

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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.
W. Lee Gaines, Jr.
Mario J. Gangemi
Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger
Jeffrey S. Rosen
Samuel D. Snead
John F. von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:

Tekeste Amare
Percy Dangerfield
Donna DiCerbo
James Harkness
Natalie Henson
Richard Jaramillo
Selena McKissick
Kelly Melhem
Kimberly Millender, Esq.
Sushmita Mitra
Mary O'Keeffe
Acting Colonel Joseph Scott
Deborah Sharpless

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Jerry Jones

At 9:00 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.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 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 September 28, 2023 were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARDS

- **MDTA 2021-01 B – Small Business Reserve (SBR) Comprehensive Preliminary Engineering and Final Design Services**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MDTA 2021-01 B – SBR Comprehensive Preliminary Engineering and Final Design Services with SuYash Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$3,000,000.00.

Ms. DiCerbo explained that this project involves the award of one (1) contract to a Small Business Consultant Engineering Firm for Comprehensive Preliminary Engineering and Final Design Services for MDTA. The work shall include but not be limited to structural engineering including analysis, design, and rehabilitation of small and ancillary structures, noise walls, retaining walls and buildings; highway design, traffic engineering and studies, environmental engineering, ITS/electrical, geotechnical engineering, surveys, mechanical and electrical engineering services related to bridge, highway, and facility (building) projects; permitting, right-of-way support; condition inspection; project delivery; cost estimating; development of operation, warranty and maintenance plans; project and program management; planning; construction management and inspections, and "Phase V" services.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the Members unanimously gave contingent approval to execute Contract No. MDTA 2021-01 B – SBR Comprehensive Preliminary Engineering and Final Design Services.

- **MT-00210859 – Janitorial Services at John F. Kennedy Highway (JFK) and Thomas J. Hatem Bridge (TJH)**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MR-3033-0000 – On-Call Structural Repairs and Miscellaneous Modifications with Brawner Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$12,500,000.00, M.D. Miller t/a The Marksmen in the amount of \$9,000,000.00, and Concrete General, Inc. in the amount of \$8,500,000.00.

Ms. DiCerbo explained that this project is a multi-award contract to provide labor, equipment, materials, etc. necessary to perform miscellaneous structural, concrete, and other types of repairs, upgrades, replacements, and new construction as directed by the Engineer. This work may be required on any portion (bridge, tunnel, highway, building, and all appurtenances) of any of the MDTA's facilities.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the Members unanimously gave contingent approval to execute Community Services Contract No. MR-3033-0000 – On-Call Structural Repairs and Miscellaneous Modifications.

- **KB-3005-0000 – I-695 Repairs and Subgrade Rehabilitation on Sparrows Point Near Bear Creek**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract KB-3005-0000 – I-695 Repairs and Subgrade Rehabilitation on Sparrows Point Near Bear Creek with The Six-M Company, Inc. in the amount of \$33,210,000.00.

Ms. DiCerbo explained that the work to be performed under this Contract is located on I-695 on Sparrows Point near Bear Creek in Baltimore County. The scope of work includes subgrade rehabilitation due to significant settlement and deterioration of a section of roadway located just east of the MD 157 (Peninsula Expressway) underpass. The work also includes repairs to backwalls and approaches of the six bridges crossing Bear Creek, MD 157, and the Tradepoint Atlantic Railroad. The repairs and rehabilitation are needed to prevent further settlement and deterioration and to reestablish as-built conditions.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the Members unanimously gave contingent approval to execute Contract No. KB-3005-0000 – I-695 Repairs and Subgrade Rehabilitation on Sparrows Point Near Bear Creek.

- **KH-3040-0000 – MD 24 NB Auxiliary Lane – MD 924 through Singer Road Intersection**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. KH-3040-0000 – MD 24 NB Auxiliary Lane – MD 924 through Singer Road Intersection with Allan Myers MD, Inc. in the amount of \$17,249,777.00.

Ms. DiCerbo explained that the work to be performed under this contract is located on MD 24 from MD 924 to north of Singer Road in Harford County. An auxiliary lane will be constructed with median widening on NB MD 24. The auxiliary lane will allow NB MD 24 traffic turning onto WB Singer Road to remain left of thru traffic to reduce queuing at the Singer Road intersection as part of the I-95 Northbound ETL extension project.

Upon motion by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members unanimously gave contingent approval to execute Community Services Contract No. KH-3040-0000 – MD 24 NB Auxiliary Lane – MD 924 through Singer Road Intersection.

UPDATE – ANNUAL UPDATE ON FACILITY CONDITION INSPECTIONS

Mr. Tekeste Amare gave an update on the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Facilities Inspections. He provided a brief overview of the types of inspections that have been completed as well as the Inspection Findings for all structures that were inspected.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Ms. Mary O’Keeffe gave the Executive Director’s Report. Ms. O’Keeffe gave updates on the following items: the I-695 Repairs and Subgrade Rehabilitation on Sparrows Point in Baltimore County that was approved earlier in the meeting; the October 4th Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group (BBRAG) quarterly meeting; the progress of the annual MDOT CTP Tour Meetings; the October 21st 2nd Annual BWI Safety Day; and the 2023 Maryland Charity Campaign.

Ms. O’Keeffe also congratulated Deb Sharpless on being re-appointed to serve on the IBTTA’s Board of Directors. Lastly, she let the Board know that the MDTA’s financial outlook has improved and that the Board would be updated at next month’s Board Meeting.

VOTE TO GO INTO 1st CLOSED SESSION

At 9:50 a.m., upon motion by Member Dontae Carroll and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members voted unanimously to move into Closed Session under the Maryland Open Meetings Act. The MDTA Board met in Closed Session under the General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(15) to discuss MDTA’s Cyber Security Updates to include discussions regarding security assessments and deployment of information technology and network security related to the detecting and investigating possible criminal activity; Section 3-305(b)(12) to discuss a pending investigative proceeding of possible criminal conduct related to credit card fraud; Section 3-305(b)(10) and (12) to receive an update on deployment of police staff and resources and other security measures and to discuss pending investigative proceedings 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 Closed Session were Chairman Paul Wiedefeld; Members Carroll, Cox, Gaines, Gangemi, Penny-Ardinger, Rosen, Snead, and von Paris in-person; Mary O’Keeffe; Kimberly Millender, Esq.; Acting Col. Joseph Scott; and Natalie Henson. Mr. David Goldsborough and Mr. Percy Dangerfield were in attendance for Agenda Item 5 (To Discuss Cybersecurity) only. Ms. Deb Sharpless and Ms. Chantelle Green were in attendance for Agenda Item 6 (To Discuss an Investigative Proceeding of Possible Criminal Conduct Related to Credit Card Fraud) only.

VOTE TO ADJOURN 1st CLOSED SESSION

At 11:23 a.m., a motion was made by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., 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 GO INTO 2nd CLOSED SESSION

At 11:25 a.m., upon motion by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members voted unanimously to move into a 2nd Closed Session under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, the MDTA Board met in Closed Session under the General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(1) to discuss the qualifications of one or more persons to serve in an executive service position.

In attendance for the Closed Session were Chairman Paul Wiedefeld; Members Carroll, Cox, Gaines, Gangemi, Penny-Ardinger, Rosen, Snead, and von Paris in-person; Mary O'Keeffe; Kimberly Millender, Esq.; Acting Col. Joseph Scott; Percy Dangerfield and Natalie Henson.

VOTE TO ADJOURN 2nd CLOSED SESSION

At 11:42 a.m., a motion was made by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Mario J. Gangemi, which was unanimously approved, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to Open Session.

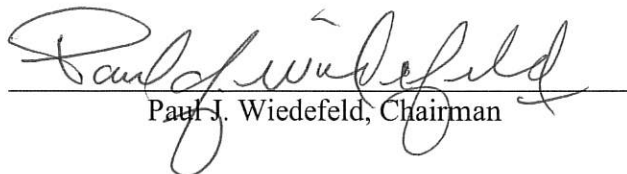
Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the Members ratified their approval of Mr. Percy Dangerfield as MDTA's Acting Executive Director.

VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 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