



News Release

Maryland Board of Public Works Approves \$139 Million in State Spending

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (May 6, 2026) — Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman joined Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller and Treasurer Dereck Davis today for a meeting of the Board of Public Works.

During the meeting, the Board of Public Works approved more than \$139 million in spending, including one item establishing a new participation goal for Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprises to ensure that more state spending supports these businesses across the state.

During discussion of a Department of General Services contract supporting Maryland's Medicaid provider network, Comptroller Lierman referenced her agency's recently released [Maryland Industry Analysis: Healthcare and the Economy](#) report and emphasized the potential impacts of proposed federal changes to Medicaid funding.

According to Comptroller Lierman, "Nearly one dollar in every four in our state budget is dedicated to Medicaid spending. But the most recent changes at the federal level under H.R. one could trigger coverage losses for hundreds of thousands of Marylanders and cut the funding that hospitals depend on to operate. The report we released is intended to inform policymakers and stakeholders across the state because, under these threats, this industry is going to need all of us to work together to protect it."

Earlier in the meeting, Comptroller Lierman recognized May as American Wetlands Month and highlighted the Board's role in protecting Maryland waterways through

responsible development and restoration efforts. She specifically pointed to a South Baltimore project that will create a new public waterfront trail, restore shoreline habitat through marsh plantings, and strengthen erosion protections.

“This is the type of project that makes our waterways more accessible and more resilient at the same time,” said Comptroller Lierman. “I’m grateful to Administrator Morgante and his team for the work they continue to do in support of this important work. And I’m looking forward to the tour later this month to see this work up close.”

Comptroller Lierman also recognized National Small Business Week during discussion of several Maryland Department of Transportation contracts awarded to Maryland-based small businesses.

Comptroller Lierman emphasized, “When Maryland businesses do better, Maryland does better. With this agenda, MDOT shows that this type of investment in Maryland is possible.”

During the meeting, the Board approved 88 items representing a total State expenditure of \$139,385,441.44, including grant agreements for 28 recipients supporting 28 projects across eight counties and Baltimore City with a total value of \$23,687,000. The Board also approved:

- 5 items awarding \$1,380,505.00 to certified small business primes
- 1 item awarding \$274,100.00 to a certified minority business enterprise prime
- 8 items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises
- 2 items awarded with established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises

Documents for today’s meeting can be found [here](#).

The next meeting of the Board of Public Works will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

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