



News Release

Board of Public Works Approves \$344 million for Projects Across Maryland

Approvals include funding for reconstruction project at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (May 21, 2025) — Maryland Comptroller **Brooke E. Lierman** joined **Governor Wes Moore** and **Treasurer Davis** on Wednesday for a meeting of the Board of Public Works to approve more than \$344 million in funding for projects across the state.

Among the items approved during Wednesday's meeting, the board approved a \$31.5 million construction contract for an apron reconstruction project at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. The project will reconstruct approximately 240,000 square feet of aircraft apron pavement between Concourses DX and DY, as well as 1,300 linear feet of Taxiway T at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport.

Comptroller Lierman explained her vote to approve the contract, acknowledging MDOT has spent significant time addressing a protest and pending appeal against the contract award. Comptroller Lierman also highlighted the agency's potential forfeiture of a crucial \$20 million in federal grant funding from the Federal Aviation Administration.

"As the Trump Administration continues to work tirelessly to freeze the disbursement of federal grants and loans, and a Republican-controlled Congress debates draconian cuts, I think it is really important that we ensure we are not giving up money that we already have in the pipeline," Comptroller Lierman said. "I believe the risk of lost federal funding to support the project, coupled with the delayed MSBCA hearing, constitutes a clear need to move to protect the state's substantial interest and move this project forward."

Separately, Comptroller Lierman voted against extending general obligation bonds for the construction of a pre-release facility for women in Baltimore, citing the adequate

time provided to encumber the \$3 million provided in the FY 2024 Capital Budget. The extension for the bond was approved with a vote of 2-1.

In all, the Board of Public Works approved 105 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$344,191,609.96, including:

- Grant agreements for 15 recipients covering 16 projects located in nine counties and Baltimore City with a total value of \$25,606,000.
- 12 items awarding \$76,723,923.81 to prime certified small business primes.
- Eight items awarding \$9,694,005.22 to certified minority business enterprise primes.
- One item awarding \$60,565,015.94 to an Employment Works Program provider.
- 10 items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises.
- Three items awarded with established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises.

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