

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025
9:00 A.M.

2310 BROENING HIGHWAY
BALTIMORE, MD 21224

IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAMED OPEN MEETING

OPEN SESSION

Samantha Biddle, Acting Chair

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dontae Carroll – via Telephone
Maricela Cordova
William H. Cox, Jr.
Mario J. Gangemi
Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger
Jeffrey S. Rosen
Samuel D. Snead
John F. von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:

Lt. Col. Ronce Alford
Jeffrey Brown
Percy Dangerfield
Jeffrey Davis
Bruce Gartner
David Goldsborough
Chantelle Green
James Harkness
Natalie Henson
Briana McEachern
Lt. Col. Corey McKenzie
Kimberly Millender, Esq.
Kelly Mundle
Mary O'Keeffe
Deb Sharpless
Khadriah Ward
Eric Willison

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Donna DiCerbo
Tia Rattini

At 9:00 a.m. Acting Chair Samantha Biddle called the meeting of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Board to order. The meeting was held in-person at MDTA Headquarters, 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore MD 21224 and was livestreamed on the MDTA Board Meeting web page.

Chair Biddle also welcomed our new MDTA Board Member, Ms. Maricela Cordova.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the open session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on February 27, 2025 were unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS – YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mr. Bruce Gartner read and presented Years of Service Recognition Resolutions to Ms. Donna DiCerbo and Ms. Tia Rattini.

On the occasion of Ms. DiCerbo's and Ms. Rattini's retirement from their distinguished careers of service, the Chairman and Members of the Maryland Transportation Authority Board hereby express to them their most sincere appreciation for their excellence and commitment.

APPROVAL – BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

With Member Maricela Cordova officially becoming a member of the Board, MDTA staff developed proposed committee assignments to reflect the new membership. These assignments added Member Cordova to the Capital Committee.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Samuel D. Snead, the Members unanimously approved the new Board Committee assignments.

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARD

• **SV-00211187 – Communications and Related Services**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. SV-00211187 – Communications and Related Services to McAndrew for a not to exceed amount of \$8,250,000.00 for a five year period (including a three year base contract and a single two year renewal option).

Mr. Davis explained the purpose of the contract is to retain the services of a qualified Contractor to provide communications and related services for the MDTA Office of Communications and Marketing. These services will aid the MDTA in public education, promoting public safety on MDTA roadways, and in providing exceptional and equitable customer service to all MDTA's customers and communities. Further examples of projects supported by this contract include implementing Bay Bridge Travel Campaigns, the Go Orange Day and Nation Safety Awareness campaigns, and MDTA Police recruitment campaigns.

MDTA advertised with the intent to award a single work-order based contract to the highest over-all ranked firm (considering both Technical and Financial proposals) with a not-to-exceed amount up to \$8.25 million for a five (5) year period (including a three (3) year base and single two (2) year renewal option). Financial Proposals were prepared using an estimated number of hours per labor classification for the life of the contract. The proposers provided fixed firm "Fully Loaded" hourly rates for each of these labor classifications in their proposal. Therefore, the total hypothetical cost of the contract in the financial proposal was used for evaluation and ranking purposes only.

Mr. Davis also explained that we anticipate presenting this Contract at the May 21, 2025 BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the Members unanimously gave approval of Contract No. SV-00211187 – Communications and Related Services.

APPROVAL – FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. Jeffrey Brown requested approval from the MDTA Board of an amendment to increase the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Operating Budget by \$7.3 million to account for the accelerated purchase of police vehicles in current fiscal year that were originally planned for FY 2026. According to Section 6.17 of the Trust Agreement, the budget may be amended at any time during the current fiscal year.

Mr. Brown explained that as a result of collective bargaining, 90 police vehicles must be purchased and distributed by July 1, 2025. The FY 2025 Amended Operating Budget totals \$441.4 million. This represents an increase of \$7.3 million, or 1.7%, above the previous FY 2025 budget. The previous FY 2025 budget anticipated vehicle distribution after July 1, 2025. Consequently, the funds for these vehicles were budgeted in FY 2026 instead of FY 2025. The budget change represents a shift in funding between the two years, not a net increase.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen, the Members unanimously gave approval to increase the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Operating Budget by \$7.3 million to account for the accelerated purchase of police vehicles in current fiscal year that were originally planned for FY 2026.

UPDATE – FISCAL YEAR 2025 DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES BUDGET ANALYSIS

Ms. Deb Sharpless provided an overview of the budget issues and recommendations presented by the Department of Legislative Services during the MDTA's Fiscal Year 2026 legislative budget hearing. The overview included a brief recap of the MDTA's responses to the issues raised in the budget analysis document.

UPDATE – MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. James Harkness updated the MDTA Board on the status of Major Projects in the Capital Program. Mr. Harkness explained that as of March 19, 2025, there are thirteen major projects in the Capital Program. Eleven of the projects are under construction and two are under design. This update includes projects funded for construction in the current Consolidated Transportation Program and includes five projects valued in excess of \$100 million. There are four projects from the \$1.1 billion I-95 ETL Northbound Expansion program.

In this update, Mr. Harkness further explained that there is one project with a construction budget change and one project with a design schedule change. The budget for KB-4903 Francis Scott Key Bridge Replacement – Phase 1 has increased by \$10.6 million due to the procurement and delivery of long lead-time materials for the test pile program. The advertisement schedule for KH-3046 I-95/I-695 Interchange Express Toll Lanes Ramps has changed from April 2025 to June 2025 due to delays in obtaining the environmental permits for the project.

UPDATE – DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DOIT) MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. David Goldsborough updated the MDTA Board on the Division of Information Technology (DoIT) major projects. As of March 27, 2025, DoIT maintains an active portfolio of 21 projects and continued support of the third generation tolling system (3G) program.

Some of the significant initiatives that DoIT continues to work on include the following:

- HR Central Conversion
- Scheduling System Enhancements
- Maximo Spatial
- Dynamics SL Upgrade
- HRIS
- Data Center Enhancements Project
- Clearing House Tracking for Health and Safety
- Police BWC
- Maximo 9 Upgrade

UPDATE – CIVIL RIGHTS AND FAIR PRACTICES (CRFP) SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS STATUS

Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Percy Dangerfield, introduced the new Director of Civil Rights Fair Practices, Ms. Khadriah Ward.

Ms. Ward then updated the MDTA Board on MDTA's progress toward achieving the legislatively mandated socioeconomic program goals for Quarter 2 of 2025, which covers the performance period of July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. (Q2 FY 2025).

These programs include the following:

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program;
- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program;
- Small Business Reserve (SBR) Program; and
- Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) Program.

UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Ms. Mary O'Keeffe gave an update to the MDTA Board regarding the bills that have been filed that will have an impact to the MDTA and the number of legislative casework/inquiries that his office has received thus far.

UPDATE – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger presented an update on the Audit Committee meeting that took place on March 11, 2025.

Member Penny-Ardinger explained the Committee was informed that Audits is on track to complete the 13 audits in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Audit Plan with three audits complete, five in progress, and five planned. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Enterprise-Wide Risk Assessment was presented. The Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Audit Plan were presented and the Committee discussed and concurred with the proposed FY 2026 Audit Plan. Also, one internal audit report on License Plate Reader (LPR) Compliance Audit was presented and the Committee was satisfied with the result of the audit.

UPDATE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bruce Gartner welcomed new MDTA Board Member, Ms. Maricela Cordova and expressed his thanks and gratitude to outgoing Board Member, Mr. W. Lee Gaines, Jr. for his 10 years of service to the MDTA.

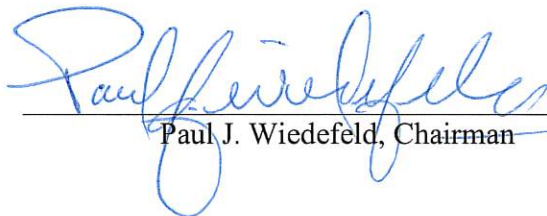
Mr. Gartner then updated the MDTA Board on the following: March 26 Commemoration Event of the Collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge (FSK); the various FSK documentaries that have been released; various events that both Mr. Gartner and Mr. Harkness have been speakers at regarding the FSK Bridge Rebuild; March 25 Doing Business with the MDTA; the NTSB Report and Press Conference; April 2 is the next meeting of the Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group; and April 7 is the last day of Legislative Session.

VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, upon motion by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at MDTA Headquarters, 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore MD 21224 and will be livestreamed on the MDTA Board webpage.

APPROVED AND CONCURRED IN



Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chairman