

**MINUTES OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**  
**May 1, 2024**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Justin Towles called the Maryland Transportation Commission meeting to order on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 10:32 AM at the SHA Hanover Complex with virtual Teams option.

**II. Roll Call**

The following individuals were present:

Justin Towles, Chair  
Debra Carter, Member  
Debra Farrar-Dyke, Member  
Jennifer Hill Leineweber, Member  
George Littrell, Jr., Member  
Lisa Weimin Liu, Member  
John Lunn, Member  
Barbara Richman-Kahn, Member  
Todd Nock, Member  
Rizwan Siddiqi, Member  
Gary Simpson, Member  
Greg Snook, Member  
Mario VillaSanta, Member  
MDOT Staff Brittany Brothers  
MDOT Staff Nora Corasaniti  
MDOT Staff Tyson Byrne

**III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Towles asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2024 meeting. Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Lunn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Dedications of MDOT Facilities**

Mr. Byrne informed members that MDOT staff is working on the PFC Rabain dedication and will bring it to the members at next month's meeting.

Chairman Towles led a discussion about the Commission's role when requests come in the name and/or renumber roads. He noted that he is not fond on this idea but will work through processes and best practices. He also noted that there may be a need down the road for a MTC subcommittee.

## **V. Other Business**

Chairman Towles let members know that MDOT was working through staff transitions but he make sure things still ran smoothly during this period.

He also discussed the implementation of a shared MTC folder that would house member information (seat number, term expiration, etc.). Mr. Byrne stated that it would likely need to be created through Teams and set to allow external (non-MDOT staff) access. Mr. Towles suggested the possibility of using Google Drive and noted that he would reach out to the Assistant Attorney General to ensure they could move forward with this idea.

Chairman Towles stated that he would like to start tracking working documents, dedications, etc.

Chairman Towles informed members of an article that was published in *The Baltimore Banner* that mentioned MTC would be responsible for renaming the FSK Bridge. He indicated he was not sure of MTC's prevue in regard to naming the new bridge, but nothing official has been said to him about MTC's responsibilities.

## **VI. Dedications – Old Business**

Chairman Towles led a discussion with Ms. Carter regarding Mr. Greene's retirement dedication request. Ms. Carter informed members that, upon further research, there wasn't substantial enough merit to meet dedication criteria and move forward. Mr. Towles echoed Ms. Carter and added that MTC will have to set a bar for "exceptional service to the state." Members agreed with setting a precedent.

Chairman Towles asked for a motion to decline this dedication request. Ms. Farrar-Dyke made the motion to decline and Ms. Carter seconded the motion. Mr. Towles called for a vote, which carried unanimously.

Members discussed the dedication request law language and suggested looking into the dedication process wording for future meetings.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Mr. Towles asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and continue with the CHART tour. Members will reconvene for the next meeting virtually, on June 5, 2024. Mr. VillaSanta made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Richman-Kahn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.