MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION January 3, 2024

I. Call to Order

Chair Justin Towles called the Maryland Transportation Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 10:31 AM via Teams meeting.

II. Roll Call

The following individuals were present:

Justin Towles, Chair Debra Carter, Member Debra Farrar-Dyke, Member Natasha Iheme, Member Jennifer Hill Leineweber, Member Lisa Weimin Liu, Member John Lunn, Member Barbara Richman-Kahn, Member Rizwan Siddiqi, Member Gary Simpson, Member Greg Snook, Member Mario VillaSanta, Member **MDOT Staff Tony Bridges MDOT Staff Brittany Brothers** MDOT Staff Rashad Pinckney MDOT Staff Jan Walker-Emeogo

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Towles asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2023 meeting. Ms. Iheme asked for an amendment showing her as present. The amendment was noted. Mr. Siddiqi made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. MDOT Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) Presentation

Mr. Pinckney introduced MDOT Deputy Secretary Tony Bridges. Mr. Bridges introduced Ms. Walker-Emeogo, Director, Office of Minority Business Enterprise, MDOT TSO who provided members with a presentation about OMBE. Her presentation included background information

about the office, as well as details about business assistance workshops and the certification process. At the conclusion of her presentation, she fielded questions from the members.

V. Dedication of MDOT Facilities

Mr. Towles requested statistics and background information on previous dedications and the dedication process.

VI. Other Business

Mr. Towles led a discussion about the direction of the Commission moving forward. The meetings will continue to be held monthly. The plan will be to make one meeting each quarter in person with a virtual option. This will be in coordination with the State Roads Commission. The next in person meeting will be in April.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Towles asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on February 7, 2023. Mr. VillaSanta made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Siddiqi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.