## MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY APRIL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024 4:00 P.M.

## VIRTUAL VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS & LIVESTREAMED OPEN MEETING

### **OPEN SESSION**

Samantha Biddle, Acting Chairman

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dontae Carroll

William H. Cox, Jr. Mario J. Gangemi

Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger

Samuel D. Snead John F. von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:

Bruce Gartner

Natalie Henson

Kimberly Millender, Esq.

Mary O'Keeffe Timothy Sheets

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Peter Berns, General Counsel, Maryland Office of the

Attorney General

Anthony G. Brown, Maryland Attorney General, Maryland Office of the Attorney General

Robert A. Scott, Deputy Chief of Litigation, Maryland

Office of the Attorney General

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At 4:01 p.m. Acting Chair Samantha Biddle called the Special Board Meeting of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Board to order. The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams and was livestreamed on the MDTA Board Meeting web page.

# <u>APPROVAL – CONTINGENT FEE PROVISION IN ASSISTANT COUNSEL CONTRACT</u> WITH THE OFFOCE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR LITIGATION SERVICES FOR THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE DISASTER

Ms. Kimberly Millender, Esq. gave a brief introduction of the attendees from the Maryland Office of the Attorney General and then turned the floor over to Maryland Attorney General Anthony G. Brown.

Attorney General Brown requested the MDTA Board's approval to move forward with the Attorney General's proposal to include a contingent fee provision in a contract for Assistant Counsel related to litigation for the Francis Scott Key Bridge disaster.

He explained that he seeks to award a contract to external law firms to serve as Assistant Counsel for the Francis Scott Key Bridge litigation. The firms will be paid on a contingent fee basis with the amount based on a sliding scale depending on the stage of litigation where recovery is obtained.

Approval of a payment on a contingent fee basis requires approval of the MDTA Board as part of its fiduciary responsibilities for monies pledged and received under the MDTA Trust Agreement. He also stated that he would be seeking approval from the Maryland Board of Public Works.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members unanimously gave approval to move forward with the Attorney General's proposal to include a contingent fee provision in a contract for Assistant Counsel related to litigation for the Francis Scott Key Bridge disaster.

#### VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, upon motion by Member Dontae Carroll and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:16 p.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 30, 2024 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