

Maryland Port Commission
Open Session Minutes
November 2, 2021

The Three Hundred and Eighty First Session of the Maryland Port Commission was called to order at 9:05 am by Secretary Gregory Slater. The Commission met in Open Session from 9:05 am until 10:07 am in the Stanton Room, 20th floor, World Trade Center, 401 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Present: Secretary Slater and Commissioners Dandy, Dean, Huber, Lunn, McDonald, and Richardson.

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), David Espie (Director of Security), Ryan Barry (Director of Operations), Dominic Scurti (Director of Planning), Steve Johnson (Director of Engineering), Wonza Spann Nicholas (Director of Finance), Kristen Fidler (Director, Harbor Development), Brad Smith (General Manager of Strategic Initiatives), Sean Kiernan (SERM), and Andrea Williams (SERM).

Minutes of the Three Hundred and Eightieth Open Session Meeting

Commissioner McDonald moved to approve the Open Session Minutes of the Three Hundred and Eightieth Port Commission meeting. Commissioner Dandy seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with an edit to page 4.

Business Update, William P. Doyle, Executive Director

Mr. Doyle provided an update on the following:

Cargo Update

Shippers and Beneficial Cargo Owners (BCOs) have been finding ways to import goods on Roll on Roll off (RoRo) vessels rather than trying to find containers or container ships. We have been working with our RoRo carriers to convey the message that “if it’s on wheels, put it on a RoRo.” We have been successful the past several weeks with Kamatsu (heavy truck, construction manufacturer and Kubota (farming tractors, mowers, etc.).

We continue to receive more ad hoc container calls. The Port of Baltimore has received 24 ad hoc calls since July of last summer. This is in addition to the two new services we landed with Maersk and MSC (total 21 ships on rotating services).

This past week a newly built 2021 break bulk vessel, the Federal Frontier, operating by Montreal-based Fed Nav Carriers, sent its ship into Baltimore for unloading. This ship is not a container ship but its shipper, BCO, secured the vessel and loaded 136 containers full of computer servers destined for Cleveland, Ohio.

We will continue to see this type of activity over the next year.

Cranes:

Our new ZPMC cranes at Seagirt are now on the berth and have begun a very thorough testing program.

Ports America Chesapeake (PAC) is approximately two weeks ahead of schedule on all four cranes being installed.

PAC will be training operators on the cranes over the next couple of months. The cranes will be operational and begin handling containers during the first quarter of 2022.

New Business with Airbus:

WWL has signed a contract with Airbus to import the fuselage of their new A220 series of aircraft through the Port of Baltimore. Airbus executives from Europe and Canada intend to visit Baltimore the week after Thanksgiving. WWL and MPA will be hosting a reception at the World Trade Center.

On Monday, October 25, 2021 WWL loaded the first shipment of Airbus Aircraft components under the new deal signed with Airbus and partner Louis Dreyfus Freight Solutions. The aircraft components were loaded at the Dailan port in China. The overall logistics plan includes a segment of land transport from the production plant in Shenyang to the port of Dalian, through the Panama Canal and into the Port of Baltimore. The parts will then be transported to the assembly plant in Mirabel, Canada. This solution offers transport in 48 or 50 days with two sailings per month providing end-to-end logistics with a reduced carbon footprint.

Cruise Ships:

Royal Caribbean Cruise Line

- Currently working on next 5-year contract with Royal
- Royal submitted an amendment to the current MOA with MPA seeking to change the age for vaccinations 12 years and older; and adding new dates for sailing
- The Enchantment of the Seas is still scheduled to arrive on 12/10/21
- We are working on a date in November for their tabletop exercise to prepare for the resumption of Royal's cruises.
- Coast Guard inspection is scheduled for 12/10/21
- A Simulation cruise is scheduled to depart on 12/11/21 and return on 12/17
- The first revenue cruise is scheduled to depart on 12/23; This will start their return to service
- MPA is working with the Royal team on outreach to consumers for their Christmas sailing
- Royal will be changing the cruise ship calling Baltimore to the Vision of the Seas for the summer 2023 and winter 2023-2024 seasons

Carnival Cruise Line:

- The Carnival Pride sailed from Baltimore for the last time on 10/31/21
- The Carnival Legend is scheduled to arrive on 11/9/21 for a layberth operations
- The USCG will conduct their inspection on 11/10/21
- Ship stores will load on 11/11/21
- The dress rehearsal will be conducted on 11/12/21
- The Legend's first cruise is scheduled on 11/14

Environmental Report, Sean Kiernan

Mr. Kiernan presented a report on some of the recent awards and current environmental projects at the Port of Baltimore. Highlights of his presentation included:

- MDOT MPA notable awards include:
 - Best Urban BMP (Best Management Practices) in the Bay (BUBBA) 2020 and 2014
 - MDOT Environmental Excellence Awards 2020, 2019, and 2017
 - American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) 2020 and 2014
 - Maryland Quality Initiative (MDQI) 2017
- The Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Department of Transportation, and the Maryland Energy Administration have all recently renewed a commitment to improving air quality near the Port.
 - Modernizing CHE (Container Handling Equipment) and drayage truck fleets, leveraging air grant funds available, microgrid feasibility study, electric vehicles, and air emissions inventory are all initiatives designed to reduce air quality at the Port.
 - Previous inventories showed that emissions declined 19% while cargo increased 10%.
- Bay TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) MPA stormwater management goals are close to being met.

Safety Program Update, Andrea Williams, Manager, SERM

Ms. Williams provided an update on work safety initiatives and matters at MPA MDOT and the Port of Baltimore. Highlights of her presentation included:

- Implementation of MDOT's "Move over, slow down, be safe". These six words remind all that the lives of motorists and responders depend on effective actions by drivers and first responders.
- In addition to the direct costs of injuries to port personnel, there are indirect costs such as loss of productivity, training and retraining, new hire process, morale, legal costs, and paperwork, that can be 20 times higher than direct costs.
- MDOT MPA's OSHA incident rate is 2.32 points below the national average. The incident rate is a U.S. measure of occupational safety and health.

- Work injury costs at MPA were reduced by over \$20,000 in 2020.
- MPA does a loss run report which is a claims history report that includes the types of claims filed in the past, the frequency of past claims filed and related costs. Loss runs decreased from 2021 to 2020. To date, the payout in 2021 is zero.
- The Safety and Risk department utilizes proactive safety measures or tactics to minimize the likelihood of an incident taking place.
- MPA's safety programs are guided by the agency's Sustainability Strategy.

Capital Program Update, Dominic Scurti, Deputy Director, Planning

Mr. Scurti presented 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.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dean and seconded by Commissioner Huber. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 am.