

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023
9:00 A.M.

2310 BROENING HIGHWAY, BALTIMORE MD 21224
IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAMED OPEN MEETING

OPEN SESSION

Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chairman

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dontae Carroll
William H. Cox, Jr.
William C. Ensor, III
W. Lee Gaines, Jr. – Via Telephone
Mario J. Gangemi
Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger – Via Telephone
Jeffrey S. Rosen
John F. von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:

Col. Kevin Anderson	LaToya Lewis
Darryl Campbell	Selena McKissick
Carl Chamberlin	Kelly Melhem
Helen Dale	Kimberly Millender, Esq.
Donna DiCerbo	Diana Mondoua
Tonya Dorsey	Ebony Moore
Choshena Farmer	Stacey Newton
Angelique Gladden	Mary O’Keeffe
David Goldsborough	William Pines
Chantelle Green	Captain Donnae Reedy
James Harkness	LaSonia River-Delaney
Natalie Henson	Bradley Ryon
Tareva Joseph	Joseph Sagal
Arathi Kemparaju	John Sales
Trina Kennedy	Deb Sharpless
James Kittleman	

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Samantha Biddle, MDOT Deputy Secretary
Dawn Stower, MDTA Retiree
Bob Stower, Husband of MDTA Retiree
12 School Aged Minor Children Participating in MDTA’s
Bring Your Child to Work Day Program

At 9:01 a.m. Chairman Paul J. Wiedefeld 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. Chairman Wiedefeld started the meeting by welcoming the 12 school age minor children who were in attendance because of the MDTA's Bring Your Child To Work Day Program.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 30, 2023

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Mario J. Gangemi, the open session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on March 30, 2023 were unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION – YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mr. Will Pines read and presented a Years of Service Recognition Resolution to Ms. Dawn Stower.

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

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARDS

- **KH-3030-0000 – I-95 Express Toll Lanes Northbound Extension Southbound I-95 Noise Wall – MD 24 Woodsdale**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. KH-3030-0000 – I-95 Express Toll Lanes Northbound Extension Southbound I-95 Noise Wall – MD 24 Woodsdale with Allan Myers MD, Inc. in the amount of \$6,485,000.00.

Ms. DiCerbo explained that the work to be performed under this contract is located adjacent to I-95 in Harford County. The scope of work includes constructing a noise barrier along the I-95 southbound ramp to MD 24 westbound for approximately 0.44 miles. The noise barrier is needed to attenuate noise coming from vehicular traffic on the existing and planned future expansion of I-95.

Upon motion by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the Members unanimously gave contingent approval to execute Contract No. KH-3030-0000 – I-95 Express Toll Lanes Northbound Extension Southbound I-95 Noise Wall – MD 24 Woodsdale.

APPROVAL – NEW SECTION (SECTION 200) OF THE I-95 EXPRESS TOLL LANES (ETL) NORTHBOUND AND I-695 RAMPS

Mr. Carl Chamberlin requested approval from the MDTA Board to proceed with the second public comment period for the recommended action (recommended toll rate ranges) for the I-95

Express Toll Lanes (ETL) Northbound Extension (Section 200) and I-695 Ramps Toll Rate Range Setting.

Mr. Chamberlin explained to the MDTA Board that after presenting the I-95 ETL Northbound Extension (Section 200) & I-695 Ramps toll rate range proposal at two in-person public hearing sessions and one virtual call-in public hearing session and providing 75 days of open public comment on the proposal, the MDTA had a total of 38 persons who provided 36 comments, 29 statements of support/opposition/neutrality regarding the proposed Tolling Plan, and/or 34 survey responses related to their use of the MDTA facilities.

He further explained that at this time MDTA staff recommends that the MDTA Board approve a second public comment period, as stipulated in Transportation Article §4-312 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) Title 11 Department of Transportation, Subtitle 07 MDTA, Chapter 05 Public Notice of Toll Schedule Revisions (11.07.05), to solicit comments on the recommended action.

Mr. Chamberlin further explained that at this point MDTA staff are not seeking approval of the proposal today, rather they are seeking to continue the toll rate range setting process by moving forward with a second comment period.

Upon motion by Member John F. von Paris and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members unanimously approved to continue the toll rate range setting process by moving forward with a second comment period for the I-95 Express Toll Lanes (ETL) Northbound Extension (Section 200) and I-695 Ramps Toll Rate Range Setting.

UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Bradley Ryon and Mr. James Kittleman gave a final update to the MDTA Board wrapping up the 2023 legislative session and its impacts to the MDTA.

Chairman Paul J. Wiedefeld and Executive Director William Pines thanked Mr. Ryon and Mr. Kittleman for all their work during Session. Mr. Ryon thanked everyone who helped to make this year's Session run so smoothly.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. William Pines gave the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Pines then gave updates on the following items: Bicycle System Informational Open House at the Nice/Middleton Bridge; Spring *E-ZPass* Email to Customers; April 25th Central Region hiring Event for Highway Maintenance Workers; MDTA Programs and Tools to help Employees Succeed in their Positions and Advance their Careers; April 7th Operations Team Leadership Development Training; the upcoming MDTA Leadership Advance scheduled for mid-May; and the upcoming MDTA Police Fallen Heroes Ceremony scheduled for May 5.

Mr. Pines thanked several MDTA employees for their outstanding work and dedication over the past month for several events including Hot Dog Day, Earth Day, the upcoming Shoreline Clean-Up Day, and the Maryland Charity Campaign.

Mr. Pines updated the MDTA Board on the MDTA Police Awards and Training Ceremony that took place on April 25. More than 50 officers and civilians were honored with Lifesaving Awards, Service Awards, DUI Enforcement Awards, Chief's Commendations, and Officer of the Year Award. Five-year member of the force, Officer Justin Insley was named the 2022 MDTA Police Officer of the Year. Assigned to the Central Command Detachment, Officer Insley was honored for mentoring less-experienced officers and excellence in DUI enforcement. During 2022, Officer Insley removed 136 impaired drivers from busy interstates in the Baltimore metropolitan area including I-95, I-895, and I-695.

Mr. Pines final employee recognition was to present the Employee of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter of 2023 to Ms. Trina Kennedy. Ms. Kennedy was nominated by our Recruitment and Examinations Manager Kristi Metzger.

Ms. Kennedy started with the MDTA on September 19, 2012 as a Personnel Associate III and has since been promoted many times. She currently serves as the Lead Recruitment and Examinations Analyst.

She provides critical service to MDTA employees and potential new employees by regularly adjusting her working hours to meet the needs of coworkers throughout the MDTA and new hires. Since 2017, she has continuously taken the lead on large scale initiatives such as Job Fairs and FMT Hiring Events. She spearheaded the creation of a new marketing campaign which uses restaurant place mats to encourage candidates to apply for work at the MDTA.

Ms. Kennedy is dedicated to providing exemplary customer service to her peers and though her position keeps her very busy, she never hesitates to stop what she's doing when she is asked to train new team members. She is dedicated to the success and growth of the Recruitment team through her guidance and leadership, and is always available to answer questions, review someone's work, or follow-up on a request.

VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 9:48 a.m., upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the Members voted unanimously to move into Closed Session under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, the MDTA Board will meet in Closed Session under the General Provisions Article, Sections 3-305(b)(15) to discuss the MDTA's Cyber Security Penetration Test Exercise and details of the findings including discussions regarding security assessments and deployment of information technology and network security related to detecting and investigating possible criminal activity; Section 3-305(b)(10) and (12) to receive an update on deployment of police staff and resources and other security measures; to discuss a pending investigative proceeding involving possible criminal conduct; and Section 3-305(b)(8) to receive a status update on all litigation currently pending against the MDTA.

In attendance for the entirety of Closed Session were Chairman Paul J. Wiedefeld; Members Carroll, Cox, Ensor, Gaines (via phone), Gangemi, Penny-Ardinger (via phone), Rosen, and von Paris; Will Pines; Kimberly Millender; Col. Kevin Anderson; and Natalie Henson. David Goldsborough was in attendance for Agenda Item # 7 (Cyber Security) only.

VOTE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

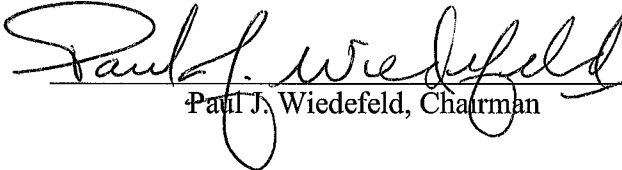
At 10:45 a.m., a motion was made by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member John F. von Paris which was unanimously approved, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to Open Session. There were no actions taken in Closed Session that require ratification.

VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at MDTA, 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore MD and will be livestreamed on the MDTA Board webpage.

APPROVED AND CONCURRED IN:


Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chairman