



News Release

Board of Public Works Approves More Than \$180 Million for Projects Across Maryland

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (August 6, 2025) — Chief Deputy Comptroller Andy Schaufele joined **Lt. Governor Aruna Miller** and **Treasurer Dereck E. Davis** in approving 101 initiatives representing \$180 million in expenditures during Wednesday's Board of Public Works meeting.

The board approved \$573,412.35 in compensation under the Walter Lomax Act for Tavon Tull, who spent 2,121 days in prison for a wrongful conviction before he was exonerated.

The Board of Public Works also approved \$1.5 million to the Western Scenic Railroad for infrastructure repairs and maintenance of railroad tracks and bridge structure crossings, including the North Branch Potomac River Railroad Bridge in Allegany County.

Wes Heinz, representing Allegany County and the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad Corp., thanked the board for its investment and noted that the railroad saw 82,000 visitors last year, generating more than \$15 million annually in economic impact for the region.

The Board of Public Works also approved awards of \$90,962 and \$311,500, respectively, to Campion Hruby Landscape Architects, and sculptor Branly Cadet to develop a monument on the grounds of the Maryland State House to honor African American soldiers who served in the Revolutionary War.

In all, the Board of Public Works approved 101 items, totaling \$180,873,228.54, in state expenditures, including:

- Grant agreements for 19 recipients for 19 projects located in 11 counties and Baltimore City with a total value of \$15,126,000.
- 11 items awarding \$21,580,852.91 to prime certified small business primes.
- Six items awarding \$12,339,464.29 to certified minority business enterprise primes.
- Two items awarding \$3,360,383.05 to Employment Works Program providers.
- 13 items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises.
- Three items awarded with established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises.

The next meeting of the Board of Public Works is August 27, 2025.

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