



**MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY  
MEETING**

**June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

1. Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the Maine Turnpike Authority was held at 9 a.m. on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The following were present:

Michael Cianchette, Chair  
Jane Lincoln, Vice Chair  
Emily Becker, Member  
Nina Fisher, Member  
Thomas Zuke, Member  
Bruce Van Note, Member Ex-Officio

2. On motion of Thomas Zuke, seconded by Nina Fisher, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the board's May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.
3. John Sirois, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, reported on financial matters. He noted that revenue and transaction numbers continued to improve, likely helped by less inclement weather. Mr. Sirois said that both revenue and traffic were slightly down for the year to date, however, and that it was possible the MTA would not meet the 1.5% growth he had projected. He also noted that the recent delay in reconciliation from New York, which amounted to around \$9 million dollars had been a factor which he hoped would be resolved soon.
4. On motion of Thomas Zuke, seconded by Nina Fisher, the board voted unanimously to approve investments of money to the credit of Maine Turnpike Authority funds made during the month of May, 2025, as detailed on a report submitted to this meeting by Bangor Savings Bank, dated June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
5. Director of Highway Maintenance John Cannell introduced highway maintenance employees Lewis Gray and Jake Laflin, describing how they had assisted a family from out of state with a flat tire, prompting an e-mail praising their actions from the Garrison family. He next introduced Jay Starr, who had assisted Danna Hayes of the Attorney General's office by helping her with her vehicle that had become disabled on her way to pick up the

Attorney General in Boston. Mr. Cannell shared the e-mail from Ms. Hayes with the board.

6. Director of E-Z Pass Samantha Kaherl presented a proposed purchase of E-Z Pass tags to replenish the existing inventory. Ms. Kaherl said the purchase consisted of 6,000 business transponders and 24,000 personal transponders, to be delivered in October.
7. On motion of Jane Lincoln, seconded by Nina Fisher, the board voted unanimously to approve the transponder purchase as described by Samantha Kaherl was approved.
8. Chairman Cianchette asked if there were any questions or objections related to items on the consent agenda. There were none, and the June Contract Consent Agenda was considered approved.
9. Deputy Director of Engineering Kristi Van Ooyen presented the current advertising schedule for construction contracts to the board, noting that a roadside clearing and bridge repair project had been added to the schedule for 2026.
10. On motion of Thomas Zuke, seconded by Jane Lincoln, the board voted unanimously to award Contract 2025.11 – Auburn Vehicle Storage Garage, to Benchmark Construction, in the amount of \$ 3,088,432.00.
11. On motion of Thomas Zuke, seconded by Nina Fisher, the board voted unanimously to authorize Final Payments on the following contracts:
  - Contract 2024.04 – Exit 75 Pavement Rehabilitation, in the amount of \$4,000, for a final contract amount of \$ 1,320,899.24, to R.J. Grondin & Sons.
  - Contract 2024.06 – Southern Bridge Repair, in the amount of \$ 83,136.59, for a final contract amount of \$1,039,667.69, to CPM Constructors.
12. Deputy Director of Engineering Kristi Van Ooyen presented the June Task Order and Contract Status Reports with the board, noting that Cambridge Systematics had been added as a consultant and that \$600,000 in new task orders had been issued to various consultants over the last month.
13. Project Manager Jamie Mason reported on ongoing construction projects. Mr. Mason said that the contractor on the Saco Interchange Project had completed the paving of the interchange ramps to connect to Route 112. He said that replacement of the rooftop HVAC units at MTA headquarters was scheduled for the upcoming weekend, and that the contractor on the renovation project was currently working on the customer service area. He said that the bridge repair contract, 2024.07, was nearing completion, but that the Cumberland Service Plaza fuel system replacement was about a month behind schedule. He reported that there were a couple months of paving left on the southern paving project, 2025.01, with all of the paving to be done at night. He said that the concrete parapets and

bridge joints for the Androscoggin river bridges would be delivered in late August, after which one of the bridges would be closed to facilitate the work.

14. Director of Policy and Communication Erin Courtney reported on activity related to her department. She said the legislative session was over. She described activities related to Global Safety Week, including a pledge board to be set up at West Gardiner where customers would hopefully contribute ideas for safer driving habits. She said that her department had gathered some highway safety related quotes from MTA employees to be used in radio spots. Ms. Courtney said that there was an employee event scheduled for the Portland Seadogs' Game on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and shared the latest issue of the MTA newsletter with the board. She said that WGME had done a recent story on how to change your license plate number with the MTA if you were receiving one of the new pine tree plates, and played the story for the board.
15. On motion of Jane Lincoln, seconded by Nina Fisher, and with unanimous approval of the members present, it was voted to enter executive session for the purposes of:
  - Discussion, pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A), of a policy regarding relocation reimbursement for newly hired MTA employees;
  - Discussion, pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C), of a property acquisition in Scarborough, Maine;
  - Discussion, pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(E), of the legal rights and duties of the MTA in connection with contractor claims.

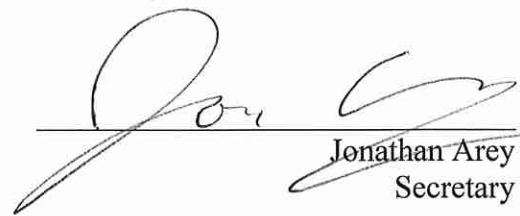
The executive session began at 9:45 A.M. and ended at 10:50 A.M.

Member Andrew McLean joined the meeting via Zoom during the executive session.

16. On motion of Tom Zuke, seconded by Jane Lincoln, and with MaineDOT abstaining, it was voted to approve a draft Relocation Assistance Policy, as presented to the board, with the caveat that staff would include a provision in the final policy to allow recoupment of any relocation assistance paid to employees who left the MTA within a year of hire.
17. On motion of Jane Lincoln, seconded by Nina Fisher, it was unanimously voted to approve the purchase, for \$ 725,000.00 of 16.48 acres of property, partly in Scarborough and partly in Gorham, from William Gooch.
18. On motion of Nina Fisher, seconded by Thomas Zuke, it was unanimously voted to approve ratify a settlement agreement negotiated with Shaw Brothers Construction, for the total amount of \$60,000, in the form presented to the board.
19. On motion of Nina Fisher, seconded by Thomas Zuke, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

June, 2025

20. Adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

  
Jonathan Arey  
Secretary

7/28/25  
Date