

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 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
Jeffrey S. Rosen via Phone
Samuel D. Snead
John F. von Paris
Frank S. Waesche III

STAFF ATTENDING:

Lt. Col. Ronce Alford
Greg Brown
Jeffrey Brown
Kevin Cullity
Jeffrey P. Davis
Lt. Col. Timothy Eikenberg
Allen Garman
Bruce Gartner via Phone
Chantelle Green
James Harkness
Pilar Helm
Natalie Henson
Richard Jaramillo
Patricia Keeton
Walter Laun
Megan Mohan, Esq.
Mary O'Keeffe
Sheila Oliver
Sheila Rivers
Col. Joseph Scott
Jennifer Stump
Bradley Tanner
Angela Voros

At 9:01 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.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 2026

Upon motion by Member Dontae Carroll and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the open session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on April 30, 2026, were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 30, 2026

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the closed session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on April 30, 2026, were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2026

Upon motion by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger and seconded by Member Frank S. Waesche III, the open session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on May 12, 2026, were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – CLOSED SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2026

Upon motion by Member Dontae Carroll and seconded by Member Samuel D. Snead, the closed session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on May 12, 2026, were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARDS

- **MT-00211593 – FACILITY-WIDE HAZMAT DISPOSAL AND ABATEMENT SERVICES**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute contract MT-00211593, Facility Wide Hazmat Disposal and Abatement Services with Kalyani Environmental Solutions LLC in a not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000.00.

Mr. Davis explained that MDTA received three bids and that this contract provides periodic decontamination, abatement and/or disposal of biological/medical/infectious hazards, hazardous materials, hazardous wastes (including universal wastes), unidentified wastes, regulated wastes and non-regulated/industrial wastes for MDTA's facilities.

Mr. Davis further explained that a Contract will be awarded in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,000,000.00 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Kalyani Environmental Solutions LLC, a Maryland Certified Small Business. As this contract exceeds MDTA's delegation, this 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 Samuel D. Snead, the Members unanimously gave approval for contract MT-00211593, Facility-Wide Hazmat Disposal and Abatement Services.

***** Member Maricela Cordova arrived to meeting room.
She arrived late due to traffic *****

• **CC-00211584 – ROAD RAKE MODEL 200T ROADWAY LITTER COLLECTOR**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute contract CC-00211584, Road Rake Model 200T Roadway Litter Collector with H. Barber & Sons, Inc in the amount of \$280,836.00.

Mr. Davis explained that this contract is for the provision of three (3) Road Rake Roadway Litter Collection Machines. They will be used in the maintenance of MDTA roadways to remove debris and other road hazards, such as wood, mufflers, retreads, animal carcasses and other large debris. These Road Rake machines are unique in that they can safely operate at low speeds while maintaining traffic flow and have a large-capacity hopper with a hydraulic dumping mechanism. These features increase efficiency by enabling longer collection runs and reducing the frequency of returns to debris disposal locations.

Mr. Davis further explained that this procurement is being pursued as a Sole Source procurement due to the specialized design and operational capabilities of the Road Rake equipment, which are not readily available from other manufacturers. The equipment's ability to collect large roadway debris while minimizing lane closures and worker exposure to live traffic is critical to maintaining safe working conditions for personnel and the traveling public.

Upon motion by Member Maricela Cordova and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the Members unanimously gave approval for contract CC-00211584, Road Rake Model 200T Roadway Litter Collector.

UPDATE – ALL OPEN CONTRACTS

Mr. Jeffrey Davis presented the MDTA Board with a report on how many contracts are currently open with the MDTA. There are currently 235 contracts totaling \$3,654,133,146.16.

APPROVAL – DISPOSITION – DISPOSITION MD24 AND MD924 PARK AND RIDE (MC #26-7052)

Ms. Sheila Rivers requested approval from the MDTA Board to dispose of the subject property (Parcel A and Parcel B) and to convey the property to Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) for a nominal fee of \$1.00.

Ms. Rivers explained that the former Woodsdale Development LLC (Parcel A) is located at 3502 Woodsdale Road, Abingdon, MD 21009 in Harford County and contains 3.613 acres, plus or minus. The former Michael F. Scheurman and Sheila L. Scheurman (Parcel B) is located at 3520 Woodsdale Road, Abingdon, MD 21009 in Harford County and contains 0.086 acres, plus or minus. The property was purchased for the I-95 Express Toll Lane (ETL) Section 200 Project. The project is completed and there are no additional needs for the property.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the Members unanimously gave approval to dispose of above stated property to the MDOT SHA.

APPROVAL – INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Kevin Cullity requested approval from the MDTA Board for a continuation of the investment strategies and benchmarks for the current quarter.

Mr. Cullity explained that for the period ended March 31, 2026 that no changes in strategy or benchmarks are recommended. He stated that investments conformed to Investment Policy limitations and portfolio structuring by account adhered to board approved strategy. He further explained that strategy should remain consistent, despite short-term return volatility associated with the interest rate environment.

Upon motion by Member John F. von Paris and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the Members unanimously approved a continuation of the investment strategies and benchmarks for the current quarter.

UPDATE – 3rd QUARTER OPERATING BUDGET COMPARISON

Mr. Jeffrey Brown updated the MDTA Board on the third quarter Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 spending compared to the FY 2026 Amended Operating Budget.

Mr. Brown explained that as of March 31, 2026, 66% of the budget was spent compared to a target of 75%. All Object Codes were at or below budget spending levels except for Object 13. The seasonality of the expenses, the timing of invoices, and the cost pressures in IT and insurance heavily impacted third quarter performance.

UPDATE – 3rd QUARTER CAPITAL BUDGET COMPARISON

Ms. Jennifer Stump updated the MDTA Board on the status of actual Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 capital spending against the FY 2026 capital budget in the FY 2026-2031 Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).

Ms. Stump explained that as of March 31, 2026, 44.5% of the FY 2026 budget was spent as compared to the targeted spending level of 75%. The total budget for FY 2026 is \$1.1 billion. The actual spending through the third quarter was \$512.9 million. The Key Bridge Rebuild was at a 36.2% spend rate while the remaining projects in the CTP were at a cumulative spend rate of 56.5%.

Ms. Stump further explained that twenty-eight (28) of the one hundred and two (102) projects budgeted in FY 2026 were within the acceptable spending limits of 50% to 100% (plus or minus 25% of the 75% 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 first quarter for ten projects with FY 2026 budgets over \$10 million was \$412 million.

UPDATE – CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP)

Ms. Jennifer Stump updated the MDTA Board on the MDTA Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) Process and an update on the additions to the capital program.

Ms. Stump explained that the CTP is MDTA's six-year plan for the capital program and includes ongoing and new capital projects for a six-year period for MDTA facilities. The CTP is updated twice a year and brought to the Board Members for approval as a draft and then as the Final CTP.

After approval of the Draft CTP by the Board Members, it is presented as part of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) CTP Tour to local elected officials and citizens throughout the State of Maryland for review and comment. It is then revised and submitted, after MDTA Board approval, as the Final CTP as part of the Governor's budget to the Maryland General Assembly in January. This process is required by statute and applies to MDTA as well as the other MDOT business units.

She further explained that the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2032 Draft CTP, to be presented at a future meeting for approval, will include eleven (11) new projects: Maryland I-Star; Network Hardware Replacement; Dynac Maintenance Contract FY 2027-2032; Maximo MAS9 Implementation; 10-Year Equipment Budget FY 2028-2037; Dispatch Console Replacement; Resurfacing Intercounty Connector Asphalt Pavement; Deck Replacement and Miscellaneous Structural Repairs of Bridge BCW602021 (Moravia Road over US-40); Retrofitting Access Openings for Fort McHenry Tunnel Box Girder Bridges; Rehabilitate and Re-line Sump Pump Drainage at Fort McHenry Tunnel; and Bay Bridge Replacement.

UPDATE – QUARTERLY UPDATE ON TRAFFIC AND REVENUE

Mr. Walter Laun updated the MDTA Board on the quarterly and year-to-date (YTD) update regarding traffic and toll revenue trends compared to the previous year and the forecast.

Mr. Laun 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.

He further explained that for the period ending March 31, 2026 that total revenue collected and posted was below forecast by \$9.0 million and E-ZPass revenue collected was above forecast by \$1.3 million. In addition, Video Toll and Civil Penalty Fee payments totaling \$20.1 million were received from the Central Collections Unit (CCU) in March 2026 but did not post to accounts due to a system update. Taking this timing difference into account, actual revenue would have been \$11.2 million over forecast.

UPDATE – MDTA ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Bradley Tanner updated the MDTA Board on the 2025 Annual Report. He explained that the Office of Communications and Marketing has been diligently working on an MDTA Annual Report for calendar year 2025.

Mr. Tanner further explained that the Annual Report transitioned to a more truncated "Annual Highlights" in 2020. However, last year it was decided to put in a long-term effort to bring back the Annual Report to publicize all the great MDTA accomplishments.

He further explained that the Annual Report will be distributed digitally within MDTA and will be located on both the intranet and publicly available internet. Additionally, printed copies will be made available for the MDTA Board, leadership, and MDTA facilities.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Bruce Gartner updated the Board on the following items: Memorial Day Weekend Travel Activity; MDTA Police's Annual Fallen Heroes Ceremony; National Police Week, Key Bridge Virtual Industry Forum; and the MDTA Annual Roadeo, Awards, and Expo. In addition, he previewed the following upcoming events: June 2 Committee Briefing on the FSK Rebuild and the June 18 Key Bridge Design-Build Industry Forum.

Mr. Gartner then turned the floor over to Mr. Richard Jaramillo who presented the Employee of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter of 2026.

Ms. Sheila Oliver was recognized as the Employee of the Quarter for her exemplary customer service and integrity to the MDTA as well as her Leadership and ability to be a team player.

Affectionately known as "Queenie", she is described as a light that keeps her coworkers shining bright. Her kind words, caring heart, and helpful nature are the components that illuminate her brilliant personality and her commitment to teamwork and creativity help to maintain a healthy positive work environment.

Ms. Oliver started her career at MDTA as a toll collector and has recently been promoted to the Customer and Revenue Associate (CARA) Lead position. She is currently leading her Northern Region E-ZPass team in a successful future.

VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 10:01 a.m., a motion was made by Member Samuel D. Snead 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)(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, Rosen via phone, Snead, von Paris, and Waesche; Bruce Gartner via phone; Megan Mohan, Esq.; Natalie Henson, Pilar Helm, James Harkness, and Greg Brown.

VOTE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

At 10:43 a.m., a motion was made by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, 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 Maricela Cordova and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25, 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:



Kathryn Thomson, Chair