

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2024, Legislative Day No. 7

Resolution No. 16-24

All Councilmembers

By the County Council, April 1, 2024

A RESOLUTION of the Baltimore County Council to offer its sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers to the family and friends of those lost in the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; to express its unequivocal support and appreciation to the first responders who have been at the forefront of the rescue and recovery efforts at the site following this unimaginable tragedy; and, as the recovery efforts and investigation into the Bridge collapse are completed, to encourage our Federal, State, and local partners to continue to work together collaboratively, and to utilize all resources available to expedite the reopening of the Port of Baltimore as quickly as possible, support the thousands of Port workers that have been displaced as a result of this tragedy, and to ultimately rebuild the Francis Scott Key Bridge to once again serve as the iconic architectural entrance to Baltimore and the Patapsco River.

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of Tuesday, March 26, 2024, as workers were performing maintenance on the Francis Scott Key Bridge and late night/early morning traffic was crossing the span, a large container ship struck one of the Bridge's main support piers, causing the entire steel and concrete structure to plunge into the Patapsco River; and

WHEREAS, the collapse caused those workers and vehicles on the Bridge to be thrown into the cold waters from a height of 185 feet and the wreckage to be strewn throughout the entire harbor channel, making it impassable; and

WHEREAS, the resulting loss of life and the severe impacts to the economy, transit, and commerce the collapse has wrought led the Governor of the State of Maryland and the Baltimore County Executive to both declare a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, with the uncertainty of the future and the devastation this tragedy has caused, it is vitally important for the coordinated and timely response at all levels of government – local, State, and Federal – to continue uninterrupted, and to unlock necessary funding and expedite contracting and permitting, and to defer unnecessary formalities and bureaucracy in order to keep pushing forward; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, that the Council offers its sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers to the family, friends, and loved ones of those lost in the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; expresses its unequivocal support and appreciation to the first responders who have been at the forefront of the rescue and recovery efforts at the site following this unimaginable tragedy; and, as the recovery efforts and investigation into the Bridge collapse are complete, encourages our Federal, State, and local partners to continue to work together collaboratively, and to utilize all resources available to expedite the reopening of the Port of Baltimore as quickly as possible, support the thousands of port workers that have been displaced as a result of this tragedy, and to ultimately rebuild the Francis Scott Key Bridge to once again serve as the iconic architectural entrance to Baltimore and the Patapsco River; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect from the date of its passage by the County Council.



LEGISLATION DETAIL

LEGISLATION _____

DISPOSITION _____

ENACTED _____

EFFECTIVE _____

AMENDMENTS _____

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