

**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION No. 19-05**

**A RESOLUTION TO RE-CONFIGURE THE BAY BRIDGE  
RECONSTRUCTION ADVISORY GROUP ("BBRAG")**

**WHEREAS**, the Maryland Transportation Authority, an agency of the State of Maryland (the "MDTA") is authorized and empowered under Section 4-101 through 4-405 of the Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Act") to finance, construct, operate, maintain, and repair "transportation facilities projects" (as defined in the Act) to issue revenue bonds and to perform any actions necessary or convenient to carry out the powers granted in the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, the Secretary of Transportation and the MDTA informally created the Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group ("BBRAG") during a re-decking project to establish a group of individuals with interest in the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (hereinafter "the Bridge") to network in their respective communities and with local businesses to share information and to provide a forum to share local concerns about the Bridge and its construction;

**WHEREAS**, in May 2005, the MDTA formally established the BBRAG to establish a group of individuals to assist MDTA with Bridge-related concerns focused on current construction issues; to provide education to the public; and to work collaboratively with MDTA staff on Bridge-related issues;

**WHEREAS**, following completion of the major re-decking construction, the MDTA decided to maintain the BBRAG as a forum for citizen concerns and information-sharing related to the Bridge; and

**WHEREAS**, MDTA now hereby desires to re-configure the BBRAG including its membership, format, and purpose under certain terms and conditions as more fully set forth herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**, as follows:

**Section 1.** The MDTA Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to appoint eight (8) to ten (10) persons to serve as the members of the BBRAG. Members shall be appointed to serve a term of three (3) years. Prior to making appointments, the Executive Director shall solicit applications of interest from individuals residing in the vicinity of the Bridge and/or with special information, knowledge, or interest in the Bridge who desire to serve as an appointed member of the BBRAG. In addition, the Executive Director shall specifically reach out to the current BBRAG members to determine if they desire to continue to serve.

**Section 2.** The Executive Director shall appoint an individual to serve as Chair of the BBRAG and an individual to serve as Vice-Chair of the BBRAG. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall have special information, knowledge, or interest in the Bridge. The Executive Director shall determine the term for the Chair and the Vice-Chair at the time of appointment. The Vice-Chair shall conduct the duties of the Chair when that individual is unable to do so.

**Section 3.** The BBRAG shall be considered a “public body” as that term is defined under the Maryland Open Meetings Law and shall comply with all provisions of the Maryland Open Meetings Law.

**Section 4.** Unless otherwise determined by the Chair, the BBRAG shall meet quarterly at a location at or near the Bridge sufficient to accommodate attending public.

**Section 5.** Each member shall submit a written report by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month to the Chair summarizing all of the community outreach and education conducted by the Member on behalf of BBRAG.

**Section 6.** The BBRAG shall provide the Executive Director an Annual Report on or before December 31 summarizing the activities of the group; including the minutes from all meetings held throughout the year; listing all community outreach and education conducted by each Member; and providing recommendations on future community outreach and education and other transportation issues relevant to MDTA.

**Section 7.** The Executive Director shall designate staff from the MDTA to serve as a liaison with BBRAG; to attend meetings to facilitate the preparation of agendas, minutes and other administrative duties related to compliance with the Open Meetings Law; and to assist with the preparation of the Annual Report to the Executive Director.

**Section 8.** The Executive Director shall evaluate the on-going need for the BBRAG and provide a recommendation to the MDTA Board as to whether the BBRAG should continue or be dissolved.

**Section 9.** This Resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2020. Upon effect, the current configuration and membership appointments of the BBRAG shall cease and be superseded in accordance with the terms of this Resolution.

Dated: 6/27/2019

**WITNESS:**

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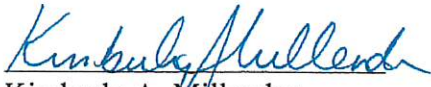


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