



# News Release

## Board of Public Works Approves \$950 Million for Projects Across Maryland

*Contract approvals include new lease for the relocation of Comptroller's Cecil County Branch Office*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (April 23, 2025)** — Comptroller **Brooke E. Lierman**, Gov. Wes Moore, and Treasurer Dereck Davis approved 95 initiatives representing a total expenditure of more than \$950 million during Wednesday's meeting of the Board of Public Works.

During the meeting, the Board approved a new 10-year lease to relocate one of the Office of the Comptroller's 11 regional branch offices from Elkton in Cecil County to Bel Air in Harford County. The lease with Klitenic Family Properties, LLC, of Hunt Valley, has a five-year option and will begin July 1, 2025.

"We are relocating our regional branch office from Elkton to Bel-Air to better meet the needs of Marylanders," Comptroller Lierman said, sharing her excitement for the move, and applauding Maryland Comptroller team members working behind the scenes and closely with the Maryland Department of General Services for the project. "This is a new, easily accessible, visible and geographical location in Bel Air. "We are hoping to open by the end of summer or early fall to allow us to better serve taxpayers and Marylanders in Cecil or Hartford Counties or wherever they come from."

On the heels of Earth Day, Comptroller Lierman also praised the Maryland Transportation Authority for utilizing 75 hybrid SUVs in support of its paratransit transportation services, demonstrating the agency's continued commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing the state's climate resiliency and sustainability.

As the meeting wrapped up, Comptroller Lierman noted the passing Monday of Pope Francis and his contributions to the Catholic community and to the world.

"Pope Francis was an amazing human being. He was a humble man in incredibly challenging times," she said. "I know that I, as well as millions of people around the world, were grateful for his very humble service and outspoken advocacy for migrants

and the climate and human rights. I will miss him and hearing of him. I am thinking of Catholics and all those who loved him around the world.”

In all, the Board of Public Works approved 95 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$950,602,129.69, including:

- Grant agreements for 16 recipients for 16 projects located in six counties and Baltimore City with a total value of \$10,808,352.
- Seven items awarding \$15,194,193.45 to prime certified small business primes.
- Two items awarding \$9,945,529.10 to certified minority business enterprise primes.
- One item awarding \$954,365.05 to an Employment Works Program provider.
- Five items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises.
- One item awarded with established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises.

The next meeting of the Board of Public Works is May 7, 2025.

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