

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025  
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.  
Mario J. Gangemi  
Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger  
Jeffrey S. Rosen – Via Telephone  
Samuel D. Snead – Via Telephone  
John F. von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:

Lt. Col. Ronce Alford  
Jeffrey Brown  
Carl Chamberlin  
Percy Dangerfield  
Jeffrey Davis  
Allen Garman  
Bruce Gartner  
James Harkness  
Natalie Henson  
Kimberly Millender, Esq.  
Mary O'Keeffe  
Bradley Ryon  
Col. Joseph Scott  
Deb Sharpless  
Jennifer Stump  
Bradley Tanner  
Paul Trentalance  
John Wedemeyer

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 JANUARY 30, 2025**

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 January 30, 2025 were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL – CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 30, 2025**

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the closed session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on January 30, 2025 were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARD**

***\*\* Member John F. von Paris recused himself prior to this contract being presented. \*\****

**• MDTA 2023-02 – Comprehensive Project Planning and Miscellaneous Consulting Services**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MDTA 2023-02 – Comprehensive Project Planning and Miscellaneous Consulting Services with the following three proposers in the following three amounts for a total of \$20,500,000.00.

| <u>Contract #</u> | <u>Proposer</u>                           | <u>Amount</u>  |
|-------------------|---|----------------|
| AE-3136           | Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP (RK&K)        | \$9,000,000.00 |
| AE-3137           | Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc. (Jacobs)   | \$6,500,000.00 |
| AE-3138           | Wallace Montgomery/WSP USA, Inc. (WM/WSP) | \$5,000,000.00 |

Mr. Davis explained that the services to be performed under this contract will include project planning, environmental services, design services, miscellaneous consulting services including revenue and expense forecasting, toll analyses and studies pertaining to operating toll systems as directed by MDTA. MDTA advertised with the intent to award contracts to the three highest technically ranked firms in the amounts \$9 Million, \$6.5 Million and \$5 Million, for a total of \$20.5 Million for a five (5) year period.

Mr. Davis also explained that we anticipate presenting this Contract at the March 19, 2025 BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the Members unanimously gave approval of Contract No. MDTA 2023-02 – Comprehensive Project Planning and Miscellaneous Consulting Services.

***\*\* Member John F. von Paris returned to the room for the remainder of the meeting after the vote was complete. \*\****

- **MT-00211372 – On-Call Plumbing Services – Southern Region**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MT-00211372 – On-Call Plumbing Services – Southern Region with Langenfelder in the amount of \$529,800.00.

Mr. Davis explained that the purpose of the project is to retain the services of a qualified Contractor to provide on-call repairs and preventative maintenance tasks on plumbing equipment and systems. The Provider shall furnish all labor, materials, supplies, equipment, supervision, services and related incidentals for these services. The MDTA received four (4) bids.

Mr. Davis also explained that we anticipate presenting this Contract at the March 19, 2025 BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the Members unanimously gave approval of Contract No. MT-00211372 – On-Call Plumbing Services – Southern Region.

- **MT-00211314 – HVAC and ATC Maintenance and Repairs for Northern MDTA Facilities**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MT-00211314 – HVAC and ATC Maintenance and Repairs for Northern MDTA Facilities with Denver Elek in the amount of \$2,155,660.60.

Mr. Davis explained that the purpose of the project is to retain the services of a qualified Contractor to provide HVAC, ATC, and Monthly Water Treatment Services for JFK and TJH Facilities (Northern Region). The Provider shall furnish all labor, materials, supplies, equipment, supervision, services and related incidentals for these services. MDTA received five (5) bids and one (1) bid was rejected for being nonresponsive.

Mr. Davis also explained that we anticipate presenting this Contract at the April 23, 2025 BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members unanimously gave approval of Contract No. MT-00211314 – HVAC and ATC Maintenance and Repairs for Northern MDTA Facilities.

- **J01PB5600016 – VMware Licenses**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. J01PB5600016 – VMware Licenses with Applied Technology Services, Inc. in the amount of \$741,912.00.

Mr. Davis explained that this contract is for the provision of VMware Licenses. VMware is a suite of virtualization products that MDTA uses in its Data Centers, allowing us to run multiple virtual servers on a single physical server. The physical components of the server are better managed by VMware which allows us to operate our Data Centers more efficiently and experience much smaller maintenance windows.

Mr. Davis also explained that we anticipate presenting this Contract at the April 23, 2025 BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member Dontae Carroll and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the Members unanimously gave approval of Contract No. J01PB5600016 – VMware Licenses.

**UPDATE – PROCURMENT REPORT ON OPEN CONTRACTS**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis presented the MDTA Board with a report on how many contracts are currently open with the MDTA, excluding state credit card purchases. There are currently 199 contracts totaling \$2,330,689,899.53.

**APPROVAL – FORMER 1325 G STREET ASSOCIATES LLLP-MC#24-7051**

Mr. John Wedemeyer requested MDTA Board approval to place restrictive covenants on a conservation area to remain substantially in its natural condition forever.

Mr. Wedemeyer explained a Covenant area for Wetland 6j containing 7.464 acres, plus or minus, was acquired by MDTA as part of the MD200 Intercounty Connector project.

Mr. Wedemeyer further explained that as compensatory mitigation under Federal and State law for Department of the Army Permit No. CENAB-OP-RMS (MD SHA & MTA/INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR 05-6011-1 (“Permit”) issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District (“Corps” or “Baltimore District,” to include any successor agency), and certification(s) and/or permit(s) issued by the Maryland Department of the Environment (“MDE,” to include any successor agency), and in recognition of the continuing benefit to the permitted property, and for the protection of waters of the United States and scenic, resource, environmental, and general property values, Declarant has agreed to execute and record this Declaration of Restrictive Covenants (“Declaration”) placing certain restrictive covenants on a Conservation Area within the Property, in order that the Conservation Area shall remain substantially in its natural condition forever.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Mario J. Gangemi, placing restrictive covenants on a conservation area to remain substantially in its natural condition forever was unanimously approved.

**UPDATE – ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) REPORT**

Ms. Deb Sharpless presented MDTA’s inaugural Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Report to the MDTA Board.

Ms. Sharpless explained that the MDTA’s ESG Report will serve as an annual disclosure to provide internal and external stakeholders a holistic, enterprise-wide understanding of the agency’s societal and environmental impacts, risks, and opportunities. As financial markets and credit rating agencies are increasing the use of ESG criteria to assess the value and creditworthiness of public agencies, the ESG Report is a critical disclosure to provide a clear and organized picture of social and environmental performance. The report structure and content are tailored to a multi-stakeholder audience and address key focus areas of credit rating agencies. The ESG Report complements the MDTA’s legacy of strong financial health and good governance. Prepared over the course of 2024, the inaugural ESG Report summarizes the agency’s practices and performance across departments.

**APPROVAL – QUARTERLY REVIEW OF INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND BENCHMARKS**

Mr. Allen Garman requested MDTA Board approval to continue with the current investment strategies and benchmarks for all accounts.

Mr. Garman explained that the chosen strategies and benchmark indices represent a reasonable and prudent compromise between long-term, multiyear return/income focus and tolerance for return volatility. Also, no changes in strategy or benchmarks are recommended.

Mr. Garman further explained that investments conformed to Investment Policy limitations for the trailing twelve-month period ended December 31, 2024. Portfolio structuring by account adhered to board approved strategy and should remain consistent, despite short-term return volatility associated with the interest rate environment. Duration Targeted reserves maintain consistent structures and management does not attempt to time market rate changes. The longer duration strategies employed in certain reserves generate higher return volatility with expected higher average annual returns over multiyear periods.

Upon motion by Member John F. von Paris and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, continuation of the current investment strategies and benchmarks for all accounts was unanimously approved.

#### **UPDATE – 2ND QUARTER OPERATING BUDGET COMPARISON**

Mr. Jeffrey Brown updated the MDTA Board on actual versus projected year-to-date spending for the second quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Operating Budget. As of December 31, 2024, 37% of the budget was spent compared to a target of 49%. Except for personnel expenses, all Object Codes were below budget.

#### **UPDATE – 2ND QUARTER CAPITAL BUDGET COMPARISON**

Ms. Jennifer Stump updated the MDTA Board on the status of actual Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 capital spending relative to the FY 2025 capital budget in the FY 2025-2030 Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). As of December 31, 2024, 22.7% of the FY 2025 budget was spent as compared to the targeted spending level of 50%. The total budget for FY 2025 is \$809.8 million. The actual spending through the second quarter was \$183.4 million.

Ms. Stump further explained that twenty-seven of the 91 projects budgeted in FY 2025 were within the acceptable spending limits of 25% to 75% (plus or minus 25% of the 50% target). Due to normal lags in invoicing, generally two months, a plus or minus 25% threshold was determined to be reasonable. Actual spending through the second quarter for ten projects with the highest FY 2025 budgets was \$126.5 million.

#### **UPDATE – QUARTERLY UPDATE ON TRAFFIC AND REVENUE**

Ms. Deborah Sharpless gave a quarterly and year-to-date update to the MDTA Board regarding traffic and toll revenue trends compared to the previous year and the forecast.

Ms. Sharpless explained that this quarterly review looks at traffic and toll revenue trends and compares actual system-wide experience with traffic and toll revenue forecasts. CDM Smith tracks and evaluates the performance of traffic at the lane level and traffic and revenue collected on a cash basis

She further explained that actual collected revenue was below forecast by \$2.2 million for the period ending December 31, 2024 and that during December 2024, \$3.3 million of transaction processing was delayed.

## **UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE**

- **Maryland Transportation Facilities – Buffered Bicycle/Pedestrian Lanes**

Mr. Carl Chamberlin provided a summary of the Joint Chairmen’s Report (JCR) regarding Maryland Transportation Facilities – Buffered Bicycle/Pedestrian Lanes.

Mr. Chamberlin explained that in accordance with the requirements specified in in the Maryland General Assembly 2024 Joint Chairmen's Report (JCR), the MDTA collaborated with the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) and relevant local jurisdictions to identify appropriate locations for bicycle ways and pedestrian walkways that cross MDTA highways, run parallel to MDTA highways and bridges, or otherwise involve MDTA facilities.

To complete this analysis and evaluation, publicly available GIS data was obtained from counties, Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), SHA, and Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) in the vicinity of all MDTA facilities to document existing and planned bicycle and pedestrian facilities on State and County roads, rail stations, and bus stops. The most recently completed Statewide master plan, county master plans, and MPO long-range plan documents were then reviewed to determine if any MDTA facilities were located in close proximity to any documented existing or planned/proposed bicycle and pedestrian facilities. To assist with the study, coordination meetings were held with identified stakeholders from each jurisdiction, including representatives from the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), SHA, MTA, MPOs, and counties.

Mr. Chamberlin further explained that the results of this study are included in the report. It is important to note that the improvements identified in this report are improvements identified in the master plans of jurisdictions that surround MDTA facilities, and as such, are not necessarily projects being programmed and funded by MDTA. MDTA commits to work with local stakeholders, as we currently do on all reconstruction projects, to accommodate these identified needs on our facilities as the needs of the facility dictate.

## **UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Mr. Bradley Ryon 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 February 4, 2025.

Member Penny-Ardinger explained the Committee was informed that the novation agreement with Citrin Cooperman who acquired the previous audit services consultant was completed January 28, 2025. Citrin Cooperman management met with the MDTA Audit Director on February 3, 2025, to discuss completing work in progress by the previous firm that was suspended pending completion of the novation agreement. Citrin Cooperman management stated they would utilize the work already invoiced by the previous firm.

**UPDATE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Bruce Gartner updated the MDTA Board on the following: February 4 Unveiling of the New Design Concept for the Key Bridge Rebuild; MDTA's plan to engage public input on non-structural elements of the bridge; February 3 Legislative Black Caucus/Kiewit Networking Event; February 10 Civil Rights Fair Practices Virtual Outreach Event; February 12 MDTA Police Class 59 Graduation; February 21 Fort McHenry Tunnel Tour for High School Students as part of National Engineer's Week; and the upcoming March 25 "Doing Business with the MDTA" quarterly event.

Lastly, Mr. Gartner acknowledged Natalie Henson's well deserved promotion to Executive Officer. Ms. Henson will remain in the Executive Office and will continue with her Board-related duties in her new role.

**VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING**

There being no further business, upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Mario J. Gangemi, the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27, 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

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Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chairman