

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 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:

Col. Kevin Anderson
Donna DiCerbo
James Harkness
Natalie Henson
Selena McKissick
Kimberly Millender, Esq.
Mary O'Keeffe
William Pines
Jacquae Ruben
Joseph Sagal
John Sales
Deborah Sharpless
Paul Trentalance
John Wedemeyer

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Retired First Sergeant Joel Layfield

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 JUNE 29, 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 June 29, 2023 were unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION – YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mr. Will Pines read and presented a Years of Service Recognition Resolution to First Sergeant Joel Layfield. On the occasion of First Sergeant Layfield's retirement from his distinguished career of service, the Chairman and Members of the Maryland Transportation Authority Board hereby express to him their most sincere appreciation for his excellence and commitment.

APPROVAL – BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

With Member Samuel D. Snead officially becoming a member of the Board, MDTA staff developed proposed committee assignments to reflect the new membership. These assignments added Member Snead to the Capital and Human Resources Committees.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the Members unanimously approved the new Board Committee assignments.

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARDS

- **2021-02B – Comprehensive Environmental Compliance and Engineering Services – Small Business Reserve**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MDTA 2021-02B (AE-3113) – Comprehensive Environmental Compliance and Engineering Services – Small Business Reserve with Straughan in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

Ms. DiCerbo explained that this Small Business Reserve designated project involves the award of one (1) contract for Comprehensive Environmental Compliance and Engineering Services for MDTA. The consultant shall perform environmental compliance and engineering services of facilities under MDTA's jurisdiction. The services include inspection and design of environmental features as well as providing compliance and management expertise for MDTA-owned facilities. Support shall be provided to project permitting related to natural resources and stormwater. Work related to natural resources programs shall include but not be limited to the permitting, planning, design, monitoring, and remediation assessment of natural resources mitigation sites. Work related to stormwater remedial and compliance programs shall include but not be limited to inventory, inspection, remediation assessment of stormwater practices and drainage systems; support

stormwater pollution prevention activities including field monitoring; perform outfall inspections; and planning, design, regulatory permitting and reporting; and construction of stormwater practices, drainage systems, erosion and sediment control practices, and landscaping management. The project will also include but is not limited to providing miscellaneous engineering design and/or consultant Services.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the Members unanimously gave approval to execute Contract No. MDTA 2021-02B (AE-3113) – Comprehensive Environmental Compliance and Engineering Services – Small Business Reserve.

- **2021-02B – Comprehensive Environmental Compliance and Engineering Services – Small Business Reserve**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. J01B3600034 – ELSAG License Plate Recognition System with SELEX ES, Inc. in the amount of \$2,254,921.76.

Ms. DiCerbo explained that the MDTA is seeking to enter into a Sole Source contract with SELEX ES, Inc., a Leonardo Company, for the provision of an on-call maintenance and service plan for the ELSAG License Plate Recognition System. The scope of services includes field service, preventative and corrective maintenance, and maintenance and support services for the LPR system, including the Leonardo Company/ELSAG enterprise Operation Center (EOC) central monitoring software (e.g., bug fixes, software updates), camera hardware and camera firmware/protocols, associated equipment, parts, and technical support, including LPR software and camera troubleshooting, repairs, and replacement as needed. The total amount for this contract is \$2,254,921.76 for a base term of three years with one 2-year renewal option.

Upon motion by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the Members unanimously gave approval to execute Contract No. J01B3600034 – ELSAG License Plate Recognition System.

APPROVAL – LEASE – FOMER JIM’S DINER SITE (MC #23-7049)

Mr. John Wedemeyer requested approval from the MDTA Board for the lease of property located at 4806 Holabird Avenue, Baltimore City, Maryland 21224.

Mr. Wedemeyer explained that MDTA plans to lease a total of 0.396 acres, plus or minus, to Canton Railroad for Fair Market Value (FMV). The lease will be for 5 years with a possible renewal, if desired, and is for the purpose of preparing the property for rail yard storage, perform rail operations and freight capabilities, and construct, reconstruct, maintain, repair, and provide rail improvements. Two appraisals were completed and the selected appraisal for a 5-year term was in the amount of \$29,300.00.

He further explained that the MDTA acquired the subject property in 2015 and has issued a Right of Entry Permit (2023-0405C) to Canton Railroad until the lease has completed the modal clearance process and been executed. The permit will expire on April 10, 2024.

Upon motion by Member John F. von Paris and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members unanimously approved the lease of property located at 4806 Holabird Avenue, Baltimore City, Maryland 21224 to Canton Railroad.

UPDATE – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger presented an update on the Audit Committee meeting that took place on July 11, 2023. The Audit Committee Members were given an update on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Audit Plan which is currently on track to complete twelve audits. Currently there are seven audits completed and three audits in progress.

Two internal audit reports were presented: Construction Warranty Requirements and Utilization audit and MBE (Minority Business Enterprise), VSBE (Veterans Small Business Enterprise), and SBR (Small Business Reserve) Compliance audit. The Committee was satisfied with the results of these audits.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. William Pines gave the Executive Director’s Report. Mr. Pines then gave updates on the following items: the July 12 Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group (BBRAG) quarterly meeting; the Chesapeake Bay Crossing Study Equity Survey; June National Safety Month event and MDTA safety goals; and the MDTA “Stick It & Save” Campaign for *EZPass* including the new billboard on I-95 at the Keith Avenue exit.

VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 9:26 a.m., upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the Members voted unanimously to move into Closed Session under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, the MDTA Board will meet in Closed Session under the General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(10) and (12) to receive an update on deployment of police staff and resources and other security measures: 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 entirety of Closed Session were Chairman Paul J. Wiedefeld; Members Carroll, Cox, Gaines, Gangemi, Penny-Ardinger, Rosen, Snead, and von Paris; Will Pines; Kimberly Millender, Esq.; and Natalie Henson. Col. Kevin Anderson was in attendance for Agenda Item # 8 (Public Security) only.

VOTE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

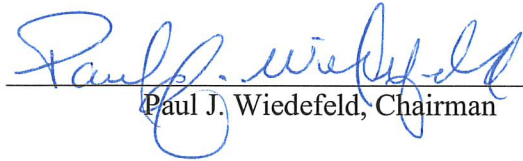
At 10:05 a.m., a motion was made by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr. which was unanimously approved, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to Open Session. There were no actions taken in Closed Session that require ratification.

VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, upon motion by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr. and seconded by Member Mario J. Gangemi, the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 31, 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