

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

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Justin Towles called the Maryland Transportation Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, March 4, 2025, at 10:30 AM.

**II. Roll Call**

The following individuals were present:

Justin Towles, Chair  
Diane Baker, Member  
Debra Carter, Member  
Rudy de Leon Dinglass, Member  
Debra Farrar-Dyke, Member  
Barbara Richman-Kahn, Member  
George Littrell, Jr., Member  
Lisa Weimin Liu, Member  
John Lunn, Member  
Rizwan Siddiqi, Member  
Gary Simpson, Member  
Greg Snook, Member  
Mario VillaSanta, Member  
MDOT Staff Geoff Anderson  
MDOT Staff Joe McAndrew  
MDOT Staff Jawauna Greene  
MDOT Staff Cheryl Sparks  
MDOT Staff Michelle Martin  
MDOT Staff Ryan Iacaruso

**III. Roll and Approval of Minutes**

Chair Justin Towles asked for a motion to approve the February 2026 meeting minutes. Ms. Debra Carter made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Rizwan Siddiqi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. CTP, Prioritization, and General Assembly Outlook**

MDOT Assistant Secretary McAndrew noted that Acting Secretary Thompson is expected to be approved shortly. He also noted that MDOT has 20 budget items during legislative session. From a budget perspective, MDOT has introduced a steady-state CTP, and MDOT leadership is optimistic that MDOT will reach their intended outcomes during this legislative session.

Assistant Secretary McAndrew expressed that the State faces fiscal headwinds such as global conflicts and other challenges, which have real-world fiscal impacts in Maryland. The General Fund maintains a structural deficit, and MDOT is exercising some level of fiscal constraint.

Assistant Secretary McAndrew stated that MDOT's areas of focus fall within three key areas including TOD (Housing Opportunity Act), safety (which includes advocating for the ability of MVA to enter into agreements for automated speed enforcement), and modernizing the ignition interlock program. Assistant Secretary McAndrew also noted that prioritization is a department-wide effort to deploy the CTP in a more accountable manner. The proposed prioritization system will utilize a data-driven process to compare project benefits against the core goals of the State. The new system would include quarterly budget updates for MTC, and MTC would also be given the responsibility of designing select scoring elements, and informing projects that are within the program. The proposed system wouldn't provide MTC with approval authority but does provide the opportunity for a dialogue with the committee.

## **V. House Bill 1081 – Maryland Transit Administration Reform Act**

Assistant Secretary McAndrew noted House Bill 1081 seeks to solve the existing issues of Baltimorean's lacking control over core MTA services, and people outside of Baltimore not receiving adequate transit services. The proposed legislation would create two different boards for these functions. Statewide MTC services would be within the purview of MTC.

## **VI. FSK Update**

Assistant Secretary Jawauna Greene provided an update on the ongoing effort to rebuild the Francis Scott Key Bridge. She noted we're approaching the second anniversary of the collapse, and MDOT is holding private meetings with the families of victims. Demolition of the bridge structure began in July 2025 and is ahead of schedule. In November 2025, the project reached 70% design. With an estimated total cost of between \$4.3 and \$5.2 billion, the bridge is expected to be opened to traffic in late 2030.

Mr. Siddiqi asked when construction is expected to start. Assistant Secretary Jawauna Greene stated the design-build is still in negotiation, and MDOT should have a better sense of timing. In the meantime, testing, budgeting, and demolition is still underway.

## **VII. Other Business**

Chair Justin Towles mentioned he has spoken with the Attorney General Consumer Protection Division and they're actively researching complaints regarding rental vehicle companies. He will let the group know when he receives the data.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Chair Justin Towles asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene for the next MTC Meeting in-person on April 1, 2026. Ms. Debra Carter made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. George Littrell.