

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 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.  
Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger – via Telephone  
Jeffrey S. Rosen  
Samuel D. Snead  
John F. von Paris

STAFF ATTENDING:

Lt. Col. Ronce Alford  
Percy Dangerfield  
Amy Daniel  
Jeffrey Davis  
Allen Garman  
Bruce Gartner  
David Goldsborough  
Chantelle Green  
James Harkness  
Natalie Henson  
Eric Jarvis  
Shaneka Johnson  
James Kittleman  
Kimberly Millender, Esq.  
Allison Persing  
Col. Joseph Scott  
Deborah Sharpless  
Cheryl Sparks  
Bradley Tanner  
Ronald Westervelt  
Eric Willison  
Safiya Wise

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 MARCH 27, 2025**

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Samuel D. Snead, the open session meeting minutes of the MDTA Board meeting held on March 27, 2025 were unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL – CONTRACT AWARD**

***\*\*\*\* Member John F. von Paris recused himself and left the room prior to the presentation of the following contract. \*\*\*\****

**MDTA 2023-01 – Comprehensive Traffic Engineering Services**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MDTA 2023-01 – Comprehensive Traffic Engineering Services. MDTA advertised with the intent to award up to three contracts to the three highest technically ranked firms for a total of \$10 million over a five (5) year period. The three highest technically ranked firms and award totals are listed below.

<u>Contract Number</u>	<u>Firms</u>	<u>Amount</u>
AE-3139-0000	Rummel, Kleeper & Kahn/WSP USA (JV)	\$3,500,000.00
AE-3140-0000	Whitman, Requardt & Associates	\$3,500,000.00
AE-3141-0000	Wallace Montgomery/STV, Inc. (JV)	\$3,000,000.00

Mr. Davis explained that the services to be performed include traffic control device design, review, evaluation, and analysis; traffic engineering planning and operations studies; product and material evaluations and analyses; asset management services associated with traffic control and traffic safety devices; development of plans, specifications, and estimates for traffic-related construction contracts and/or task orders; supplemental staffing support; and project and program management.

Staff anticipate presenting this Contract at the June 11, 2025 BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member Dontae Carroll and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the Members unanimously approved contract MDTA 2023-01 – Comprehensive Traffic Engineering Service.

***\*\*\*\* Member John F. von Paris returned to the room for the remainder of the meeting. \*\*\*\****

- **MT-00211389 – HVAC & ATC Maintenance Repairs – Central Region**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MT-00211389 – HVAC & ATC Maintenance and Repairs at MDTA's Central Locations with Denver-Elek, Inc. in the amount of \$2,232,717.50.

Mr. Davis explained the purpose for the HVAC and ATC systems management contract is to ensure ongoing operating conditions through timely maintenance and repairs.

Staff anticipate presenting this Contract at the May 7, 2025 BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member William H. Cox, Jr. and seconded by Member Samuel D. Snead, the Members gave unanimous approval of Contract No. MT-00211389 – HVAC & ATC Maintenance and Repairs at MDTA's Central Locations.

- **MT-00211392 – HVAC & ATC Maintenance Repairs – Intercounty Connector**

Mr. Jeffrey Davis requested approval from the MDTA Board to execute Contract No. MT-00211392 – HVAC & ATC Maintenance and Repairs at MDTA's Intercounty Connector Locations with Denver-Elek, Inc. in the amount of \$1,029,298.00.

Mr. Davis explained the purpose for the HVAC and ATC systems management contract is to ensure ongoing operating conditions through timely maintenance and repairs.

Staff anticipate presenting this Contract at the May 7, 2025 BPW meeting.

Upon motion by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member Maricela Cordova, the Members gave unanimous approval of Contract No. MT-00211392 – HVAC & ATC Maintenance and Repairs at MDTA's Intercounty Connector Locations.

### **APPROVAL – MDTA BOARD RESOLUTION 25-01 – SERIES 2025 BONDS**

Mr. Allen Garman requested MDTA Board approval of MDTA Board Resolution 25-01 – Series 2025 Bonds.

Mr. Garman explained that the Municipal Financing Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$600 million in bonds to finance capital projects for an approximately one-year period through Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. The financing is expected before December 31, 2025 and will be sized to account for the capital program, net operating revenues, bond premium, debt service reserve funding, and costs of issuance.

The \$600 million limit contained in the Resolution is based on the most recent official forecast approved by the MDTA Board in November 2024. More precise financing needs will be known in the coming months based on realized FY 2025 capital spending and updated information incorporated in the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) for FY 2026. It is expected that an amended resolution will be required to update the financing limit, but the first resolution is currently needed as

delegated authority to engage bond counsel in the development of the Official Statement and generally begin the financing process that comfortably requires 90-days to complete.

The Executive Director and Chief Financial Officer will have the authority to manage the bond sale and closing, including the award of the 2025 bonds to the successful underwriting firm(s) or negotiation of terms for a private placement. The Resolution also provides for authority to select other service providers and to prepare and execute all closing documents, certificates, and bond forms.

Upon motion by Member John F. von Paris and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the Members unanimously approved MDTA Board Resolution 25-01 – Series 2025 Bonds.

#### **UPDATE – MDTA POLICE PUBLIC SECURITY**

Colonel Joseph Scott updated the MDTA Board on MDTA Police activities including recruitment efforts, Academy Class 60 that started last month, and past and upcoming community engagement events.

#### **UPDATE – LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Mr. James Kittleman gave the final update to the MDTA Board wrapping up the 2025 legislative session and its impacts to the MDTA. Mr. Kittleman thanked the Chairman and his TSO partners for their assistance during session.

#### **UPDATE - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Bruce Gartner updated the Board on the following items: National Transportation Safety Board Response; April 21-25 National Work Zone Awareness Week; April 2 Bay Bridge Reconstruction Advisory Group Meeting; April 23 Earth Day Event; April 9 MdQI Awards Banquet and the awards received by MDTA; and the upcoming May 20 Roadeo, Training, and Awards Day.

Mr. Gartner ended his remarks by awarding the MDTA Employee of the Quarter for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2025. The award went to Mr. Eric Jarvis, Transportation System management and Operations Specialist III. Mr. Jarvis was recognized for exceptional leadership and contributions to his team. He graciously volunteered to help train the influx of new hires, he mentors others helping to build their confidence and character. Mr. Jarvis is approachable, patient, and encouraging to everyone around him and truly exemplifies the qualities of a leader who inspires others to reach their full potential. Congratulations were presented to Mr. Jarvis on his MDTA Employee of the Quarter Award.

#### **VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:41 a.m., upon motion by Member Dontae Carroll and seconded by Member John F. von Paris, 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)(15) to discuss the MDTA's Cyber Security including discussions regarding security assessments and deployment of information technology and network security related to detecting and

investigating possible criminal activity; 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, Penny-Ardinger, Rosen, Snead, and von Paris; Bruce Gartner; Kimberly Millender, Esq.; Colonel Joseph Scott; Percy Dangerfield, David Goldsborough; and Natalie Henson.

#### **VOTE TO ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:30 a.m., a motion was made by Member Jeffrey S. Rosen and seconded by Member William H. Cox, Jr., 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 Dontae Carroll and seconded by Member Cynthia D. Penny-Ardinger, the Members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

The next MDTA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 29, 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:

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Paul J. Wiedefeld, Chairman