

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018
2310 BROENING HWY, BALTIMORE, MD 21224

OPEN SESSION

Pete Rahn, Chairman

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Katherine B. Armstrong
P. Jack Basso
Dontae Carroll
William H. Cox, Jr.
William Ensor
W. Lee Gaines (via telephone)
Mario J. Gangemi
John von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:

Percy Dangerfield
Donna DiCerbo
Lieutenant Colonel Reynold Giese
David Goldsborough
Chantelle Green
Michele Gross
James Harkness
Natalie Henson
Meshelle Howard
Robert C. Jordan, Jr.
Garry Kirts
Jody McCurley
Kimberly Millender, Esquire
Tonya Morant
Will Pines
Kevin C. Reigrut
Mike Rice
Deborah Sharpless
Cheryl Sparks
Chris Thompson
Dan Williams
Melissa Williams
Eric Willison

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Tom Krueger, Conduent

At 9:00 a.m. Chairman Pete Rahn called the meeting of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Board to order.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2018

Upon motion by Member P. Jack Basso and seconded by Member William Ensor, the Open meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on February 22, 2018 were unanimously approved.

AWARD – SECRETARY’S EXTRA MILE AWARD

Chairman Pete Rahn awarded the Secretary’s Extra Mile Award to MDTA Maintenance employee, Garry L. Kirts. Mr. Kirts was able to use the lights and loud speaker in his vehicle to stop a vehicle that was traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes of Route 50. If not for Mr. Kirts actions, the vehicle could have continued driving and resulted in a severe, most likely fatal, collision.

This is an award that is usually given out at the MDOT Excellerator Meeting; however, due to a previous work commitment Mr. Kirts was unable to attend that meeting. Therefore, Chairman Rahn presented him with the award at the MDTA Board Meeting.

AWARD – AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS (AASHTO) AWARD

Executive Director Kevin C. Reigrut presented Mr. Robert C. Jordan, Jr. with an award from the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO). This award was presented to Mr. Jordan for his twenty-five years of meritorious public service.

APPROVAL – CANTON BOARD CHAIRMAN

Ms. Deborah Sharpless reported that the current Chair of the Canton Board, Ms. Mary Halsey, has stepped down due to time constraints at her new full time employment.

MDTA is the sole stockholder of the Canton Development Company, Inc. As such, the MDTA Board approves the nomination of Canton Board members including the Chair. Ms. Sharpless and Member William Cox, MDTA Liaison to the Canton Board, both recommended that Mr. Bill Hellman be named as Chair of the Canton Board.

Upon motion by Member Cox and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the Members unanimously approved Mr. Bill Hellman as Chair of the Canton Board.

UPDATE – FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019 DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES BUDGET ANALYSIS

Ms. Chantelle Green provided an overview on the budget issues and recommendations presented by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) during MDTA's FY 2019 legislative budget hearing. The overview included a discussion of the policy issues raised in the budget analysis regarding the video toll process and the MDTA's responses. Ms. Green also discussed DLS' recommendation to amend the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2018 to change the statutory due date of the financial forecast from July 1 to September 1 of each year. The MDTA concurred with the recommendation.

UPDATE – I-95 NORTHBOUND EXPRESS TOLL LANES (ETL's)

Mr. Dan Williams updated the Board on options that are being reviewed for Section 200 of the Expansion of the I-95 Northbound Express Toll Lanes (ETL's) Project. After discussing some of the options, Mr. Williams indicated that as the options are narrowed down and move forward, the Board will be updated.

UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE

Ms. Michele Gross updated the Members on a number of bills that MDTA is tracking for this year's legislative session and the status of each bill.

UPDATE – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Member John von Paris reported on the March 20, 2018 Audit Committee meeting. The Office of Audits is generally on track to complete the 18 audits in the Fiscal Year 2018 Audit Plan. Ten are complete, four are in process, and two are scheduled to begin between April 8, 2018 and May 26, 2018. Two audits were rescheduled to Fiscal Year 2019 since the implementation of the updated software program, Maximo, was delayed to July 2018.

Three audit reports were presented and the Committee was satisfied with the results. However, with regard to the Audit of IT Applications Management, the Audit Committee expressed concern with Management's expected date to implement corrective actions for improving control procedures relating to the access of MDTA's network and IT applications. Management will reevaluate and determine whether the corrective actions may be implemented sooner than indicated in the audit report.

Member von Paris also noted that the Office of Audits in its FY 2019 Audit Plan has made it a high priority to audit the services of the incoming and outgoing contractors of the MDTA toll collection systems.

UPDATE – INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, TUNNEL AND TURNPIKE ASSOCIATION (IBTTA) CONFERENCE

Executive Director Reigrut reported on the 86th Annual IBTTA Conference that will be hosted by the MDTA on October 13-16, 2018. The video promoting the conference was shared as well as some preliminary information regarding events to be held during the conference. This is IBTTA's largest conference of the year. More updates will be forthcoming to the Board once the schedule and agenda begin to get finalized.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Executive Director Reigrut reported on several topics to include the Belvedere Road Interchange; a Meeting with the Department of the Interior regarding I-295; the status of the Port Covington project; Member Basso's Meeting with Engineering; and the March 2, 2018 Wind Storm.

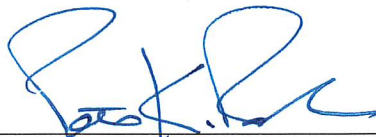
Mr. Reigrut gave the floor to Member Basso to update on a meeting that he had with MDTA Chief Engineer Dan Williams. Member Basso stated that he was happy to be invited and that the staff in Engineering have been pouring over issues and have excellent ideas to make improvements. Mr. Williams thanked Member Basso for meeting with them and stated that it was a productive meeting.

Mr. Reigrut wanted to go on record to state that the entire MDTA team that worked the wind storm were nothing less than heroic. He is sympathetic to the traveling public and delays encountered due to the closing of MDTA bridges during this event; however, with category 2 force winds that turned over 2 trucks on one of our bridges and blew multiple train cars off of their tracks, he is very proud of the efforts of the MDTA team as there were zero (0) fatalities/major injuries on our bridges during the storm.

There being no further business, the meeting of the MDTA Board was adjourned by general consensus at 10:01 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on April 19, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at 2310 Broening Hwy, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

APPROVED AND CONCURRED IN:



Pete K. Rahn, Chairman