

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2020
OPEN MEETING VIA CONFERENCE CALL

OPEN SESSION

Gregory Slater, Chairman

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dontae Carroll
William H. Cox, Jr.
William C. Ensor, III
W. Lee Gaines
Mario J. Gangemi
Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, Esq.
Jeffrey S. Rosen
John F. von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:

Nafiz Alqasem	Cheryl Lewis-Orr
Col. Kevin Anderson	Lt. Col. Lucy Lyles
Carl Chamberlin	Kimberly Millender, Esq.
Percy Dangerfield	Ebony Moore
Donna DiCerbo	Mary O'Keefe
Jacqueline Djomo	John O'Neill
Tonya Dorsey	Will Pines
Allen Garman	James F. Ports, Jr.
David Goldsborough	Mike Rice
Chantelle Green	Bradley Ryon
Lynnea Green	John Sales
David Greene	Deb Sharpless
David Greenwood	Colin Sweetin
Natalie Henson	Melissa Williams
Meshelle Howard	Eric Willison
Greg Jones	Brian Wolfe
April King	

MDOT STAFF ATTENDING:

Randy Brown, MDOT SHA
Lisa Choplin, MDOT SHA
Mike Davis, MDOT SHA
Ron Davis, MDOT SHA
Shawn Eum, MDOT SHA
Jeff Folden, MDOT SHA
Jaclyn Hartman, MDOT TSO
Courtney Highsmith, MDOT TSO
Dusty Holcombe, MDOT SHA
Madeleine Myers, MDOT SHA
Terry Owens, MDOT SHA
Sean Powell, MDOT TSO
Jeff Roberta, MDOT SHA

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Lewis Campion
Ross Capon, Wyngate Citizens Association
Janet Gallant, DontWiden270.org
Brad German, Citizens Against Beltway Expansion
Courtney Glass, Prince George's County
Pamela Goddard
Kyle Hart
Arthur Katz
Sarah Leshner, Takoma Park Mobilization Environmental
Committee and Citizens Against Beltway Expansion
Gale Lindsey
John Morthausen
Alain Norman
Carol Rubin, MNCPPC
Jennifer Russell
Aram Sinnreich
Tina Slater, Sierra Club
Jason Stanford, Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance
Louis Toddhunter
John Townsend, AAA

At 9:02 a.m. Chairman Gregory Slater called the meeting of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Board to order. With this open meeting being done via conference call, Chairman Slater did a roll call of participants to ensure the minutes accurately reflected those persons on the call and to ensure a quorum of the Board was present.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2020

Upon motion by Member Mario Gangemi and seconded by Member Jeffrey Rosen, the open meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on March 26, 2020 were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARD

• **Contract No. IC-3001-0000 – ICC Fiber Utility Tracer Wire Installation**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested approval to execute Contract No. ICC-3001-0000 – ICC Fiber Utility Tracer Wire Installation with Aldridge Electric, Inc. in the bid amount of \$1,169,317.90.

The purpose of this project is to furnish and install tracer wire and utility markings along the existing underground fiber optic communication conduits within the MD 200 (ICC) corridor to assist in locating the infrastructure in the future. Tracer wire will be installed inside of all fiber optic communication conduits via jetting and pull-wire where necessary. Above-grade markers will be installed at consistent spacing along conduit runs and at all handholes, ITS equipment, and other intersection points.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Mario Gangemi, the Members unanimously gave approval to execute Contract No. IC-3001-0000 – ICC Fiber Utility Tracer Wire Installation.

- **Contract No. KH-3032-0000 – Old Mountain Road Directional Bore Under I-95**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested contingent approval to execute Contract No. KH-3032-0000 – Old Mountain Road Directional Bore Under I-95 with American Siteworks, LLC. in the bid amount of \$970,540.00.

The work performed under this contract is to directional bore and install utility ducts for BG&E and Verizon under I-95 at Old Mountain Road to allow for relocations of existing utilities needed to construct the I-95 ETL NBE.

Upon motion by Member Mario Gangemi and seconded by Member William C. Ensor, III, the Members unanimously gave contingent approval to execute Contract No. KH-3032-0000 – Old Mountain Road Directional Bore Under I-95.

- **Contract No. KH-3028-0000 – I-95 Northbound Extension Carsins Run Stream Mitigation**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested contingent approval to execute Contract No. KH-3028-0000 – I-95 Northbound Extension Carsins Run Stream Mitigation with The Six M Company, Inc. in the bid amount of \$795,507.00.

The work to be performed under this contract includes 960 linear feet of stream mitigation and 7,000 square feet of wetland creation which will be used to satisfy the environmental mitigation requirements for the I-95 ETL NBE Program.

Upon motion by Member Mario Gangemi and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members unanimously gave contingent approval to execute Contract No. KH-3028-0000 – I-95 Northbound Extension Carsins Run Stream Mitigation.

APPROVAL – BOARD RESOLUTION 20-03

Ms. Deb Sharpless requested MDTA Board approval of Board Resolution 20-03.

Board Resolution 20-03 authorizes a bank loan for up to \$300 million to provide a short-term capital funding option if long-term financing cannot be secured before June 30, 2020.

Upon motion by Member John F. von Paris and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., Board Resolution 20-03 was unanimously approved.

UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Bradley Ryon updated the Board on legislative bills of interest to the MDTA that were passed prior to the adjournment of the Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session that, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, adjourned early on March 18, 2020.

UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Ms. Deb Sharpless updated the MDTA Board on the Third Generation Electronic Toll Collection System (3G-ETC) report that was submitted to the General Assembly.

The report included information about the impact of 3G-ETC on the MDTA’s tolling operations, customer service, conversion to All–Electronic Tolling (AET)/Cashless Tolling, and toll rate changes via the Toll Modernization Plan. It also provided a summary of the key contract terms and the system implementation timeframe.

UPDATE – MBE/SBR/VSBE OVERVIEW AND STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Percy Dangerfield and Ms. Meshelle Howard updated the MDTA Board with an overview of the socioeconomic programs managed by the Division of Civil Rights and Fair Practices and MDTA’s progress toward achieving the legislative mandated program goals.

The socioeconomic programs discussed were: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program; Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program; Small Business Reserve (SBR) Program; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964/Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO); and, Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) Program.

UPDATE – IT SYSTEMS, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND SECURITY OVERVIEW

Mr. Percy Dangerfield and Mr. David Goldsborough updated the MDTA Board with an overview of the Division of Information Technology (DoIT) and the current IT Project Portfolio.

The Division of Information (DoIT) has responsibility for the following units: Project Management Office (PMO), Infrastructure Services, Enterprise Business Solutions, and Customer Service.

UPDATE – I-495 & I-270 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3) PROGRAM

Ms. Deb Sharpless and Ms. Lisa Choplin updated the MDTA Board with an overview and update of the status of the I-495 & I-270 Public Private Partnership (P3) Program.

Governor Hogan launched the Maryland Traffic Relief Plan (TRP) in 2017. The TRP includes multiple components including the I-95 Express Toll Lane extension in the Baltimore Region and the P3 Program in the National Capital Region (NCR). The TRP is more than just addressing traffic, it’s an opportunity to improve quality of life and enhance Maryland’s economic vitality and growth.

Multiple studies over the last decade have shown that the NCR is one of the most congested in the nation, and Marylanders face the second highest commuting times in the country. Today, on average, travelers experience seven hours of congestion daily on I-270. The duration is even worse on I-495 with travelers experiencing ten hours of congestion daily. With the projected population growth in the NCR, Marylanders will continue to see those numbers increase. Multiple studies show that a comprehensive transportation network, including improvements to I-495 and I-270 coupled with investment in transit, is necessary to address congestion and not only move people, goods and services throughout the NCR.

In accordance with the Board's Policy on Public Participation, Chairman Gregory Slater opened the floor for public comment. There were nine members of the public that signed up to speak. Eight speakers expressed opposition to the project and one speaker expressed support. Any written testimony provided, and questions raised by the public were provided to Ms. Lisa Choplin, Director of the I-495 and I-270 P3 Office. Her office will be replying separately to all questions that were sent in writing as well as any questions that were asked during the public comment period.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. James F. Ports, Jr. gave an update of MDTA's continuing operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also updated on Fallen Hero's Day which was on May 1 and explained that MDTA will be honoring their fallen hero's with a video due to COVID-19. Finally, Mr. Ports congratulated Mr. Brian Wolfe on being named MDTA's New Director of Project Development.

VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 11:27 a.m., upon motion by Member Mario Gangemi and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members voted unanimously to move into Closed Session under General Provisions Article, § 3-305(b)(8) and 3-305(b)(10) and (12) to receive a status update on all litigation currently pending against the MDTA; and to receive a report on certain pending criminal investigations and an overview and update on deployment of police staff and resources.

VOTE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

At 11:54 a.m., a motion was made by Member Mario Gangemi and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, which was unanimously approved, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to Open Session. There were no actions taken during the Closed Session.

There being no further business, the meeting of the MDTA Board was adjourned by consensus at 11:59 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on May 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Open Meeting Conference Call.

APPROVED AND CONCURRED IN:

