

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026  
9:00 A.M.

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

OPEN SESSION

Kathryn Thomson, Chair

MEMBERS ATTENDING:      Dontae Carroll  
                                 Maricela Cordova  
                                 William H. Cox, Jr.  
                                 Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger via phone  
                                 Jeffrey S. Rosen  
                                 Samuel D. Snead via phone  
                                 John F. von Paris  
                                 Frank S. Waesche III

STAFF ATTENDING:      Lt. Col. Ronce Alford  
                                 Gregory Brown  
                                 Percy Dangerfield  
                                 Jeffrey P. Davis  
                                 Lt. Col. Timothy Eikenberg  
                                 Bruce Gartner  
                                 David Goldsborough  
                                 Natalie Henson  
                                 Megan Mohan, Esq.  
                                 Mary O'Keeffe  
                                 Bradley Ryon  
                                 Col. Joseph Scott  
                                 Bradley Tanner

OTHERS ATTENDING:      Mario J. Gangemi, Former Board Member  
                                 Mrs. Gangemi, Mario J. Gangemi's Mother  
                                 Hayes Gartner, Baltimore Banner

At 9:03 a.m. Chair Kathryn Thomson 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.

Prior to the beginning of the agenda, Executive Director Bruce Gartner acknowledged former Member Mario J. Gangemi for the work he accomplished during his tenure at the MDTA. Former Member Gangemi was on the Board from 2017 until 2026 and had served as the Capital Committee Chair since 2022. His engineering background was a tremendous asset and he was a visible presence at police ceremonies and as an invited guest speaker at several employee trainings. During his tenure he oversaw the completion of the Nice/Middleton Bridge; advancing of the \$1.1 billion Express Toll Lanes North-Bound (ETL

NB) Extension Program; Conversion of MDTA facilities to all electronic tolling; Eastbound and Westbound Bay Bridge system preservation projects; and advancing of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Bay Crossing Study NEPA.

### **APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2025**

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the open session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on March 26, 2026, were unanimously approved.

### **APPROVAL – BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

Upon motion by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member Maricela Cordova, the members unanimously approved the adding of the new Board Member to the Board Committee Assignments.

### **APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARDS**

- **MR-3042-0000 – On-Call Upgrade and Replacement of Metal Traffic Barriers and Attenuators**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MR-3042-0000 – On-Call Upgrade and Replace Metal Traffic Barriers and Attenuators with L.S. Lee, Inc. in a not to exceed amount of \$6,000,000.00.

Mr. Davis explained that MDTA received a single bid from L.S. Lee, Inc. out of York, PA (L.S. Lee). In an effort to increase competition, the Procurement Officer extended the bid due date and direct solicited additional vendors beyond those notified when the solicitation was originally published. No additional bids were received.

Mr. Davis further explained that L.S. Lee, Inc. is the current incumbent and is in good standing with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. They have successfully performed this type of work with both the MDTA and MDOT State Highway Administration. Since this contract exceeds MDTA's delegation, it will be presented at the next available Board of Public Works (BPW) meeting for approval.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Maricela Cordova, the Members unanimously gave contingent approval for Contract No. MR-3042-0000 – On-Call Upgrade and Replace Metal Traffic Barriers and Attenuators.

### **UPDATE – MDTA POLICE PUBLIC SECURITY**

Col. Joseph Scott began his report by updating the MDTA Board on the progress of MDTA Police division. In 2025, the department operated under the Seven Pillars initiative, covering traffic safety, recruitment, wellness, policy revision, van technology, community trust and legitimacy, and training and education. In 2026, the department is building on that foundation with a new focus acronym: ACT (Accountability, Communication, and Transparency).

Col. Scott further reported that the MDTA Police division currently has 55 sworn vacancies and 23 professional staff vacancies. An active academy class includes 22 MDTA police recruits and 7 allied agency officers, with a scheduled graduation date of September 16, 2026.

Col. Scott broke down first quarter performance including traffic stops increased by 10%, Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests up by 54%, and serious crimes decreased by 22%. He also stated that an area of concern is traffic collisions, which are up 20%. Detachment commanders and the traffic safety section have been deployed to identify causation and target problem areas with focused resources.

#### **UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Mr. Bradley Ryon updated the MDTA Board on the Maryland Legislative Session that was adjourned on April 13, 2026. He gave updates on the bills that passed that will affect the MDTA as well as some bills that did not make it through.

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

Mr. Bradley Ryon updated the MDTA Board regarding the reconstruction of the Francis Scott Key Bridge, as mandated by the 2025 legislative session budget committees.

Mr. Ryon reported on legislative compliance the submission of the Joint Chairman's Report (JCR), update on reconstruction progress, early work packages, and explanation of the federal reimbursement process to ensure budgetary transparency.

#### **UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Bruce Gartner began his report by welcoming Member Frank S. Waesche III to the MDTA Board. Member Waesche is a graduate of Clemson University with over 40 years of experience in both the public and private sectors and previously served as the Director of the Office of Engineering for the Maryland Transit Administration, where he oversaw an annual budget of \$250 million. His expertise in design-build procurement and construction management will serve the MDTA well on the Capital Committee.

Mr. Gartner also recognized MDTA safety and community initiatives highlighting the agency's participation in National Work Zone Awareness Week including a Unity Ride and a Safety Fair.

Mr. Gartner announced that an industry forum will be scheduled for May to provide information on the procurement process and encourage global competition to ensure a safe and efficient rebuild.

He concluded his remarks by inviting the Board to the Annual Employee Awards in late May, which features a skills competition for maintenance and vehicle recovery staff to demonstrate their proficiency in challenging driving courses.

**VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:49 a.m., a motion was made by Member Dontae Carroll and seconded by Member Maricela Cordova, 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 the MDTA's Cyber Security 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 and 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 Closed Session were Chair Kathryn Thomson; Members Carroll, Cordova, Cox, Penny-Ardinger via phone, Rosen, Snead via phone, von Paris, and Waesche; Bruce Gartner; Percy Dangerfield; David Goldsborough; Colonel Joseph Scott; James Harkness; Megan Mohan, Esq.; Natalie Henson; and Melodie Mabanta, Esq.

**VOTE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION**

At 11:33 a.m., a motion was made by Member John von Paris and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, 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 William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen, the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at MDTA, 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore MD and will be livestreamed on the MDTA Board web page.

APPROVED AND CONCURRED IN:

  
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Kathryn Thomson, Chair