

Intercounty Connector (ICC)
Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
Distribution and Availability
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Introduction

The Intercounty Connector (ICC) Study Team has completed the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the ICC project. The DEIS is now available for public review and comment and a series of public hearings will be held in January 2005 to accept public testimony on the project (for more information about the hearing, please see link at www.iccstudy.org or call 1-866-462-0020). The DEIS includes an overview of the purpose of the action, the alternatives evaluation process and environmental impacts and costs of each detailed alternative. It is the most comprehensive summary of the study and the Study Team encourages you to review the document.

The Study Team has also created a project brochure and DEIS summary document which highlights and summarizes the contents of the DEIS. This booklet will be mailed to those on the project mailing list (to sign up for the mailing list, please call 1-866-462-0020 or visit the web) and will be available on the web and at the public hearings.

DEIS Distribution and Availability

Printed copies of the DEIS are available for public review at 27 locations in and around the project Study Area, including many libraries and government offices. Printed copies of the Technical reports are also available for review at the following select locations:

- The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Offices in Upper Marlboro (Prince George's County) and Silver Spring (Montgomery County)
- The Maryland State Highway Administration – Headquarters in Baltimore and District #3 Office in Greenbelt
- The Maryland Transportation Authority Offices at the Francis Scott Key Bridge
- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in Baltimore.

Electronic versions (in PDF format) of the documents and technical reports are also all included on the project web site for downloading. In addition, the Study Team will make the DEIS or any of the technical reports available on Compact Disk (CD) free of charge to anyone who makes a request. For a list of locations or to request a CD, see the web site (go to Public Involvement and click on "Public Hearings" to fill out your electronic request) or call the aforementioned toll free line.

The Study Team has also provided a limited number of additional printed copies of the DEIS to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) in both Montgomery (8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring or 12900 Middlebrook Rd., Germantown) and Prince George's (14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper

Marlboro) Counties for loan. Interested stakeholders may visit either of these locations to borrow a printed copy of the document. Much like a library system, these documents will be available for loan and must be returned unmarked and intact so that they can be assigned to another interested person. **Borrowed copies of the DEIS can be kept for up to two weeks.** Interested stakeholders are encouraged to use this system and return copies as soon as practical, so that others may also take advantage of this system.

For those individuals or groups who want a printed copy of the DEIS of their own, the Study Team will provide a printed copy of the document at a reduced cost of \$390 (plus mailing if necessary). To request a print copy of the DEIS, call 1-866-462-0020. Please make checks payable to the Maryland State Highway Administration and your document will be sent upon receipt of payment.