

**Maryland Port Commission**  
**Open Session Minutes**  
**February 1, 2022**

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The Three Hundred and Eighty Fourth Session of the Maryland Port Commission was called to order at 10:01 am by Secretary James Ports. The Commission met in Open Session from 10:01 am until 10:40 am in the Stanton Room, 20<sup>th</sup> floor, World Trade Center, 401 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

**Present:** Secretary Ports and Commissioners Dandy, Dean, Huber, Lunn, McDonald, and Richardson (all attended via Teams).

**Staff:** William Doyle (Executive Director), Brian Miller (Deputy Executive Director), Bob Munroe (MPA Principal Counsel), Christina Nichols (Chief of Staff), Rick Powers (Director of Marketing), Richard Scher (Director of Communications), Ryan Barry (Director of Operations, via Teams), Dominic Scurti (Director of Planning), Kristen Fidler (Director of Harbor Development), Wonza Spann-Nicholas (Director of Finance), Brad Smith (General Manager of Strategic Initiatives, via Teams), Jennifer Guthrie (Legislative Manager), and Jasmin Todman (Budget Manager, Finance), and Mike Gill (Secretary, Maryland Department of Commerce).

**Minutes of the Three Hundred and Eighty Third Open Session Meeting**

Commissioner Dandy moved to approve the Open Session Minutes of the Three Hundred and Eighty Third Port Commission meeting. Commissioner McDonald seconded the motion. The Commission then voted unanimously to approve the Open Session Minutes.

**Capital Budget Request, Dominic Scurti, Director, Planning**

Mr. Scurti provided a recap of the Draft FY2022 – FY2027 Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). Highlights of the six-year draft CTP are as follows:

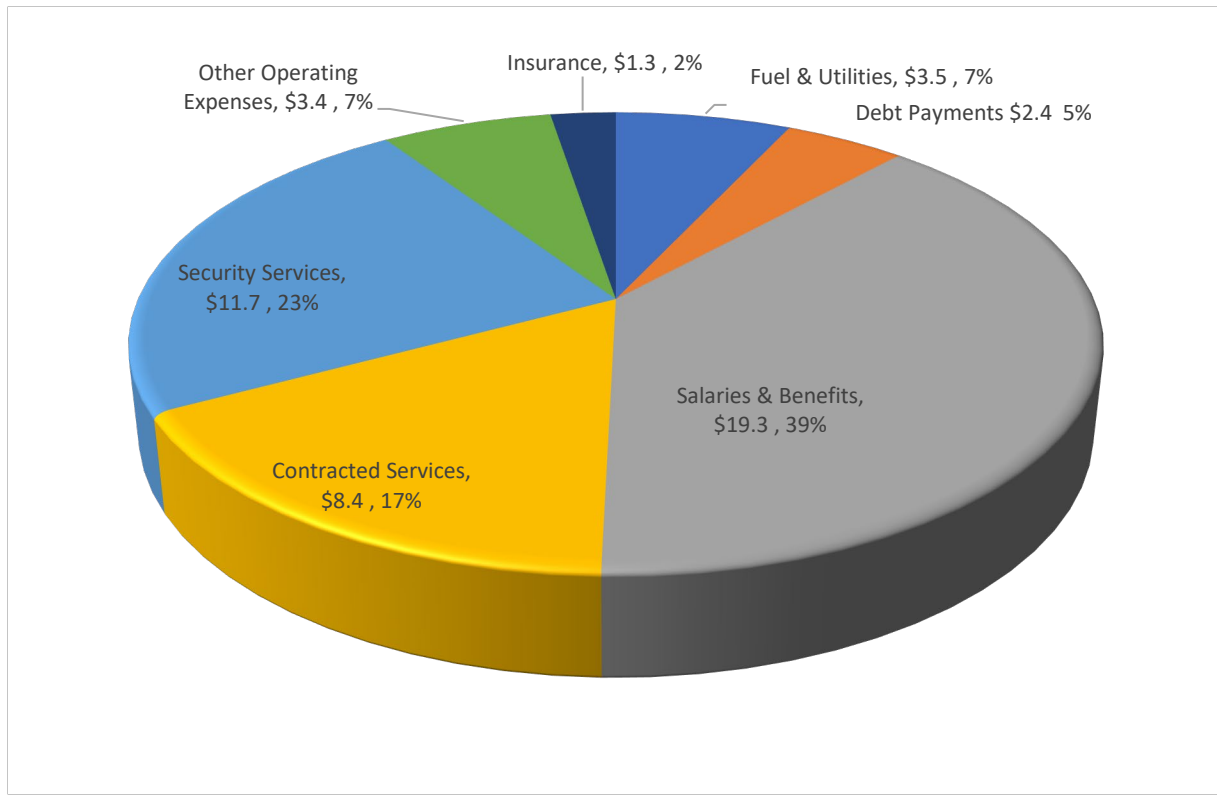
- The Draft CTP includes \$1.146 million in funding, an increase of \$87 million over the previous CTP.
- MPA funds from the Transportation Trust Fund are 11.4% of the total vs. 10% over last year.
- FY22 includes \$66.3 million for Harbor Development, \$29.2 million Landside, and \$41.0 million for the Howard Street Tunnel Project.
- Major waterside projects include Masonville Dike Raising and Cox Creek Expansion funding.
- Major Landside projects include Fairfield Pier 4 and Fairfield Stormwater Management Phase I.
- In summary, the MPA CTP is much stronger than one year ago.
- The final CTP will be sent to the General Assembly in January for FY23 appropriations approval.

**FY 2023 Operating Budget Request, Jasmin Todman, Budget Manager**

Ms. Todman provided an overview of the FY 2023 MPA operating budget. Her presentation included the following:

- MPA has a total of 214.5 positions available with a budget of \$291.6 million. Of the 214.5 positions, 210 are permanent and 4.5 are contract positions. This makes up 5% of the total MDOT budget.
- The FY 2023 budget allowance shows a slight decrease of \$0.2 million when compared to the FY 2022 appropriation.
- The FY2023 operating budget allowance of \$50.0 million is comprised of 53% non-discretionary funds and 47% discretionary funds.
- Of the 210 MPA positions, 170 are included in the operating program.

Below is a graph detailing the FY 2023 Operating Budget Allowance of the \$50.0 million of non-discretionary and discretionary funds:



## **Dredged Material Management Program Updates Kristen Fidler, Director, Harbor Development**

Ms. Fidler provided an update on the Harbor Development Dredging Programs. Her presentation included the following highlights:

### Cox Creek Expansion

- Base dike widening was completed in July of 2021.
- The first lift to +44 feet is expected to begin Summer 2022.
- The +60 foot expansion is expected to be completed by May 2024.

### Masonville Cove Expansion

- Stalled in April of 2020 due to the economic downturn.
- MDOT funding in January of 2022 allowed for continuation of this project and base dike widening is expected to be completed by April of 2024.
- The +30 foot construction is expected to start in June of 2023.

### Seagirt Berth 3 Deepening and Deep Loop Feasibility Study

- Will relieve Seagirt Berth capacity bottlenecks and allow for larger container ships to safely and easily enter and exit.
- Funding for the Seagirt Berth 3 improvements will come from a federal BUILD grant, the state of Maryland and Ports America Chesapeake.
- The Seagirt Berth 3 Feasibility Study is currently at the mid-point, the study will access all aspects of the project.
- The cost of this study, estimated at \$34 – 44 Million, will be shared by federal and state government with the US Army Corp of Engineers.
- Upcoming activities include completion of ship simulation study to refine proposed authorized depth, completion of feasibility level design based on ship simulation study refinements, public agency involvement, and address the comments and compile the Final Integrated Feasibility Report and EA.

### Mid Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration Project

- Moving forward with federal funding of \$37.5 million.
- Permits and water quality control are underway.
- Phase I contract to be awarded May 2022.
- 100% design in June 2022.
- First construction contract to be awarded in August 2022.

### **Move into Closed Session**

At 10:45 am, in accordance with State Government Article, Section 10-508 (a)(4), Annotated Code of Maryland, Commissioner Richardson moved that the Commission meet in Closed Session, and Commissioner McDonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. See attached Closing Statement. The Commission met in Closed Session from 10:45 am until 10:57 am. Secretary Ports and Commissioners Dandy, Dean, Huber, Lunn, McDonald, and Richardson, William Doyle (Executive Director), and Christina Nichols (Chief of Staff) were present. During the Closed Session, the Commission, pursuant to the Commission's statutory authority in § 6-201.2 of the Transportation Article of the code of Maryland voted to appoint Robert Munroe to the position of Deputy Executive Director, Administration, Procurement and Environment. The Closed Session ended at 10:57 am and the meeting returned to Open Session.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dean and seconded by Commissioner Dandy. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.