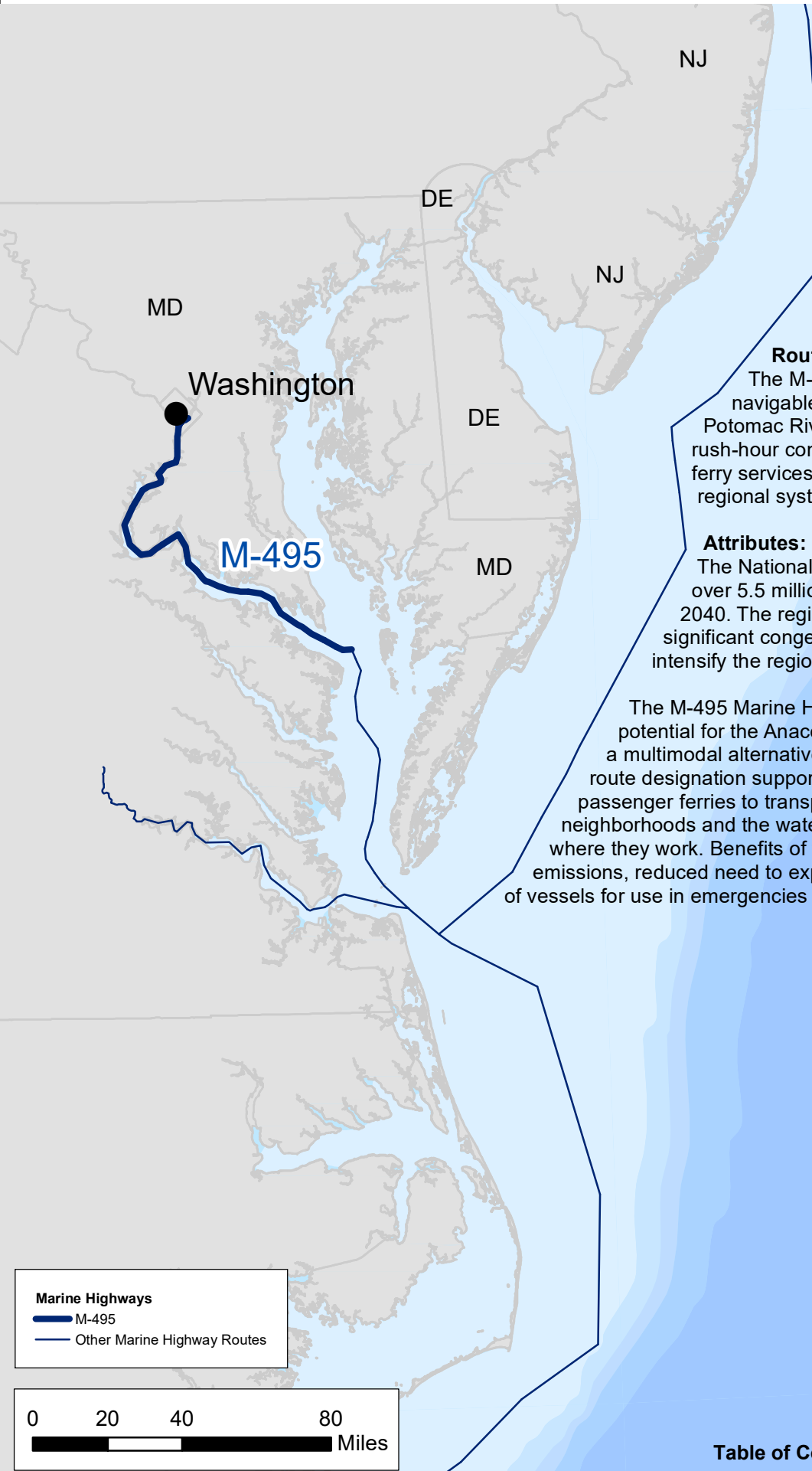


# Marine Highway M-495



**Sponsor:** Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC)

**Supporters:** District of Columbia Department of Transportation, Virginia Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment, the Town of Indian Head, MD, Charles County, MD, the Department of the Navy, Joint Base Anacostia/Bolling and a potential vessel operator.

**Landside Routes Served:** I-95, I-295, I-395, and I-495

**Route Description:**

The M-495 Marine Highway Route includes the navigable portions of the Anacostia, Occoquan, and Potomac Rivers. These segments have potential to reduce rush-hour congestion through the operation of passenger ferry services and would provide a needed redundancy to the regional system.

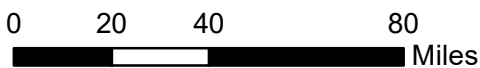
**Attributes:**

The National Capital Region geographic area will grow from over 5.5 million people currently to over 8 million people in 2040. The region already suffers from long commutes and significant congestion. Increasing population densities will intensify the region's transit capacity challenges.

The M-495 Marine Highway Route designation recognizes the potential for the Anacostia, Occoquan and Potomac Rivers to provide a multimodal alternative to the existing transportation network. The route designation supports regional efforts to plan, fund and build passenger ferries to transport commuters between their residential neighborhoods and the waterfront government buildings and military bases where they work. Benefits of these services include improvements in air emissions, reduced need to expand congested roadways, and the availability of vessels for use in emergencies and evacuations.

**Marine Highways**

- █ M-495
- █ Other Marine Highway Routes



Projection:  
NAD 1983 State Plane Virginia North

Data Sources:

1. International Boundaries: IPUMS (<https://international.ipums.org/international/gis.shtml>)
2. Bathymetry data: Michael Baker International
3. Marine Highways: MARAD/DOT