

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023
9:00 A.M.

2310 BROENING HIGHWAY, BALTIMORE MD 21224
IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAMED OPEN MEETING

OPEN SESSION

Paul J. Wiedefeld, Acting Chairman

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

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

STAFF ATTENDING:

Col. Kevin Anderson
Percy Dangerfield
Donna DiCerbo
David Goldsborough
Chantelle Green
James Harkness
Natalie Henson
James Kittleman
Selena McKissick
Kimberly Millender, Esq.
Nicole Monroe
Mary O’Keeffe
William Pines
James Rassen
Tia Rattini
Bradley Ryon
John Sales
Joseph Sagal
Deb Sharpless
Paul Trentalance
John Warren

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Samantha Biddle, MDOT TSO

At 9:02 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. Chairman Wiedefeld started the meeting with a moment of silence to honor our six colleagues who lost their lives during the tragic work zone crash on I-695 on March 22, 2023.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 23, 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 February 23, 2023 were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF THE IN-PERSON EXPRESS TOLL LANES (ETL) SECTION 200 TOLL HEARING – BALTIMORE COUNTY OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the open session meeting minutes of the In-Person Express Toll Lanes (ETL) Section 200 Toll Hearing – Baltimore County held on February 27, 2023 were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL EXPRESS TOLL LANES (ETL) SECTION 200 TOLL HEARING OF MARCH 2, 2023

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the open session meeting minutes of the Virtual Express Toll Lanes (ETL) Section 200 Toll Hearing held on March 2, 2023 were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF THE IN-PERSON EXPRESS TOLL LANES (ETL) SECTION 200 TOLL HEARING – HARFORD COUNTY OF MARCH 6, 2023

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the open session meeting minutes of the In-Person Express Toll Lanes (ETL) Section 200 Toll Hearing – Harford County held on March 6, 2023 were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARDS

• **MT-00210626 – Scrap Rubber Removal**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MT-00210626 – Scrap Rubber Removal with Auston Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$580,750.00.

Ms. DiCerbo explained that this contract is for the purpose of recycling the MDTA's rubber materials.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member William C. Ensor, III, the Members unanimously gave approval to execute Contract No. MT-00210626 – Scrap Rubber Removal.

UPDATE – FISCAL YEAR 2024 DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES BUDGET ANALYSIS

Ms. Chantelle Green provided an overview of the budget issues and recommendations presented by the Department of Legislative Services during the MDTA's Fiscal Year 2024 legislative budget hearing. The overview included a brief recap of the MDTA's responses to the issues raised in the budget analysis document.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Executive Director Will Pines and Chairman Paul Wiedefeld thanked all those involved in the process on a job well done.

UPDATE – MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Jim Harkness updated the MDTA Board on the status of Major Projects in the Capital Program. Mr. Harkness explained that as of March 9, 2023, there are eleven major projects in the Capital Program. Eight of the projects are under construction and three are under design. This update includes projects funded for construction in the current Consolidated Transportation Program and includes five projects valued in excess of \$100 million. There are three projects from the \$1.1 billion I-95 ETL Northbound Expansion program.

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

Mr. Percy Dangerfield gave a brief introduction of the Division of Information Technology (DoIT) and then turned the floor over to Mr. David Goldsborough, Director of MDTA DoIT. Mr. Goldsborough then updated the MDTA Board on the DoIT major projects. He explained that as of March 30, 2023, the Division of Information Technology maintains an active portfolio of 19 projects. Current activities include assisting Kapsch and Transcore with rack expansion in the data centers to accommodate increased storage requirements and assisting with various database reports to support QA functions for the KPI portion of the contract.

Mr. Goldsborough explained that the MDTA received the final report from the State of Maryland Department of Information Technology for the cybersecurity readiness engagement completed in May 2022. A pre-exit conference, as well as an exit conference, were held with State DoIT to review the overall scoring results. MDTA DoIT scored very well against the instrument used for the assessment, the Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) framework. DoIT will work to implement some of the findings in areas that will immediately impact overall scores. These include the implementation of role-based training for our staff.

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

- Moving HR Central to the new Salesforce lightning platform
- Implementation of Maximo spatial for asset management

- Open Text Upgrade from version 2016 to 2021
- Dynamics SL Upgrade from version 2015 to 2018
- Moving HRIS system to the cloud

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

Mr. Percy Dangerfield gave a brief introduction of the Division of Civil Rights and Fair Practices (CRFP) and then turned the floor over to Ms. Tia Rattini, Director of CRFP. Ms. Rattini updated the MDTA Board on MDTA's progress toward achieving the legislatively mandated socioeconomic program goals for the 2nd Quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, which covers the performance period of July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 (Q2 FY 2023).

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

CRFP is responsible for monitoring the Nice-Middleton Bridge and the newly awarded I-95 Interchange at Belvidere Road projects federally funded contracts to ensure compliance with nondiscrimination and affirmative action requirements.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program

The MBE participation for Q2 FY 2023 is calculated by dividing the total MBE contract award dollars by the total contract award dollars. During this period, MBE firms received \$51.3 million (20.21%) of the \$254 million in total contract awards.

These amounts represent contract awards in six Procurement Categories: Construction, Architectural & Engineering (A&E), Maintenance, Information Technology (IT), Services, and Supplies/Equipment.

The MBE classification breakdown during this period was African American firms received approximately \$13.4 million (5.31%) of the nearly \$254 million Prime contract awards this period. Hispanic American firms received over \$1.4 million (0.57%), Asian American firms received \$4.8 million (1.89%), Women-owned firms received \$28.7 million (11.31%), and Disabled firms received over \$36 thousand (0.01%).

Small Business Reserve (SBR) Program

The SBR firms' utilization for Q2 FY 2023 is calculated by dividing the total SBR designated payments by the total procurement payments. An SBR-designated payment is a payment made to a vendor for an SBR-designated procurement. During this period, SBR-designated firms received \$4 million (1.10%) of the \$364 million in procurement payments. Non SBR-designated payments for this quarter were \$2.6 million (0.73%). MDTA's SBR utilization was \$6.6 million (1.83%) for all SBR payments (designated and non-designated).

Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise (VSBE) Program.

The VSBE participation for Q2 FY 2023 is calculated by dividing the total contract award dollars to VSBE firms by all contract awards. During this period, VSBE firms received \$1.7 million (0.68%) of the \$254 million in contracts awarded by the MDTA.

Mr. Percy Dangerfield then explained CRFP's strategies going forward. This included the PRISM Contract Compliance System; reinstated outreach events; training with the Office of Engineering and Construction; working to get credit card purchases made with MBE, DBE, VSBE and SBR vendors counted towards our goals; identifying additional opportunities for MBE/DBE/VSBE participation; and creating an MBE/DBE awards program for primes and subs that perform well on MDTA contracts.

UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Mr. Bradley Ryon and Mr. James Kittleman updated the MDTA Board on the bills that have been filed that will have an impact to the MDTA as well as the number of legislative casework/inquiries that their office has received thus far.

UPDATE – AUDIT COMMITTEE

Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger presented an update on the Audit Committee meeting that took place on March 7, 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 three audits completed and three audits in progress.

The FY 2024 Enterprise-Wide Risk Assessment and Proposed FY 2024 Audit Plan were presented. The Committee discussed and concurred with the proposed FY 2024 Audit Plan.

Two internal audit reports were presented: Corporate Purchasing Card Controls Audit and License Plate Reader Compliance Audit. The Committee was satisfied with the results of these audits.

The Executive Director also gave a verbal update on the status of the OLA audit that started in February 2022.

UPDATE – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. William Pines gave the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Pines then gave updates on the following items: the 3 Toll Hearings for the I-95 Express Toll Lanes (ETL) Section 200 Northbound Extension and I-695 Ramps; the March 8th MDTA Civil Rights & Fair Practices Outreach Event; the March 8th MDTA Police Promotional Ceremony; the Mind of the Leader Program; and the March 28th Board Member ETL Site Visit.

Mr. Pines thanked the BHT Sign Shop (Tyler Courtney, CFMO; Al Mosley, Sign Shop Supervisor; Joe Williams; Mason Dibley; and John Baumann) for the 3 signs that they produced and hung as a backdrop for MDTA Board Meetings. He also thanked Kelly Mundle from the Division of Communications for providing the necessary graphics to the Sign Shop.

Mr. Pines recognized two MDTA Police personnel. First was Lieutenant Kevin Foster, Commander of the ICC Detachment. Lieutenant Foster graduated on March 16, 2023 as part of the 285th Session of the FBI National Academy. Participants in this program must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend and, on average, have 21 years of law enforcement experience. Congratulations to Lieutenant Foster on a job well done and for representing the MDTA Police in this prestigious program.

Next, Mr. Pines informed the MDTA Board that on March 22, 2023, Colonel Kevin Anderson was elected to the position of Second Vice president of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA). The MCPA is comprised of Executive law enforcement officers from State, Local, and Federal agencies, prosecutors and police legal advisors, members of the Maryland Police Training Commission, private sector security directors, and interested citizens. The MCPA works tirelessly on behalf of their members and communities in several critical areas including Legislative and Legal Advocacy, Training, and Member Services and are active on issues of public safety policy. Mr. Pines thanked Colonel Anderson for stepping up to help lead the MCPA.

Mr. Pines final employee recognition was for James Rassen, a valued Emergency Response Technician (ERT). He explained that the primary mission of an ERT is to assist stranded motorists along our roadways. Often an ERT is the first-person a stranded motorist sees in their moment of need. This free 24/7 roadside assistance is part of the MDTA's commitment to customer service by providing a safe traveling experience for our customers. Where it is assisting with a tire change or some gas to get a motorist back on their way, our ERT's provide this free lifeline service. Mr. Rassen; however, went above and beyond that call to service. On February 21st, at Exit 32 (Sandy Point) along Route 50 in the midmorning timeframe Mr. Rassen helped in saving a life. A disabled vehicle turned into a medical emergency that required MDTA Police to administer Narcan, an opioid overdose counter medication. Mr. Rassen assisted the MDTA Police by giving the police the AED (automated external defibrillator) then started directing traffic, without being asked, to keep the scene safe so police officers and fire personnel could provide lifesaving interventions. Mr. Rassen has been nominated for a MDTA Police Life Saving Award by the MDTA Police officers on the scene.

Lastly, Mr. Pines informed the MDTA Board that we are planning a Day of Service open to all MDTA employees and the public. The Day of Service will be on Saturday, May 6 and we will be doing a shoreline clean-up in two areas. One area is by the MDTA Police Headquarters Building and the second area borders our neighboring community of Turner Station.

VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

Prior to adjournment, Chairman Wiedefeld introduced Ms. Samantha Biddle. Ms. Biddle is the new MDOT Deputy Secretary. Ms. Biddle took the floor to introduce herself. Chairman Wiedefeld then thanked all MDTA employees for all that they do and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

There being no further business, upon motion by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr. and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, 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