



BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



Breaking down the Board of Public Works

Meeting Date

August 6, 2025

COMMUTER BUS CONTRACTS

The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Transit Administration to award Atlantic Coast Charters, Inc. (Linthicum, MD) and Keller Transportation, Inc. (Waldorf, MD) three contracts to provide and operate **Commuter Bus services for Routes 505, 705, and 715/725**. The five-year contracts were awarded at a combined cost of \$34.9 million.

Route 505, which operates between Hagerstown and Shady Grove/Rock Spring, will be serviced by Atlantic Coast Charters, while Routes 705 (Charlotte Hall/Waldorf – DC) and 715/725 (Charlotte Hall/Waldorf – DC) will be serviced by Keller Transportation.

EXPANDING RECREATION IN CAROLINE COUNTY

The BPW approved a request from Caroline County to commit \$694,950 in Program Open Space Local Share funding to **plan, design and construct new improvements at Sharp Road Park in Denton**.

The improvements, which are intended to help enhance access to county field space and time, include: baseball and softball fields with irrigation, dugouts, backstop and lighting, a small soccer field, parking with ADA access, and signage.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 101 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$180.9 million, including:

- 11 items awarding \$21.6 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 6 items awarding \$12.3 million to certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) primes.
- 13 items awarded with established participation goals for MBEs.
- 3 items awarded with a goal for Veteran-owned small businesses.
- 2 items awarding \$3.4 million to Employment Works Providers

CROWN CORK & SEAL REDEVELOPMENT IN BALTIMORE

The BPW approved a request from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to lend \$5 million in general obligation bond proceeds through the Neighborhood BusinessWorks (NBW) Program to Crown Cork Redevelopment, LLC for the acquisition and redevelopment of the historic Crown Cork & Seal campus in Southeast Baltimore.

DHCD's NBW Program provides **flexible financing to new or expanding Maryland-based small businesses, local development corporations and nonprofit organizations** in Sustainable Communities and Priority Funding Areas whose activities contribute to a broader revitalization effort.

The NBW funding for this project will be used to support acquisition costs and interior improvements, including new studio buildout and modernization of existing tenant space.