

**MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**May 6, 2026**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Justin Towles called the Maryland Transportation Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at 10:30 AM.

**II. Roll Call**

The following individuals were present:

Justin Towles, Chair  
Debra Carter, Member  
Rudy de Leon Dinglass, Member  
Debra Farrar-Dyke, Member  
Barbara Richman-Kahn, Member  
George Littrell, Jr., Member  
Todd Nock, Member  
Lisa Weimin Liu, Member  
Gary Simpson, Member  
Greg Snook, Member  
Mario VillaSanta, Member  
MDOT Staff Nora Corasaniti  
MDOT Staff Michelle Martin  
MDOT Staff Matt Winkler  
MDOT Staff Ryan Icaruso

**III. Roll and Approval of Minutes**

Chair Justin Towles asked for a motion to approve the April 2026 meeting minutes. Mr. Greg Snook made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mrs. Debra Farrar-Dyke seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Dedication Requests and Updates**

Ms. Nora Corasaniti introduced the proposed dedication for Lt. Richard Woods Meehan. Lt. Meehan served in Vietnam, and the proposed dedication is located in Frederick, MD. The proposed dedication is supported by State Senator William Folden. Mr. George Littrell made a motion to approve the dedication, and Mr. Mario VillaSanta seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**V. Rental Vehicle Company Practices**

Chair Justin Towles noted that data is still actively being collected and gathered by consumer protections. No update.

## **VI. Other Business**

Chair Justin Towles noted MDOT leadership will provide an update at the next MTC meeting about the outcome of legislative session.

Chair Justin Towles also informed the group that Spirit Airlines, a major carrier at BWI, is in the process of ceasing operations. The most substantial issue, for BWI, is the management of Spirit-owned aircraft which were, in effect, abandoned at BWI.

MTC members expressed interest in MDOT providing an update on the Francis Scott Key Bridge reconstruction effort, following the termination of the construction contract. Mr. Greg Snook noted that the cost of construction may be higher as a result and questioned how the contractual changes will delay the reconstruction.

Chair Justin Towles noted that, after the passing of HB 1081, the MTC will be tasked with additional responsibilities, such as approving senior positions. He noted that, after next month's presentation from MDOT leadership, the group should discuss what the role of the commission could be moving forward. Mr. Todd Nock mentioned he would prefer MTC take a more active role in roadway and bridge closures, providing the example of the planned closing of the Pocomoke River Bridge scheduled for September 2026.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Chair Justin Towles asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene for the next MTC Meeting in-person on June 3, 2026. Mr. Mario VillaSanta made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Todd Nock.