

MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
September 4, 2024

I. Call to Order

Chair Justin Towles called the Maryland Transportation Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, at 10:31 AM via Teams meeting.

II. Roll Call

The following individuals were present:

Justin Towles, Chair
Diane Baker, Member
Debra Carter, Member
Rudolf-Victor De Leon Dinglas, Member
Jennifer Hill-Leineweber, Member
Barbara Richman-Kahn, Member
George Littrell, Jr., Member
Lisa Weimin Liu, Member
John Lunn, Member
Todd Nock, Member
Rizwan Siddiqi, Member
Gary Simpson, Member
Greg Snook, Member
MDOT Staff Geoff Anderson
MDOT Staff Tony Bridges
MDOT Staff Brittany Brothers
MDOT Staff Nora Corasaniti
MDOT Staff Jawuana Green
MDOT Staff Joe McAndrew
MDOT Staff Cheryl Sparks
MDOT Staff Jan Walker-Emeogo

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chair Towles asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2024, meeting. Mr. Littrell made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Snook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Opening Remarks from MDOT Leadership

Assistant Secretaries Tony Bridges and Joe McAndrew welcomed members to the first quarterly MTC meeting.

V. CTP Update

Assistant Secretary Bridges provided members with a high level update on the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP), noting the Draft CTP was recently published. He discussed how, although the budget is less than last year, ensuring system preservation and safety are still two of MDOT's top priorities. He also stated that the Final CTP might change slightly from the Draft CTP.

Assistant Secretary McAndrew piggybacked off Assistant Secretary Bridges, noting revenues are not what they used to be, but MDOT is doing as much as possible under the current fiscal constraints. He mentioned that the CTP is balanced between the budget and projects. He stated that prioritizing key investments is of the utmost importance.

VI. Prioritization Update

MDOT Chief Geoff Anderson provided members with information on the prioritization program MDOT is working on implementing. He noted that the existing Chapter 30 process is not as transparent as it could be. MDOT is looking to update the capital program to be data driven and heart led. The new prioritization process will allow for Marylanders to see how projects were selected. There will be values that are used to judge each project, which will help determine what projects get funded. At the end of his presentation he fielded questions from the members.

VII. FSK Memorial Update

Chief Strategy Officer Cheryl Sparks provided members with an update on the FSK bridge rebuild and memorial. She stated that Kiewit Infrastructure Co. was selected as the company to rebuild the bridge. There is an RFP out for construction management and inspection, which will allow for three awards. She also noted research continues on the FSK memorial.

VIII. MBE/DBE Application Backlog Progress Update

MDOT Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) Director Jan Walker-Emeogo provided members with an update on backlogged applications. She stated that she is working on streamlining the process with new staff. She also noted that the USDOT has provided new guidelines, and her office is busy ensuring they meet all the new requirements. She discussed her focus on training for her staff, clearer guidance to applicants, and an improved process.

IV. Other Business

Chair Towles asked that members give a week's notice when submitting BWI parking requests to MDOT staff.

IV. Other Business

Chair Towles asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene for the next MTC meeting virtually, on October 2, 2024. Mr. Nock made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Siddiqi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.