

MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
December 3, 2025

I. Call to Order

Chair Justin Towles called the Maryland Transportation Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 10:30 AM at MDOT HQ.

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
Jennifer Hill Leineweber, 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 Nora Corasaniti
MDOT Staff Brittany Brothers
MDOT Staff Ryan Iacaruso

III. Roll and Approval of Minutes

Chair Justin Towles asked for a motion to approve November 5th, 2026, meeting minutes. Mr. Gary Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes, and Ms. Debra Carter seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Opening Remarks MDOT Leadership

Chair Justin Towles provided opening remarks while discussing the upcoming legislative session, transportation budget, and discussed the upcoming moratorium on roadway dedications.

Ms. Jawauna Greene and Mr. Joe McAndrew provided opening remarks on behalf of MDOT leadership, including updates on recent efforts, New Carrollton TOD project updates, and the recent Fall CTP tour. Updates were also provided for the West Baltimore MARC Station and associated FDT tunnel project, the Baltimore Red Line, and Route 15.

VI. General Assembly Outlook

Mr. Joe McAndrew provided an outlook for the upcoming general assembly session noting a decent financial position for MDOT, a request from MDOT to deploy automated speed enforcement technologies, and the status of the project prioritization bill that will impact Chapter 30 and potentially provide the commission with an opportunity to review and comment on how to implement the new policy.

Discussion in the room following Mr. McAndrew's updates include a general hesitancy on increasing automated speed enforcement based on Virginia's implementation. Issues were also raised regarding the Baltimore Beltway, between Falls Road and I-70, wherein drivers exceed the speed limit and then quickly break for automated enforcement, worsening safety conditions.

VII. Rental Vehicle Company Practices

Chair Justin Towles provided an update, noting that he intends to draft recommendations on rental vehicle policy for the commission.

VIII. Prioritization & CTP Update

Mr. Geoff Anderson updated the commission on recent changes in revenue and indicated the commission should expect a strained future.

IX. FSK Update

Mr. Joe McAndrew provided updates on the Francis Scott Key Bridge project, indicating that MDTA have experienced various delays and schedule changes due to factors such as inflation, tariffs, and evolving safety needs.

Ms. Cheryl Sparks also noted on-going activities such as concrete removal, in-water demolition, and test pile driving. Ms. Sparks also spoke to mitigation efforts underway to relieve traffic congestion felt in the Baltimore Region as a result of the bridge collapse. MDTA is conducting a public campaign to help travelers understand the different travel options available.

XI. Adjournment

Chair Towles asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene for the next MTC Meeting in-person on January 7, 2026. Mr. Gary Simpson made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Barbara Richman-Kahn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.