MAINE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY
MEETING
June 25th, 2026

1. Pursuant to notice, a meeting of the Maine Turnpike Authority was held at 9 a.m. on June 25th, 2026. The meting was held at Kennebunk Savings Banks's Operations Center in Kennebunk, Maine.

   The following members participated:

   Michael Cianchette, Chair
   Jane Lincoln, Vice Chair
   William Benson, Member *(via Zoom)*
   Nina Fisher, Member
   Thomas Zuke, Member
   Dale Doughty, MaineDOT Commissioner and Member Ex-Officio

2. Chairman Michael Cianchette called the meeting to order at 9 A.M. He thanked member Thomas Zuke and Kennebunk Savings Bank for hosting the board at the bank's facility for this meeting.

3. On motion of Thomas Zuke, seconded by Jane Lincoln, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the board's May 28th, 2026 meeting.

4. John Sirois, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, reported on traffic and revenue. He said that revenue growth was a little under 1 percent as compared to the 2 or 3 percent that had been usual for previous years. He reported that commercial vehicle traffic was basically flat. He said that the required Reserve Maintenance Deposit for 2026 had been made and that the debt service principal payment of $35 million was scheduled for July 1st, after which the MTA would begin funding its General Reserve fund. Mr. Sirois said that operating expenditures had used up about $1.5 million of the contingency in the Operating Budget and he expected that amount to reach about $2.1 million by the end of the year, barring any surprises on State Police funding.

5. Will Benson asked about the causes for the overage. Mr. Sirois answered that it was partly due to State Police salary increases and partly due to salt and other winter expenses being higher than normal. Director of Public Safety and Special Services, Greg Stone, said that part of the State Police increase was due to a recently agreed upon settlement with the union dealing with their previous contract.

6. On motion of Nina Fisher, seconded by Tom Zuke, and with unanimous approval of the members voting, it was voted to approve the investments of the Authority for the month of May, 2026, as presented in a report from Bangor Savings Bank dated June 15th, 2026.

7. Division Highway Supervisor Jeff Stevens described the annual snow plow rodeo, which was held internally at the turnpike to select winners who would represent the MTA at the state wide rodeo in Skowhegan. He said that the MTA had booked a booth at the rodeo for the first time this year and that he beieved this enhanced level of participation had made a good impression on other participants and provided a great opportunity to connect with others in the transportation and construction fields statewide.

8. Mr. Stevens introduced Pat Nadeau and Paul Whitley, who had won the MTA rodeo and competed in the state rodeo, coming in third. The board and Executive Director Briere congratulated Mr. Nadeau and Mr. Whitley, and thanked them for representing the MTA.

9. Executive Director Andre Briere congratulated Chief Engineer Kristi Van Ooyen for recently being named Engineer of the Year by the Maine chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

10. Director Briere congratulated the Saco Interchange Project Team for being honored by the ASCE with the Project of the Year Award. Project Manager Jamie Mason described some of the project’s challenges. He said this project had been different than most MTA projects because of the extensive work in the community, on local roads and access points.

11. John Sirois, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, informed the board that the MTA’s long time Director of Fare Collection, Rick Barra, had achieved 50 years of service with the MTA this week. Mr. Sirois presented a slide show illustrating Mr. Barra’s time at the MTA and described his many accomplishments. The board and executive director congratulated Mr. Bara and thanked him for his long, exemplary service.

12. Executive Director Briere thanked Thomas Zuke, again, for arranging to host this meeting at the bank and said that he understood Mr. Zuke had always been an extremely useful source of financial knowledge for the board to rely on.

13. John Sirois said that one moment when Mr. Zuke’s assistance had been especially valuable involved a refunding that the MTA undertook in 2016, when recent changes in federal law had made tax-free refundings more challenging. Mr. Sirois said that the MTA”s underwriter had suggested a “forward refunding” arrangement, which was new to the MTA and did represent some risk of changing rates. He said that Tom had advised that the MTA take this option and, by following this advice, the MTA increased their gain from the refunding by over $8 million.

14. Director Briere reported to the board on various matters. He said the recent public meeting on the Portland Area Modernization project had been very successful, with Senator Jill Duson attending along with a good amount of neighborhood residents. He said there had

been a lot of positive feedback and that Senator Duson had complimented the MTA's approach to the outreach. Director Briere said that certain elements of any noise wall that might be built, such as the wall's style, would be submitted to the neighborhood for a vote. He said that the public process would continue with one more meeting in Portland and a meeting in Falmouth, and then there would be a final meeting back in the neighborhood.

15. Director Briere described internal initiatives on IT modernization, including a coming mobile app and website refresh, and expansion of the MTA's Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) to enable faster response times to incidents. He said that sticker tag transponders were now being sold by the E-Z Pass Department and were very popular.

16. Director of Public Safety and Special Services Greg Stone reported on the effort to expand the MTA's Highway Safety Patrol. He recounted that after initial negotiations with the existing vendor, staff had decided that, since the contract's term was ending soon, it made more sense to develop an RFP for an expanded patrol. He said that he expected the existing vendor to submit a proposal and thought that the RFP might also serve as a method to evaluate whet, if any, competition, existed for this role. He said that the RFP had been released and that he hoped to have a proposal for the board at its July meeting.

17. Mr. Stone updated the board on the results of the request for proposals to install security cameras at the MTA's concession areas. He said two proposals had been received, both of which might be viable, but both of which needed further clarification regarding the cost impacts of methods proposed. He said he hoped to have a recommendation for an award at the board's July meeting.

18. Director Briere noted to the board that these were very basic cameras, without AI, facial recognition or other features. This limited approach had purposely been chosen to ensure that these systems would not represent a privacy threat.

19. Chief Administrative Officer Erin Sullivan reported on customer service and human resources related matters. She said that E-Z Pass had received 32,000 calls in May, with over 25,000 answered, meaning that each representative fielded an average of 926 calls.

20. Staff Attorney Jonathan Arey presented and briefly described some proposed revisions to the MTA's Employee Development Policy. William Benson asked how this policy was funded and whether there was a cap on the program's total expenditures. Chief Financial Officer John Sirois answered that the program was funded from Reserve Maintenance. He said that no cap had been formally set, but that Finance intended to monitor expenses. Executive Director Briere said that staff would add the total expense of the program as a recurring reporting metric.

21. Mr. Arey explained that the policy was being presented to the board for its review and that if there were no concerns or objections that the changes would be adopted by staff. There were no concerns or objections expressed with adoption of the changes.

22. Chairman Michael Cianchette asked if there were any objections to the purchases contained on the June 2026 Consent Agenda. Purchasing Manager Nate Carll noted that the summary in the board book mistakenly reported the salt brine tank purchase as being from RT Stearns, while the tanks would actually be purchased from the low bidder, Tanks Unlimited, for $ 94,103.00. There were no objections, and the consent agenda was considered approved, subject to this amendment.

23. Chief Engineer Kristi Van Ooyen presented the current draft of the MTA's Four Year Capital Investment Plan. She said that development and public comment on the plan was an annual process governed by the Sensible Transportation Policy Act. She said that staff was seeking approval to release the plan for public comment over the summer, and to distribute it to interested parties such as corridor communities. She said that staff would review any comments received and present the plan again to the board in September or October, along with any comments received and recommended changes.

24. Chairman Michael Cianchette asked if there were any significant changes in the plan from last year. Ms. Van Ooyen replied that the Blackstrap Road Bridge Rehabilitation had been moved to 2030, but that timing was tentative and dependent on the final scope of the Portland Area Modernization project.

25. On motion of Tom Zuke, seconded by Nina Fisher, and with unanimous approval of the members present, it was voted to authorize MTA staff to release and distribute the draft Four Year Capital Plan for public comment.

26. On motion of Nina Fisher, seconded by Tom Zuke, and with unanimous approval of the members present, it was voted to approve final payment on the following contracts:

    - Contract 2024.07 – Northern Bridge Repairs, in the amount of $ 41,646.76, to CPM Constructors, for a final contract amount of $ 2,776,461.60.

    - Contract 2026.15 – Roadside Clearing, in the amount of $ 19,422.87, to Comprehensive Land Technologies, for a final contract amount of $ 236,154.00.

27. Project Manager Jamie Mason reported on ongoing construction projects. He said that the mast arms for overhead signs were being hung on the Saco Interchange project and that some striping changes would be made to Route 112 pursuant to an agreement with the city, but that otherwise the project was complete and that he hoped this would be the last update needed. He said he expected the Androscoggin Bridge project to be completed by the end of the summer. He said that the frame was being erected for the Auburn vehicle garage and that he expected the project to be complete by the end of the year. He reported that the contractor on the Falmouth area paving project was currently milling past the Gray Service Plaza and would then start milling south bound in preparation for the paving work. He said that the bridge repairs in Scarborough and South Portland were more extensive than anticipated and would likely cause overruns, but were progressing. He said that the contractors on the culvert repair projects were waiting for the "in stream work window" later in the summer to do the repairs, but that work was being completed on an access road

for the culvert repair in New Gloucester. He reported that the headquarters renovation project was proceeding as planned, with the new conference room on the 3rd floor nearly complete.

28. Director of Communications Rebecca Grover reported on activities related to her department. She said that Sean Paulhus, of her department, had been conducting community visits and that the plan was to complete these before the legislative session. She shared a story in the Lewiston Sun Journal on MTA toll collectors, described the recent Portland Area Modernization public meeting, and shared a recent safety video with the board. She described an initiative to create "MTA maintenance trading cards" featuring MTA plow drivers and other workers, which was planned for completion before the winter season.

29. Bruce Van Note, Senior Executive for Community Engagement, reported that he'd been working with the Communications Department to conduct an RFQ for communication consultants, with a process similar to the process used by the Engineering Department to hire consultants. He said work would be awarded through task orders on not to exceed contracts. He noted that he expected the actual expense to be less than the total not to exceed amount of the contracts awarded.

30. Chairman Cianchette asked if the board would receive periodic updates on the task orders awarded, as they did with engineering contracts, and Mr.Van Note said that would be done.

31. On motion of Jane Lincoln, seconded by Thomas Zuke, and with unanimous approval of the members present, it was voted to approve award of not-to exceed contracts to the firms and in the amounts listed on the document presented to the board by Bruce Van Note titled "Proposed Public Information Firms – General Consulting Agreements.

32. Chairman Cianchette asked if there were any members of the public present who would like to address the board.

33. Ed Hodgdon of Scarborough addressed the board with several concerns. He said that he believed that board meetings should be videoed, with the video available on the MTA website. He said that the written minutes that were posted were not posted promptly. He said that he loved the new Exit 35 in Saco and used it a lot, but was concerned about the collector-distributor road being too narrow. He said it looked to him like the MTA had enough real estate there to widen that road.

34. On motion of Thomas Zuke, 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)(C), of renegotiation of the MTA's current lease for operation of the MTA's service plazas.

- Discussion, pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(D), of the existing contract between the MTA and MSEA, as well as proposals and procedures for the 2026 renewal negotiations for that contract.

- Discussion, pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(E), of the MTA's legal rights and duties in connection with the MTA's existing toll system maintenance contract.

The executive session began at 10:45 AM and ended at 11:10 A.M.

35. On motion of Thomas Zuke, seconded by Jane Lincoln, and with unanimous approval of the members present, it was voted to approve the Fourth Amendment to the Existing Maintenance Contract Between the MTA and TransCore, LP, extending the ETC maintenance agreement with TansCore until the end of 2026 in consideration for credit towards purchase of ETC equipment and with the intention of allowing the parties further opportunity to negotiate a longer extension.

36. On motion of Jane Lincoln, seconded by Thomas Zuke, and with unanimous approval of the members present, it was voted to enter executive session, with no staff but the executive director present, for the purposes of:

    - Discussion, pursuant to 1 MRSA §405(6)(A), of the compensation of a group of public employees where public discussion could reasonably be expected to violate the privacy of one or more of the members of that group.

Adjourned at 11:23 A.M.

Jonathan Arey
Secretary

7/28/26
Date