

**MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**February 4, 2026**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Justin Towles called the Maryland Transportation Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 A.M.

Chair Justing Towles requested Mr. Todd Nock serve as Acting Chair throughout the meeting, due to schedule conflicts.

**II. Roll Call**

The following individuals were present:

Justin Towles, Chair  
Diane Baker, Member  
Debra Carter, Member  
Debra Farrar-Dyke, Member  
Barbara Richman-Kahn, Member  
George Littrell, Jr., Member  
Todd Nock, Member  
Rizwan Siddiqi, Member  
Gary Simpson, Member  
Mario VillaSanta, Member  
MDOT Staff Matt Winkler  
MDOT Staff Nora Corasaniti  
MDOT Staff Ryan Iacaruso

**III. Roll and Approval of Minutes**

Chair Justin Towles asked for a motion to approve the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, meeting minutes. Mr. George Littrell made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Debra Carter seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, with the provision that an error in the minutes be corrected.

**IV. Legislative Session Update**

Ms. Nora Corasaniti provided a presentation to the committee on the current legislative session. Topics discussed included an increased bond cap for MDTA, elimination of color photos on drivers' licenses, automated speed and tolling enforcement, heavyweight port corridor permits, and the repeal of notarized bills of sale. Ms. Corasaniti also discussed the Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026, which has the potential to alter the role of the Maryland Transportation Committee by providing more opportunities to be involved in project prioritization.

Mr. Gary Simpson inquires about the status of, and MDOT's stance, on abolishing vehicle emissions. Ms. Corasaniti states MDOT is opposing the abolition of vehicle emission standards, noting the policy would be inconsistent with upholding environmental standards.

#### **V. Rental Vehicle Company Practices**

Acting Chair Todd Nock asked the committee to table the discussion for the next meeting.

#### **VI. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

#### **VII. Adjournment**

Acting Chair Nock asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene for the next MTC Meeting virtually on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Ms. Debra Carter made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Gary Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.