

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025
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
Maricela Cordova
William H. Cox, Jr.
Mario J. Gangemi
Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger
Jeffrey S. Rosen
Samuel D. Snead
John F. von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:

Percy Dangerfield
Bruce Gartner
Chantelle Green
Pilar Helm
Natalie Henson
Evan Howard
Richard Jaramillo
Jim Loukas
Kimberly Millender, Esq.
Megan Mohan
Mary O'Keeffe
Jason Pulliam
Col. Joseph Scott
Deborah Sharpless
Bradley Tanner
Patricia Tracey
Brian Wolfe

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Samantha J. Biddle, Deputy Secretary, MDOT
Cheryl Dickinson, Retired Employee, MDTA
Jaclyn Hartman, Assistant Secretary, MDOT

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 JUNE 26, 2025

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Dontae Carroll, the open session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on June 26, 2025 were unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION – YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION

Mr. Bruce Gartner read and presented the Years of Service Recognition Resolution for Ms. Cheryl Dickinson. On the occasion of Ms. Dickinson's retirement from her distinguished career of service, the Chairman and Members of the Maryland Transportation Authority Board hereby express to her their most sincere appreciation for her excellence and commitment.

APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARDS

- **SV-00211398 – Tactical Medical Director Services**

Ms. Patricia Tracey requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. SV-00211398 – Tactical Medical Director Services with Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in the amount of \$429,992.50.

Ms. Tracey explained that the purpose of the project is to retain the services of Johns Hopkins University, Department of Emergency Medicine, Division of Special Operations, to provide 24/7 Tactical Physician Services, emergency medical consultation, and specialized Tactical Medicine training for MDTA Police. The provider shall furnish all personnel, consultation access, training materials, and program oversight necessary to support MDTAP's Tactical Medical Program.

This contract is for a base term of three (3) years and a single two-year renewal option for a total of \$429,992.50 over five (5) years. As this contract exceeds the MDTA's delegated authority, the award of this contract would be pending approval at the next available BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the Members unanimously approved Contract No. SV-00211398 – Tactical Medical Director Services.

- **MT-00211460 – Janitorial Services for MDTA's Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (BHT) and Fort McHenry Tunnel (FMT) Facilities**

Ms. Patricia Tracey requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MT-00211460 – Janitorial Services for MDTA's Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (BHT) and Fort McHenry Tunnel (FMT) Facilities with National Centers on Institutions and Alternatives (NCIA) in the bid amount of \$1,294,500.65.

Ms. Tracey explained that this Community Services contract provides comprehensive janitorial services including supervision, supplies, labor, and equipment at the BHT and FMT facilities by NCIA. The Pricing and Selection Committee approved the rates for these services on June 26, 2025. Janitorial supplies are included in the contract total and the contract specifies that supplies be purchased from Blind Industries of Maryland, also a Community Services Provider.

This contract is for a base term of three (3) years and a single two-year renewal option for a total \$1,294,500.65 over five (5) years. As this contract exceeds the MDTA's delegated authority, the award of this contract would be pending approval at the August 6, 2025 BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Maricela Cordova, the Members gave unanimous approval of Contract No. MT-00211460 – Janitorial Services for MDTA's Baltimore Harbor Tunnel (BHT) and Fort McHenry Tunnel (FMT) Facilities.

- **MT-00211428 – On-Call Plumbing for MDTA Northern Region**

Ms. Patricia Tracey requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MT-00211428 – On-Call Plumbing for MDTA Northern Region with Patapsco Mechanical LLC in the bid amount of \$695,190.00.

Ms. Tracey explained that this Small Business Reserve designated contract is to provide on-call plumbing maintenance services for MDTA's Northern Region. The lowest responsible and responsive bidder was Patapsco Mechanical LLC. This contract is for a base term of three (3) years and a single two-year renewal option for a total of \$695,190.00 over five (5) years. As this contract exceeds the MDTA's delegated authority, the award of this contract would be pending approval at the next available BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the Members gave unanimous approval of Contract No. MT-00211428 – On-Call Plumbing for MDTA Northern Region.

- **MT-00211510 – On-Call Plumbing for MDTA Central Region**

Ms. Patricia Tracey requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MT-00211510 – On-Call Plumbing for MDTA Central Region with National Centers on Patapsco Mechanical LLC in the bid amount of \$695,190.00.

Ms. Tracey explained that this Small Business Reserve designated contract is to provide on-call plumbing maintenance services for MDTA's Central Region. The lowest responsible and responsive bidder was Patapsco Mechanical LLC. This Contract is for a base term of three (3) years and a single two-year renewal option for a total \$695,190.00 over five (5) years. As this contract exceeds the MDTA's delegated authority, the award of this contract would be pending approval at the next available BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Maricela Cordova, the Members unanimously approved Contract No. MT-00211510 – On-Call Plumbing for MDTA Central Region.

UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE

- **Joint Chairmen’s Report Regarding the Francis Scott Key Bridge Reconstruction**

Mr. Brian Wolfe provided a summary of the Joint Chairmen’s Report (JCR) regarding the Francis Scott Key Bridge Reconstruction.

Mr. Wolfe explained that during the 2025 Legislative Session, committee narrative was adopted by the budget committees that required the MDTA to prepare a JCR that provides a status update on the progress of the reconstruction efforts for the Francis Scott Key (FSK) Bridge. The language stated the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and House Appropriations Committee are interested in receiving quarterly updates on the progress of the reconstruction of the FSK Bridge. Specifically, providing updates on engineering and design, federal permitting, preconstruction efforts and construction activities. The Committees also requested updates on running totals of expenditures, availability of and projected timeframes for federal reimbursements, and any material changes to cost or schedule.

He further explained that the first quarterly JCR was delivered by the due date of July 1, 2025. Future JCRs will be due October 1, 2025, January 1, 2026, and April 1, 2026. MDTA’s JCR report provided detailed updates on the status of engineering efforts, permitting coordination with federal and state agencies, and preconstruction activities such as surveys and geotechnical investigations. Expenditures as of April 2025 were also provided along with an explanation of federal reimbursements. Changes to the Phase 1 contract to include pile load tests were also identified.

UPDATE – MDTA POLICE PUBLIC SECURITY

Colonel Joseph Scott updated the MDTA Board on MDTA Police activities including recruitment efforts, improved engagement and productivity, reduction in traffic collisions, and the upcoming National Night Out.

UPDATE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Bruce Gartner updated the Board on this year’s America’s 911 Ride that will be held on Saturday, August 16th starting at approximately 8:30 am at the Maryland House.

Mr. Gartner also presented Jim Loukas with the Employee of the Quarter Award for Quarter 2 of 2025. Mr. Loukas was recognized for exceptional leadership and contributions to the MDTA.

In September 2024, after the passing of MDTA’s long-time Fleet Administrator, Mr. David Sharpless, Mr. Loukas accepted additional duties and agreed to assume the Acting Fleet Administrator position. As a result, he was thrust into numerous projects including the procurement of a replacement vessel for the MDTA Police, a significant expansion in police equipment/vehicles, coordination of over 70 replacement equipment/vehicles for the MDTA, and coordination with multiple vendors. Through his tireless work, Fleet Management continued its continuity of operations

and has successfully procured and is working towards the goal of placing the vehicles and equipment in-service. Mr. Loukas was nominated by Mr. Jason Pulliam.

Mr. Gartner also recognized that this was Chairman Paul Wiedefeld's last MDTA Board Meeting. He thanked the Chairman for his leadership and support of the MDTA over these past two and a half years recognizing that we kept him busy and it wasn't always easy.

Chairman Wedefeld was at the helm of MDTA's response and recovery following the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge; during his tenure MDTA opened the extension of the northbound Express Toll Lanes in December; and, thanks to his leadership, MDTA is going to receive \$80 million in USDOT funding to make critical transportation safety, mobility, and environment improvements around the toll plaza and Frankfurst Avenue interchange of the I-895 Baltimore Harbor Tunnel.

All eight MDTA Board Members also thanked Chairman Wiedefeld for his leadership and support during his tenure. Chairman Wiedefeld then thanked the MDTA Board, Leadership, and employees for all they have done and continue to do for Maryland's traveling public.

VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

At 9:40 a.m., upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Mario J. Gangemi, the Members voted unanimously to move into Closed Session under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, the MDTA Board met in Closed Session under the General Provisions Article, Section 3-305(b)(10) and (12) to receive an update on deployment of police staff and resources and other security measures and to discuss a pending investigative proceeding involving possible criminal conduct; and Section 3-305(b)(8) to receive a status update on all litigation currently pending against the MDTA.

In attendance for the Closed Session were Chairman Paul J. Wiedefeld; Members Carroll, Cordova, Cox, Gangemi, Penny-Ardinger, Rosen, Snead, and von Paris; Bruce Gartner; Kimberly Millender, Esq.; Colonel Joseph Scott; Samantha J. Biddle; Jaclyn Hartman; Megan Mohan; Pilar Helm; and Natalie Henson.

VOTE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

At 10:10 a.m., a motion was made by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, which was unanimously approved, to adjourn the Closed Session and return to Open Session. There were no actions taken in Closed Session that require ratification.

VOTE TO ADJOURN MEETING

There being no further business, upon motion by Member Mario J. Gangemi and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025 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:



Samantha J. Biddle, Chair