 to \$0.79	\$0.38 to \$0.68	\$0.16 to \$0.68	Video	\$1.98 to \$3.15	\$1.53 to \$2.70	\$0.63 to \$2.70
3-axle heavy	Peak	Off-Peak	Overnight	6+-axle	Peak	Off-Peak	Overnight
E-ZPass	\$0.44 to \$0.70	\$0.34 to \$0.60	\$0.14 to \$0.60	E-ZPass	\$1.65 to \$2.63	\$1.28 to \$2.25	\$0.53 to \$2.25
Pay-by-Plate	\$0.55 to \$0.88	\$0.43 to \$0.75	\$0.18 to \$0.75	Pay-by-Plate	\$2.06 to \$3.28	\$1.59 to \$2.81	\$0.66 to \$2.81
Video	\$0.66 to \$1.05	\$0.51 to \$0.90	\$0.21 to \$0.90	Video	\$2.84 to \$3.94	\$1.91 to \$3.38	\$0.79 to \$3.38

- Total unregistered video surcharge (difference between ETC/E-ZPass® toll and unregistered video toll amount) cannot exceed \$15 per trip.
- The minimum trip toll (not per mile) by payment type for all vehicle types would be \$0.40 for customers using E-ZPass, \$0.50 for customers using Pay-By-Plate (Registered Video), and \$1.00 for customers using Video Tolling (Unregistered Video).
- Customers can receive an early payment discount of 15% off their toll up to \$5 for unregistered video trips if paid before notice is mailed.





## **ETL Pricing Periods (Same as the Existing ETL Pricing Periods)**

- **Per COMAR 11.07.05.04, the Executive Director may set or adjust the time of day pricing mileage rate, pricing period, or toll zones consistent with the toll rate range established by the Authority in accordance with §A of this regulation. The Authority shall post notice of such action by the Executive Director on the Authority's official website at least 10 days prior to the effective date.**
  
- **Peak Periods:**
  - **Southbound:** Monday - Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  - **Northbound:** Monday - Friday, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  
- **Overnight Periods:**
  - **Southbound and Northbound:**  
Monday - Sunday, 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.
  
- **Off-Peak Periods:** All other times





# Time of Day Pricing & How it Works

- **Per COMAR 11.07.05.04, the MDTA Executive Director is authorized to:**
  - Set the per mile rate within the approved toll rate ranges with at least 10 days notice to the public posted on the MDTA's official website.
  - Adjust the start and end of the pricing periods by up to 60 minutes based on observed traffic patterns.
  - Make adjustments on certain holidays and the days immediately before or after.
- **When the I-95 ETL open in Winter 2024/2025 and Winter 2027/2028, the toll rate range will vary based on the time of day.**
  - Tolls will be higher during peak-travel times and lower when traffic volumes are lower during off-peak and overnight periods.
  - Traffic volumes, toll rate ranges, and per mile rates will be reviewed periodically.
  - Changes to the overall tolling rate ranges, once approved by the MDTA Board, require public hearings and a public-comment period.





# What Could a Trip on the I-95 Express Toll Lanes Cost?

**Examples of sample trip costs:**

	Peak	Off-Peak	Overnight
<b>Car</b> traveling the entire distance of I-95 ETL on Section 100 and 200, <b>18.7 miles</b>	\$4.11	\$3.18	\$1.31
<b>5-axle truck</b> traveling entire distance of I-95 ETL on Section 100 and 200, <b>18.7 miles</b>	\$24.68	\$19.07	\$7.85
<b>Car</b> traveling from, I-695 east or west bound, to MD 24, <b>12.7 miles</b>	\$2.79	\$2.16	\$0.89

*Note: These examples of sample trips assume payment with E-ZPass using the minimum per mile toll in the toll rate range.*





# How to Pay

The ETL is an All-Electronic Toll facility, where tolls will be collected at highway speeds as vehicles pass under overhead tolling structures.

There are multiple ways to pay\*:

■ **Pay with *E-ZPass***

- The toll is automatically paid from your *E-ZPass* account.

■ **Pay with Pay-By-Plate**

- Pay-By-Plate is an alternative payment system where you register your license plate and tolls are automatically billed to your credit card each time you use Maryland's facilities.

■ **Pay with Video Tolling**

- The license plate is used to identify the vehicle owner with the Motor Vehicle Administration.
- A toll is calculated and you are mailed a Notice of Toll Due (NOTD). Video Tolls are 150% of the base toll (*E-ZPass*), with a minimum charge of \$1 and a maximum of \$15. Note, Customers can receive an early payment discount of 15% off their toll, up to \$5, for unregistered video trips if paid before notice is mailed.
- Customers will have 30 days to pay from the NOTD date.

■ **Pay with 3rd Party Mobile Tolling Apps**



*\*Note: There will be no cash toll collection on the I-95 ETL.*





## Summary

- **The proposed toll rate ranges for Section 200 and I-695 ramps match the existing I-95 Express Toll Lane rate ranges.**
- **The proposed pricing periods match the existing periods.**
- **Existing per mile toll rate ranges, if applied to the Northbound Extension, are projected to continue high speed operations on I-95 through 2035.**



# I-95 EXPRESS TOLL LANES (ETL) NORTHBOUND EXTENSION



## Schedule







# How to Comment



## ■ We want to hear from you

- Provide public or private testimony at this hearing
- Fill out a comment card and leave it at the comment table
- Submit a comment online at [mdta.maryland.gov/I95ETLNB-Section200](https://mdta.maryland.gov/I95ETLNB-Section200)
- Take a comment card with you and mail it back to the address on the card
- Public comments will be accepted through April 13, 2023

## ■ Stay Connected

- Keep up-to-date on the I-95 Improvements with Express Toll Lanes:
  - [Twitter.com/TheMDTA](https://twitter.com/TheMDTA)
  - [Facebook.com/TheMDTA](https://facebook.com/TheMDTA)
  - [mdta.maryland.gov/I95ETLNB/Projects](https://mdta.maryland.gov/I95ETLNB/Projects)
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# Title VI Compliance

## ■ What is Title VI?

- Title VI, 42 U.S.C., \* Section 2000d et seq., was enacted as part of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI-related statutes and regulations provide that no person shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex, English proficiency, or disabilities be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity.

## ■ Why is Title VI Important?

- Title VI ensures that public services, including transportation, are provided in an equitable and nondiscriminatory manner.
- Title VI provides opportunities for public participation in decision-making without regard to race, color, or national origin, including populations with Limited English Proficiency (LEP).

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## ■ Filing a Complaint / Seeking Assistance

- Should you need LEP assistance or if you believe MDTA is not meeting the expectations of Title VI, you may direct questions, concerns, or file a complaint with:

**Lead EEO/Title VI  
Compliance Officer**

Maryland Transportation Authority  
Division of Civil Rights & Fair Practices  
EEO Office  
2310 Broening Highway  
Baltimore, MD 21224

410-537-1051 (office)  
410-537-1044 (Fax)  
<http://www.mdtta.maryland.gov>