MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018
2310 BROENING HIGHWAY, BALTIMORE, MD 21224

OPEN SESSION

James F. Ports, Jr., Acting Chairman

MEMBERS ATTENDING:
P. Jack Basso – via Telephone
Katherine Bays Armstrong
Dontae Carroll
William H. Cox, Jr.
William Ensor
W. Lee Gaines
Mario J. Gangemi
John von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:
Percy Dangerfield
Luther Dolcar
Trudy Edwards
Allen Garman
David Goldsborough
Chantelle Green
Natalie Henson
Meshelle Howard
Chris Imms
Richard Jaramillo
Jessica Mettle
Kimberly Millender
Tonya Morant
Mary O’Keeffe
John O’Neill
Kevin C. Reigrut
Lt. Colonel Joseph Ruff
Cheryl Sparks
Shamika Washington
Ronald Whetsell
Dan Williams

OTHERS ATTENDING:
Reynold Giese, III
Thomas Goloski
Jaclyn Hartman, MDOT
Jody McCurley
William Seymour, SB & Co., LLC
Tianna Wynn, SB & Co., LLC
At 9:02 a.m. Acting Chair James F. Ports, Jr. called the meeting of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) Board to order.

**APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2018**

Upon motion by Member William Cox and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, the Open meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on September 27, 2018 were unanimously approved.

**RESOLUTIONS – YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR RETIRED EMPLOYEES**

Mr. Kevin Reigrut read the following resolutions for employees who have retired, James W. Burley, Lt. Col. Reynold Giese, III, Senior Officer Thomas Goloski and Jody D. McCurley. Therefore it further be resolved, on the occasion of their retirement from their distinguished careers of exemplary service, the Chairman and Members of the Maryland Transportation Authority hereby express to Mr. Burley, Lt. Col. Giese and Sr. Officer Goloski and Mr. McCurley their most sincere appreciation for their excellence and commitment, and be it further resolved that these resolutions be entered into the minutes of the MDTA Board meeting of October 25, 2018, and a copy, appropriately framed, be presented as an expression of the MDTA Board’s appreciation and esteem.

**APPROVAL – RESOLUTION 18-02 GARVEE REFUNDING**

Mr. Allen Garman requested approval for Resolution 18-02 to authorize the issuance of the Grant and Revenue Anticipation Refunding Bonds, Series 2018 ("2018 Refunding Bonds") or utilize alternative financing options (bank loan). This item was also presented to the Finance Committee and recommended for approval.

Resolution 18-02 authorizes the issuance of bonds to refinance the Series 2008 Grant and Revenue Anticipation Bonds for economic savings, as well as the funding of a debt service reserve and payment of issuance costs. Of the $750 million of GARVEE bonds originally issued in 2007 and 2008, $129.68 million remain outstanding. Series 2017 bonds refinanced the Series 2007 bonds on 8/9/17 and generated savings of $2.6 million.

The Executive Director and CFO will have the authority to manage the bond sale and closing, including the awarding of the 2018 Refunding Bonds to the successful underwriting firm(s) or negotiate the terms of a private placement or cash defeasance with favorable loan repayment terms; the selection of other service providers; and the preparation and execution of all closing documents, certificates and bond forms.

Upon motion by Member Kathy Bays Armstrong and seconded by Member John von Paris, the Members unanimously approved Resolution 18-02 authorizing the issuance of the GARVEE Bonds, Series 2018, or to utilize alternative financing options.
UPDATE – INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT AND SOC 1 REPORT

Mr. Luther Dolcar presented the audits conducted by MDTA’s independent auditors, SB & Company, LLC. This item was also presented to the Finance Committee.

Mr. William Seymour and Ms. Tianna Wynn from SB & Company, LLC presented the results of the FY 2018 Financial Statements Audit and Service Organization Control Report for the Maryland E-ZPass® System.

UPDATE – CREDIT AGENCY REPORTS

Mr. Garman presented an overview of the MDTA’s 2018 annual credit ratings surveillance results. This item was also reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Previously, the MDTA maintained credit ratings of AA- from Fitch Ratings and Standard and Poor’s Global Ratings and Aa3 from Moody’s Investors Service. In August 2018, Fitch and Moody’s upgraded the MDTA’s credit ratings by one-notch to AA and Aa2, respectively. Fitch and Moody’s attributed the ratings upgrades to the agency’s superior financial flexibility, consistently high debt service coverage relative to peers, recent sizeable debt repayment with excess cash, prudent capital planning, and strong transportation corridor with continued traffic growth.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mr. Kevin C. Reigrut gave a brief update on the following topics: ICC Open House and Job Fair; Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) Annual Meetings; Nice Bridge renaming; Police Academy graduation; Fleet Week; Bay Bridge 10K Run/Walk; and lastly, the Recognition of Employee, Ronald Whetsell.

There being no further business, the meeting of the MDTA Board was adjourned by consensus at 9:37 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on November 29, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the Maryland Transportation Authority, 2310 Broening Highway, Baltimore Maryland 21224.