

MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
February 7, 2024

I. Call to Order

Chair Justin Towles called the Maryland Transportation Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at 10:33 AM via Teams meeting.

II. Roll Call

The following individuals were present:

Justin Towles, Chair
Debra Carter, Member
Rudolf-Victor De Leon Dinglas, Member
Natasha Iheme, Member
Jennifer Hill Leineweber, Member
Lisa Weimin Liu, Member
John Lunn, Member
Barbara Richman-Kahn, Member
Rizwan Siddiqi, Member
Gary Simpson, Member
Greg Snook, Member
Mario VillaSanta, Member
MDOT Staff Brittany Brothers
MDOT Staff Rashad Pinckney
MDOT Staff Jawauna Greene

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Towles asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2024 meeting. Mr. VillaSanta made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Mileage Based User Fee (MBUF)

Mr. Pinckney introduced MDOT Deputy Secretary Jawauna Greene. Ms. Greene provided members with a presentation about the Mileage Based User Fee (MBUF) pilot program. Her presentation included information about how fuel tax has declined due to a number of factors including Electric Vehicles, Hybrid Vehicles, and greater fuel efficiency. In order to mitigate deficits from the decline in fuel tax, MDOT has partnered with the Eastern Transportation Coalition to implement the MBUF pilot program, where each driver will pay a fuel tax based on

the number of miles they drive. The pilot was launched on February 1 with a goal of 150 participants. The pilot will run through May 2024. At the conclusion of her presentation, she fielded questions from the members.

V. Dedication of MDOT Facilities

Mr. Towles and Mr. Pinckney stated there are dedications in the pipeline that will be coming soon.

VI. Other Business

Mr. Towles led a discussion about upcoming MTC meetings. Every other month, the meeting will be held in person at TSO with a virtual option. There will be a retreat (extended 2.5 hour MTC meeting) in May at TSO. He also stressed the importance of spreading the word about MTC and how members can help transportation initiatives throughout Maryland.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Towles asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on March 6, 2023, in person. Mr. Dinglas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. VillaSanta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.