

# 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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