

Media Advisory

Chesapeake Bay Passenger Ferry Feasibility Study findings to be unveiled at Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Summer Conference

WHAT:

The Chesapeake Bay Passenger Ferry Consortium, consisting of representatives from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Queen Anne's, Somerset, and St. Mary's counties, will release the findings of a feasibility study for a Chesapeake Bay passenger ferry system at this year's Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) Conference in Ocean City, MD. The study, conducted by Cambridge Systematics, Inc., evaluates the potential for a new passenger ferry service to stimulate economic growth within each host community, improve equitable access to the Bay for residents and visitors, provide new water transportation connectivity options, and promote enhanced tourism opportunities throughout the region. The consortium will present the findings at a moderated panel discussion during MACo's Solutions Showcase breakout session, titled "Navigating Opportunity: Results of the 5-County Coalition on the Chesapeake Bay Ferry System Feasibility Study."

WHO: Panelists include:

- Kristen Pironis, Executive Director, Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County
- Clint Sterling, Director, Somerset County Recreation and Parks
- Heather Tinelli, Director, Queen Anne's County Economic & Tourism Development
- Hilary Dailey, Tourism Program Specialist, Calvert County Government
- Ben Cohen, Development Facilitator, St. Mary's Department of Economic Development

WHEN: August 15, 2024, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

WHERE: MACo Summer Conference

Roland Powell Convention Center

4001 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842

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