

Lessons from Skyway Disaster Failed to Help Protect Baltimore Bridge

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Maritime attorney **José Cot** (New Orleans) was quoted in a March 30 article in the *Tampa Bay Times* regarding key takeaways from the Francis Scott Key bridge accident in Baltimore.

José R. Cot, a maritime lawyer in New Orleans, said the kind of dolphin protection around the Sunshine Skyway isn't mandated by law, but that increased safeguards are a standard in the bridge building industry and have been for decades.

"They are guidelines in the industry that certainly point to what should be done to protect bridge piers from situations like this," Cot said.

Cot said adding layers of security protections can increase the cost of bridge projects, which may be why the guidelines weren't made mandatory.

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