

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2024
1:00 P.M.

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

OPEN SESSION

Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chairman
Samantha Biddle, Acting Chairman

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Dontae Carroll – via Conference Call
William H. Cox, Jr.
W. Lee Gaines, Jr.
Mario J. Gangemi
Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger
Jeffrey S. Rosen
Samuel D. Snead – via Conference Call
John F. von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:

Jeffrey Brown
Percy Dangerfield
Donna DiCerbo
Tonya Dorsey
David Goldsborough
Chantelle Green
Natalie Henson
Jeanne Marriott
Kimberly Millender, Esq.
Mary O’Keeffe
Tia Rattini
Col. Joseph Scott
Deborah Sharpless
Brian Wolfe

At 1:02 p.m. Acting Chair Samantha Biddle 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 MAY 30, 2024

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 May 30, 2024 were unanimously approved.

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARD

- **FT-3016-0000 – FMT Facility-Wide Zone Paint Program**

****** Contract No. FT-3016-0000 – FMT Facility-Wide Zone Painting Program was tabled until the end of the meeting so that Ms. Donna DiCerbo could get additional Board requested information prior to voting on the contract. ******

- **TE-00210910 – CTI OnTIME Traffic Control System Maintenance**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Sole Source Contract No. TE-00210910 – CTI OnTIME Traffic Control System Maintenance with Control Technologies, Inc. (CTI) in the amount of \$490,362.00.

Ms. DiCerbo explained that this Sole Source Contract is to provide software maintenance services, technical support, quarterly preventative maintenance, and other miscellaneous services for the MDTA-licensed, Control Technologies, Inc. (CTI)-developed “OnTIME” Traffic Control System (OnTIME) currently installed on the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial (WPL) Bay Bridge. The OnTIME software views videos from Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) cameras and controls the Lane Use Signals (LUS), Enhanced Lane Use Signals (ELUS), Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), two-way flashers, Illuminated Pavement Markers (IPMs), and gates at the WPL. These services include 24-hour, seven (7) days per week support through a dedicated CTI technical support number and email address.

Upon motion by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members unanimously gave contingent approval of Contract No. TE-00210910 – CTI OnTIME Traffic Control System Maintenance.

APPROVAL – FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. Jeffrey Brown requested MDTA Board approval of an amendment to increase the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Operating Budget by \$85.0 million to \$485.1 million.

Mr. Brown explained that the FY 2024 Amended Operating Budget totals \$485.1 million which represents an increase of \$85 million, or 21.2%, above the previous FY 2024 budget. As part of the emergency response for the FSK Bridge Collapse, the State of Maryland received \$60 million in initial Emergency Relief funding to support the debris and salvage removal cleanup efforts. This amendment includes \$60 million in funding in accordance with the provided federal funds. The amendment includes \$25 million for additional debris and salvage costs which insurance proceeds are expected to be used to offset the additional costs. After accounting for the \$85 million budget amendment and any currently unknown liabilities, the MDTA remains in compliance with its financial goals and legal standards at fiscal year-end.

Mr. Brown further explained that the MDTA is requesting discretionary approval to further increase the operating budget by \$15 million if debris and salvage removal costs/liabilities exceed \$85 million (\$60 million + \$25 million). The discretionary approval is being requested to mitigate the possibility of expenses/liabilities exceeding the approved operating budget and thereby creating a technical violation of the Trust Agreement. As a condition of the discretionary approval, the MDTA would update the Board on any FY 2024 debris and salvage expenses/liabilities recognized against the \$15 million discretionary approval. Any additional expenses/liabilities are anticipated to be funded from insurance proceeds. Should the additional discretionary budget authority be needed, the MDTA would remain within its financial standards, including 2.0x debt service coverage.

Upon motion by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, the Members unanimously approved the FY 2024 Operating Budget Amendment.

APPROVAL – AMENDMENT TO CURRENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH FOP #34

Mr. Percy Dangerfield requested MDTA Board approval to amend the current Collective Bargaining Agreement with FOP Lodge #34 to create an Assigned Patrol Vehicle Program for sworn MDTA police officers.

Mr. Dangerfield explained that on June 18, 2024, the MDTA and the FOP reached a tentative agreement to modify the current Collective Bargaining Agreement per the re-opener clause under Article XXV, Section 2.

The following details the agreed upon proposals:

- On or before July 1, 2024, MDTA will provide 25 patrol vehicles from its existing fleet for assignment under this Program. Patrol vehicles shall be assigned to bargaining unit members by seniority as defined in Article VII.
- On or before June 30, 2024, the MDTA shall order 75 additional patrol vehicles for allocation to bargaining unit members who have not been assigned an agency patrol vehicle. Patrol vehicles shall be assigned to bargaining unit members by seniority as defined in Article VII.
- On or before January 1, 2025, the MDTA shall order 90 additional patrol vehicles for allocation to bargaining unit members who have not been assigned an agency patrol vehicle. Patrol vehicles shall be assigned to bargaining unit members by seniority as defined in Article VII.

- On or before July 1, 2025, the MDTA shall provide an assigned patrol vehicle to every bargaining unit member, inclusive of an unassigned pool vehicle fleet to ensure additional vehicles are available as needed for unforeseen circumstances.

He further explained that the MDTA will determine the type of vehicles that will be purchased based upon business need and provided an approximate cost per vehicle. The cost to purchase 75 vehicles is about \$77,027 per vehicle or \$5.8 million in total which includes upfitting (radios, digital cameras, and lights, etc.). The cost to purchase 90 vehicles is about \$77,027 per vehicle or \$6.9 million in total which includes upfitting (radios, digital cameras, and lights, etc.).

He also stated that the MDTA anticipates the need for additional mechanic services to maintain the vehicles in good working order and that the MDTA has asked the FOP to partner with us to find workable solutions moving forward.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Mario J. Gangemi, the amendment to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement with FOP #34 was unanimously approved.

***** At 1:40 pm Chairman Paul Wiedefeld arrived and chaired the remainder of the meeting. *****

APPROVAL – FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025 FINAL OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Jeffrey Brown requested approval from the MDTA Board for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Final Operating Budget. The Trust Agreement requires the approval of a final budget on or before July 1.

Mr. Brown explained that the proposed FY 2025 Final Operating Budget of \$434.1 million, represents a \$13.4 million, or 3.2%, increase versus the FY 2025 Preliminary Budget. Overall, the key drivers are mandated personnel expenses, increased collectively bargained police patrol vehicle purchases, higher insurance costs, and additional management study activities. These increases are partially offset by reduced credit card fees.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the Members unanimously approved the FY 2025 Final Operating Budget.

APPROVAL – DRAFT FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-2030 CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP)

Ms. Jeanne Marriott requested approval of the proposed Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2030 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP).

Ms. Marriott explained that the six-year FY 2025-2030 budget in the proposed CTP is \$5.1 billion. The proposed CTP reflects a net increase in the six-year FY 2025-2030 budget of \$2.0 billion. The net FY 2025-2030 increase is the result of the following:

- Addition to the six-year CTP budget of \$1.7 billion for the replacement of the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

- Increase in the six-year CTP budget by \$4.7 million for the Nice/Middleton Bridge.
- Increase in the six-year CTP budget by \$64.1 million for the I-95 ETL Northern Extension.
- Increase in the six-year CTP budget by \$132.2 million for all projects except Key Bridge, Nice/Middleton Bridge, I-95 ETL Northern Extension, and Reserves.
- Increase in the Allocated and Unallocated Reserves by \$101.9 million.

She further explained that the FY 2024 expenditures are projected to be \$434.4 million vs. \$563.0 million in the Final FY 2024-2029 CTP. The FY 2024 underspending is projected to be \$128.5 million and has been rolled over into the Draft FY 2025-2030 CTP.

Upon motion by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member Mario J. Gangemi, the Members unanimously approved the Draft FY 2025-2030 Consolidated Transportation Program.

APPROVAL – FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2024-2030 FINANCIAL FORECAST

Ms. Chantelle Green requested approval from the MDTA Board for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2030 Financial Forecast. Ms. Green explained key takeaways of the FY 2024-2030 Financial Forecast, which include:

- Through FY 2027, the MDTA remains in compliance with its financial goals and legal standards.
- Despite the loss of the Francis Scott Key (FSK) Bridge:
 - The MDTA has sufficient cashflow and capital reserves through FY 2025 to support additional expenses associated with the FSK Bridge Replacement without external support.
 - It is estimated that the MDTA will recapture 40 percent of the passenger and commercial vehicle traffic from the FSK Bridge at the two other Harbor Crossings.
- Based on the current forecast estimates, beginning in FY 2028, a systemwide toll increase will be necessary to maintain 2.0 times debt service coverage throughout the remainder of the FY 2025-2030 forecast period. Tolls were last increased in FY 2014 followed by a reduction of tolls in FY 2016.

Upon motion by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger and seconded by Member Mario J. Gangemi, the Members unanimously approved the FY 2024-2030 Financial Forecast.

UPDATE – BI-ANNUAL REVIEW OF REVENUE SUFFICIENCY

Ms. Chantelle Green provided the MDTA Board with an update on the bi-annual review of revenue sufficiency. The most recent financial forecast shows that current toll rates, fees, and discounts provide enough revenue through FY 2027 to meet forecasted spending and meet all legal and policy requirements.

UPDATE – MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Mr. Brian Wolfe updated the MDTA Board on the status of Major Projects in the Capital Program. Mr. Wolfe explained that as of June 18, 2024, there are fourteen major projects in the Capital Program. Ten of the projects are under construction, three are in procurement, and one is in design. This update includes projects funded for construction in the current CTP and includes six projects valued in excess of \$100 million. Four projects are from the \$1.1 billion I-95 ETL Northbound Extension program. One new project, the Francis Scott Key (FSK) Bridge Replacement – Phase 1 project with an upset limit of \$73 million, is also included in this update.

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 June 28th, 2024, DoIT maintains an active portfolio of 22 projects and continued support of the third-generation tolling system (3G) program. An additional project was opened into the portfolio to represent the Maximo 9 upgrade.

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

- HR Central Conversion
- Scheduling System Enhancements
- Maximo Spatial
- Open Text Upgrade
- Dynamics SL Upgrade
- HRIS
- Data Center Enhancements Project
- Clearing House Tracking for Health and Safety
- Police BW
- PRISM
- 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 3rd Quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, which covers the performance period of July 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024 (Q3 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 June 11, 2024. The Office of Audits is on track to complete the thirteen audits in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Audit Plan. Currently seven audits are complete, five are in progress, and one was combined with another completed audit.

One internal audit report (Electronic Toll Collection Vendor Oversight and Application Security Audit) was presented and the Committee was satisfied with the results of this audit.

UPDATE – FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE UPDATE

Mr. Brian Wolfe gave an update on the Francis Scott Key Bridge. He discussed Tolling Operations at Exit 44; June 21st U.S. Senators' Site Visit and Briefing; FSK Rebuild Public Engagement; and Salvage.

Mr. Wolfe began by giving an update on Tolling Operations at Exit 44. Tolling will not be in effect for vehicles using the I-695 turnaround at Exit 44 until further notice through late August. Originally, MDTA made an announcement on May 20 that tolling would be lifted until at least the end of June. MDTA wanted to make sure we are doing as much as we can to keep truck traffic on the most appropriate routes in the aftermath of the FSK collapse. MDTA continues to monitor the volumes of traffic using the turnaround and the impact on MDTA revenues. After the first two weeks after the turnaround re-opened, MDTA saw traffic volumes returning to levels slightly above 2023 levels. MDTA will reassess tolling in late August and issue additional public notifications as those determinations are made.

Mr. Wolfe stated that on June 21 Governor Moore and Lieutenant Governor Miller welcomed the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Chairman Tom Carper of Delaware and several Senate staffers for a briefing and updated site view of the FSK Bridge. Chairman Wiedefeld, MDTA Executive Director Bruce Gartner, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the Coast Guard provided high-level updates on what's been accomplished, where we are today, next steps, and potential challenges that lie ahead. The visit was an excellent opportunity to interact with Chairman Carper prior to the Committee's scheduled hearing on July 10 examining the response to the Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse.

Mr. Wolfe then updated the Board on FSK Rebuild Public Engagement. On June 11 MDTA hosted a Virtual Community Update via Zoom. The meeting covered work completed on the bridge so far, how the MDTA and partners are working to reconnect resources to the community, and MDTA panelists took questions and heard what matters most to the community. The meeting started with a pre-recorded message from Ms. Jawauna Green, Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs and Strategy

with MDOT and was moderated by MDTA’s Manager of Media & Public Affairs Nicole Monroe. Mr. Jim Harkness and Mr. Wolfe led the discussion and fielded questions. There were 540 attendees, 168 questions asked, and 51 questions answered during the event. There was also a live poll where participants were asked 4 questions.

Mr. Wolfe then read the questions and gave the top answers. They were:

Question	Top Answer	Percentage
Where are you getting travel information?	Google Maps/Waze/GPS	26.5%
What can be done to help and support you and your community until a new Key Bridge is built?	Help commuting to work, school, childcare and appointments	38%
How has the collapse of the Key Bridge impacted your daily life?	Impacted travel routes and commute times.	58%
Have you benefited from any of the following Key Bridge Collapse Resources?	MDTA websites	18%

Mr. Wolfe continued by telling the Board that the FSK Rebuild Engagement Team is fully engaged and has a schedule of upcoming festivals, events, and meetings that the Team will be attending starting with the Dundalk Heritage Fair on Saturday, June 29. There are additional events in Curtis Bay, Riverside, Essex, North Point, and other neighboring communities. The calendar of events can be found at keybridgerebuild.com.

Mr. Wolfe ended his update by advising the Board that the water work has been completed and staff have finalized and are closing the salvage yard at Trade Point Atlantic.

***** Chairman Wiedefeld re-called Ms. DiCerbo to present Contract No. FT-3016-0000 – FMT Facility-Wide Zone Painting Program that was tabled at the beginning of the meeting. *****

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARD

- **FT-3016-0000 – FMT Facility-Wide Zone Paint Program**

Ms. Donna DiCerbo requested contingent approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. FT-3016-0000 – FMT Facility-Wide Zone Paint Program with Saffo Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$22,977,770.00.

Ms. DiCerbo explained the work to be performed under this contract is located on the Fort McHenry Tunnel Facility. The scope of work includes cleaning and painting of structural steel members and performing miscellaneous structural steel repairs on various bridges both north and south of the tunnel.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., the Members unanimously gave contingent approval to execute Contract No. FT-3016-0000 – FMT Facility-Wide Zone Paint Program.

UPDATE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Percy Dangerfield updated the MDTA Board on the following items: IBTTA's Finance and Road Usage Charging Summit which was held in Baltimore and hosted by the MDTA June 9-11; MDTA Police Recruit Class 59 started on June 12; MDTA Police Promotional Ceremony was held on June 26 and Col. Joseph Scott was pinned by his wife at the ceremony; and the launch of the Employee Engagement Roundtable.

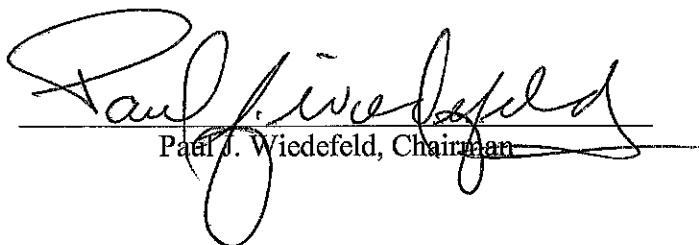
Mr. Dangerfield ended his remarks by wishing everyone a Safe and Happy July 4th Holiday.

VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member W. Lee Gaines, Jr., the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25, 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