

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024  
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 – via Telephone  
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:

Tekeste Amare  
Sharonda Baker  
Percy Dangerfield  
Jeffrey Davis  
David Dikes  
Bruce Gartner  
David Goldsborough  
James Harkness  
Natalie Henson  
Richard Jaramillo  
Kimberly Millender, Esq.  
Ebony Moore  
Mary O’Keeffe  
Jason Pulliam  
Tia Rattini  
John Sales  
Dawn Scanlon  
Col. Joseph Scott  
Cheryl Sparks

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 AUGUST 29, 2024**

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the open session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on August 29, 2024 were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARD**

• **KB-3007-0000R2 – Police Headquarters Building Envelope Renovation**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. KB-3007-0000R2 – Police Headquarters Building Envelope Renovation with Jeffrey Brown Contracting in the amount of \$2,052,148.00.

Mr. Davis explained that this project includes the selective upgrades of the two-story Police Headquarters Building at the Francis Scott Key Bridge Facility. Project work includes but is not limited to exterior selective demolition and re-build of the envelope, including masonry and flashing repair, roof repair and coating, and new aluminum column surrounds; repair of localized floor slab on grade differential settlement; replacement of an existing aluminum storefront vestibule; replacement of existing entrance canopy soffit and roof; and replacement of existing skylights and provide new solar control window films.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen, the Members unanimously gave contingent approval of Contract No. KB-3007-0000R2 – Police Headquarters Building Envelope Renovation.

• **BB-3021-0000 – On-Call Structural Repairs and Miscellaneous Modifications for Bay Bridge**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. BB-3021-0000 – On-Call Structural Repairs and Miscellaneous Modifications for Bay Bridge with M.D. Miller Company, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$18,860,000.

Mr. Davis explained that the scope of work for this Contract involves performing structural steel, concrete, and miscellaneous on-call repairs that will be required on an as needed basis, and as directed by the Engineer. On-call repairs will be performed on the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bay Bridge (WPL) facility, which shall include, but is not limited to the twin bridges, sign structures, gantries, etc.

Upon motion by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr. and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the Members unanimously gave contingent approval of Contract No. BB-3021-0000 – On-Call Structural Repairs and Miscellaneous Modifications for Bay Bridge.

- **MR-3037-0000 – On-Call Signs, Sign Lights, and Sign Structures**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MR-3037-0000 – On-Call Signs, Sign Lights, and Sign Structures with M.D. Miller Company, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$6,000,000.

Mr. Davis explained that the scope of work for this Contract provides for the installation, modification, and/or removal of highway signs, and ancillary infrastructure and equipment such as sign support structures, traffic barriers, sign lighting and related electrical components. The work on this Contract will be performed under on-call task assignments directed by the MDTA Engineer.

He further explained that the work under this contract may be performed at any of MDTA facilities, including the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel, Fort McHenry Tunnel, Francis Scott Key Bridge, Governor Harry W. Nice/Senator Thomas “Mac” Middleton Memorial Bridge, Inter-County Connector, John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway, Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge, US40/MD222, the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge, and Point Breeze; and related approach roadways located in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Cecil County, Charles County, Harford County, Howard County, Montgomery, Prince George’s and Queen Anne’s County.

Upon motion by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr. and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members unanimously gave contingent approval of Contract No. MR-3037-0000 – On-Call Signs, Sign Lights, and Sign Structures.

#### **UPDATE – MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE**

Mr. James Harkness updated the MDTA Board on the status of Major Projects in the Capital Program. Mr. Harkness explained that as of September 12, 2024, there are fourteen major projects in the Capital Program. Eleven of the projects are under construction, one is in procurement, and two are under design. This update includes projects funded for construction in the current Consolidated Transportation Program and includes six projects valued in excess of \$100 million. There are four projects from the \$1.1 billion I-95 ETL Northbound Expansion program.

#### **UPDATE – DIVISION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DOIT) MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE**

Mr. David Goldsborough updated the MDTA Board on the Division of Information Technology (DoIT) major projects. As of September 26, 2024, DoIT maintains an active portfolio of 21 projects and continued support of the third generation (3G) tolling system program. DoIT will be contracting with Cyber Defense to begin internal penetration testing to stay on a bi-yearly schedule of testing the MDTA infrastructure. DoIT has also kicked off an internal audit for our IT asset management system and processes.

Some of the significant initiatives that DoIT continues to work on include the following:

- HR Central Conversion
- Scheduling System Enhancements
- Maximo Spatial
- Dynamics SL Upgrade
- HRIS
- Data Center Enhancements Project
- Clearing House Tracking for Health and Safety
- Police BWC
- Maximo 9 Upgrade

#### **UPDATE – CIVIL RIGHTS AND FAIR PRACTICES (CRFP) SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS STATUS**

Ms. Tia Rattini updated the MDTA Board on MDTA's progress toward achieving the legislatively mandated socioeconomic program goals for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, which covers the performance period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 (Q4 FY 2024).

These programs include the following:

- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program;
- Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program;
- Small Business Reserve (SBR) Program; and
- Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) Program.

In addition, Ms. Rattini reported on current strategies focused on outreach, training, and data analysis. These included: PRISM Contract Compliance System; In-Person Outreach Events; Training with the Office of Engineering and Construction; Credit Card Purchases made with DBE, MBE, SBR, and VSBE Vendors; Identifying Additional Opportunities for DBE/MBE/VSBE Participation; and Outstanding DBE/MBE/VSBE Subcontracting Partner Award.

#### **UPDATE – AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger presented an update on the Audit Committee meeting that took place on September 10, 2024. The Office of Audits is on track to complete the thirteen audits in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Audit Plan. Currently one audit is complete and three are in progress.

Four internal audit reports (Validation of Waivers for Video-Tolls and Civil Penalties; Controls Over Cash Receipts; Controls Over Assigned Fleet Vehicles; and Promotional Activities) were presented and the Committee was satisfied with the results of these audits.

**UPDATE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Bruce Gartner stated that it is the 6-month anniversary of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse. He gave thanks to MDTA Principal Counsel Kimberly Millender and the Attorney General's Office for the work they have been doing regarding the collapse. He also acknowledged the coordination and tremendous amount of specialized work that MDTA Finance, Police, Engineering, Legal, Communications, and Planning teams have undertaken since the collapse to get us to this point.

Mr. Gartner also updated the MDTA Board on the following items: the September 4 MDTA Police Promotional Ceremony; the September 20 Joint Webinar with MDTA Police and Maryland Motor Truck Association covering the transport of hazardous materials through our tunnels; and the September 19 Doing Business with MDTA Event. In addition, Mr. Gartner advised the MDTA Board that we will be reaching out to the Legislative Black Caucus to coordinate on a FSK Rebuild outreach event, the upcoming October 2 Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group meeting; and the continuing CTP tour meetings that will run through the October.

Mr. Gartner then presented the MDTA Employee of the Quarter for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2024 to Mr. David Dikes. Mr. Dikes has been with the MDTA since July 1996. On the day of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse, Mr. Dikes reported to assist and evaluate what critical systems were disrupted at the FSK campus. He was able to respond, evaluate, and repair critical communication systems to minimize the disruption to allow for the continuity of operations at the FSK campus. Additionally, Mr. Dikes assisted with media events by ensuring the smooth operations of electronic systems needed for these events. On a daily basis, Mr. Dikes and his team ensure the proper operations of Intelligent Transportation Systems.

**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 10:08 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 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