ALTERNATES WORKSHOP
May 31 & June 1, 2007

Alternative 4: 1st Street Connection

Features:

- New 4-lane bridge with a high-level fixed span.
- New bridge connects south of 1st Street, crossing the concrete plant.
- Ties back into existing US 50 in west Ocean City.
- Added connection to continue southbound right-turn movement.
- Existing bridge possibly retained for pedestrians, bikes and fishing.

Issues:

- Fixed bridge requires no drawbridge openings.
- Increased capacity for evacuation and emergency situations.
- Highest number of displacements and properties impacted.
- Outbound traffic from the south will have to go several blocks further to the north to access the bridge.
- Improvements and turn prohibitions may be needed at some adjacent intersections.
- 1st St. is cut off between Saint Louis Ave. and Baltimore Ave. (MD 378) for vehicles and pedestrians.
- This alternative may require the most off-season roadway closures and detours in Ocean City of the build alternatives during construction of ramps.
- Total Cost = $355 to $365 Million.
- Total Displacements = 37.