

#### CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE AND TUNNEL COMMISSION

Regular Meeting
CBBT Administration Building
July 8, 2025
9:30 a.m.
Minutes

**Commission Members Present:** Frederick T. Stant, III; Thomas W. Meehan, Sr.; Phillip R. Custis; Patrick E. Corbin; Keith Colonna; Gregory L. Duncan, Sr.; Charity Volman-Winn; George B. Clarke, IV.

**Commission Members Virtually Present:** Mark C. Bundy.

Commission Members Absent: Stephen M. Mallon; Jennifer Lee.

**District Staff Present:** Jeffrey B. Holland; Thomas R. Anderson, III; Michael T. Crist, P.E.; Chief Steven Wilson; Brittany E. Cannon.

**District Advisors Present:** Bryan Plumlee, Commission Counsel.

Guests Virtually Present: Senator Bill DeSteph.

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman, Frederick T. Stant, III, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments to be heard, nor any comments submitted in writing prior to the meeting.

#### 3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Senator DeSteph was virtually present to provide a legislative update. He reported that he would like to see more natural gas plants and small nuclear reactors built to meet Virginia's demand and become totally grid independent within the next decade.

The Senator departed the meeting at this time.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –MAY 22, 2025 MEETING, as distributed:

Motion made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Meehan, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2025 Commission meeting, as distributed. The motion was approved unanimously. *Absent: Stephen M. Mallon; Jennifer Lee.* 

# 5. OFFICIAL COMMENDATION FOR LIFE SAVING RECOGNITION FOR LIEUTENANT HICKMAN, OFFICER WRIGHT AND CHIEF WILSON:

Mr. Custis read an official commendation for life saving recognition for Lieutenant Hickman, Officer Wright and Chief Wilson.

## Official Commendation for Life-Saving Lieutenant John Hickman, Officer Jackson Wright, Chief Steven Wilson

On June 13, 2025, the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel District's Police Department responded to a citizen experiencing a medical event at the North Toll Plaza Rest Area Welcome Center Parking Lot. Upon arrival, officers realized that the citizen was unconscious and non-responsive and had collapsed on the ground in front of the Rest Area Building.

Lieutenant John Hickman, Officer Jackson Wright, Chief Steven Wilson quickly began administering CPR to the patient. They continued CPR until the arrival of local Rescue and Ambulance personnel. The citizen was eventually transported to Virginia Beach General. The citizen survived the cardiac arrest and was later released from the hospital.

The quick response, recognition of the severity of the medical emergency, immediate actions and effective CPR done by these three officers, resulted directly in saving a life.

Therefore, Lieutenant John Hickman, Officer Jackson Wright, and Chief Steven Wilson's actions qualify them for the Life Saving Award and bestows upon them the District's appreciation. District Commission and Staff thank these brave officers, and all who tirelessly serve to protect our community, for their unwavering dedication. May God bless our law enforcement officers and continue to keep them safe.

Unanimously passed by the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission on this 8th day of July, 2025.

Mr. Holland presented Lieutenant John Hickman, Officer Jackson Wright, and Chief Steven Wilson with a Life Saving Commendation Bar.

Lieutenant John Hickman, Officer Jackson Wright departed the meeting at this time.

#### 6. TRAFFIC & REVENUE REPORT – MAY AND JUNE OF 2025:

Mr. Holland reported that traffic for May 2025 totaled 387,134 vehicles, which was an increase of 9,645 vehicles or 3.7% over May 2024. E-ZPass utilization totaled 75.2%. Revenue for May 2025 totaled \$5,495,819 which was an increase of \$217,942 or 4.1% over May 2024. Gas prices were \$3.10 in May 2025, versus \$3.61 in May 2024. There

were 44 hours of wind restrictions in May 2025, versus 6.5 hours in May 2024. There were 66 hours of tunnel lane closures in May 2025, versus 54 hours in May 2024.

Traffic for June 2025 totaled 420,494 vehicles, which was an increase of 1,278 vehicles or 0.3% over June 2024. E-ZPass utilization totaled 74.8%. Revenue for June 2025 totaled \$7,894,789 which was a decrease of \$106,962 or -1.3% under June 2024. Gas prices were \$3.11 in June 2025, versus \$3.43 in June 2024. There were 8 hours of wind restrictions in June 2025, versus 2.5 hours in June 2024. There were 92 hours of tunnel lane closures in June 2025, versus 50 hours in June 2024.

For the calendar year-to-date through June 2025, vehicles were down -2.4% and revenue was down -2.8%. For the fiscal year-to-date through June 2025, vehicles were down -2.4% and revenue was up 4.3%.

Memorial Day holiday traffic, May 22 through 26, comparison showed vehicles were up 1.80% and revenues were up 1.10%.

The July 4 holiday traffic, June 27 through July 6, comparison showed vehicles were down -816 or -0.50% and revenues were down \$-49,456 or -1.49%.

Chief Wilson on July 2, at approximately 11:15 p.m., the operator of a two axle six tire box truck allegedly fell asleep on C trestle southbound, approximately half mile to the south of 4 Island. The truck veered to the left and the guardrail on the east side of the trestle was able to retain the truck after impacting approximately 250' of guardrail. The driver was uninjured.

Mr. Holland reported on the ongoing efforts of personnel from the Operations Division extending toll collector and emergency crewmen's shiftwork hours to enhance lane management to provide improved customer service and reliability within the E-ZPass lanes.

#### 7. PRELIMINARY ACTUAL BUDGET ANALYSIS FY 2025:

Mr. Anderson reported that projected actual expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, totaled \$19,009,881; budgeted expenditures totaled \$19,917,700; for a variance of \$-907,819 or -4.6% under budget.

### 8. RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENTS AND AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES:

Mr. Holland stated that, as discussed previously, this resolution authorized Mr. Mears to become an authorized signer for all District and Commission needs.

Motion made by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Corbin, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the Resolution for Appointments and Authorized Signatures. *Absent: Stephen M. Mallon; Jennifer Lee.* 

#### 9. AWARD FOR VENTILATION BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT:

Mr. Crist stated that approval was needed for award for elevator replacement services and concrete repair work for the Ventilation Building Renovation Project. He recommended Compo Construction for award in the amount of \$4,342,049.

RMF Project No. 3076.3731, Bid No. M-25-004 Ventilation Building Renovations

Company	Bid Amount		
Compo Construction	\$4,342,049		
Sussex Development	6,665,073		
Conrad Brothers	7,574,205		
Cekra, Inc.	9,546,900		

Motion made by Mr. Corbin, seconded by Mr. Clarke, and unanimously carried, the Commission authorized staff to award Compo Construction for Ventilation Building repair work in the amount of \$4,342,049 not to exceed a budget of \$7,100,000.

Commission Members Absent: Stephen M. Mallon; Jennifer Lee.

#### 10. WIND ADVISORY POLICY REVIEW:

Mr. Crist reviewed the Wind Advisory and Restriction Policy that was approved by the Commission in May of 2022. As recommended by District staff, there were no changes made to the policy. District Staff and the Commission will continue review and evaluate the current policy every 5 years.

### 11. PARALLEL THIMBLE SHOAL TUNNEL EXPENDITURES TO DATE:

Mr. Anderson presented the attached report of Project expenditures to date.

## 12. UPDATE ON PARALLEL THIMBLE SHOAL TUNNEL (PTST) DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION:

Mr. Crist reported that CTJV continues removing the last segments of the Omega trestle and finalizing the berm. Concrete continues to be placed for the fascia walls which are the visible elements that make up the sides of the open approach. CTJV continues placement of the tunnel ballast layer inside the tunnel, and the electrical subcontractor, Mass Electric, has begun installing conduit and pull boxes. The final TBM pieces were removed from the open approach.

#### 13. CLOSED SESSION -CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

In accordance with Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, Mr. Meehan moved that the Commission go into Closed Meeting under the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act for the following purposes: Section 2.2-3711.A 7. for the purpose of briefing by staff and legal recommendations regarding dispute matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Duncan, and unanimously carried.

#### 14. OPEN SESSION

A roll call vote was taken pursuant to Section 2.2-3712.D. of the Code of Virginia immediately after reconvening in Open Meeting, at which time each member certified by his vote that to the best of his or her knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempt from Open Meeting requirements under this chapter and (ii) only public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the Commission. No member prior to the vote stated that he or she believed there was a departure from the requirements (i) and voted in the affirmative: (ii) Corbin, *yes*; Meehan, yes; Custis, yes; Bundy, yes; Duncan, yes; Clarke, yes; Volman-Winn, yes; Colonna, yes; Stant; yes.

Commission Members Absent: Stephen M. Mallon; Jennifer Lee.

#### 15. RESOLUTION FOR BRIDGE INSPECTION VEHICLE:

Mr. Crist reported that the recently purchased Paxton Mitchell Snooper unit has been returned to a Paxton Mitchell affiliated company for repairs and the District has filed for a full refund. At this time, District Staff recommends purchasing a second Anderson Under bridge unit similar to what was approved by the Commission at the May, 2025 meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Corbin, seconded by Mr. Meehan, to authorize District Staff to purchase a second Anderson Under bridge unit at a cost of \$536,015.

Commission Members Absent: Stephen M. Mallon; Jennifer Lee.

#### 16. PTST CO #15:

Motion made by Mr. Meehan, seconded by Mr. Duncan, to recommend to the full Commission the approval of CO15 a payment credit to the District in the amount of \$4,000,000 which is the result of re-designing the northbound span and steel bridge spans between portal Island 1 and portal Island 2.

Commission Members Absent: Stephen M. Mallon; Jennifer Lee.

#### 17. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

## **18. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

a. Mr. Holland took the opportunity to thank Commissioner Charity Volman-Winn and Towne Bank for the hospitality and the accommodations that were provided through her assistance for our personnel to use during the project arbitration meetings in Downtown Norfolk during March and April.

## 19. ADJOURN:

With no further business coming before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Frederick T. Stant, III, Chairman

Thomas W. Meehan, Sr., Vice-Chairman

Brittany E. Cannon, Assistant Secretary

Attachment

## Parallel Thimble Shoal Tunnel Project Total Project Budget As of May 31, 2025

Project Tasks & Components	February 2024 Revised Budget	Total Expended To Date	Expended @ 04/30/25	Monthly Expenditures	Remaining Budget
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CBBT Development Phase					
CBBT Development Phase Budget	18,524,560	18,524,560	18,524,560		
CBBT Financing Budget					
Municipal Advisor	866,000	854,010	854,010	-	11,990
CBBT Financing Budget	3,912,210	3,900,220	3,900,220		11,990
CRRT County string Phase					
CBBT Construction Phase Construction Mgmt	11,000,000	5,721,160	5,520,770	200,390	5,278,840
Project Counsel	5,000,000	440,990	438,780	2,210	4,559,010
Arbitration Counsel	-	10,831,360	10,453,460	377,900	(10,831,360)
Dispute Review Panel	1,500,000	723,130	707,560	15,570	776,870
Arbitration Panel	1,500,000	358,340	358,340	-	1,141,660
CNC/LUS Relocation	4,591,740	4,562,730	4,562,730	-	29,010
Garage	550,000	385,120	385,120	-	164,880
Fan Motor Control Center	4,000,000	2,544,510	2,544,510	-	1,455,490
CCTV Software Upgrade	500,000	400,940	400,940	-	99,060
Existing Tunnel Ventilation Study	250,000				250,000
Vent Buildings Emergency Power Upgrades	4,700,000	3,588,660	3,588,660	-	1,111,340
Design Mgmt/Design QA	9,583,200	7,028,800	7,020,130	8,670	2,554,400
Risk Management Consultant	125,000			-	125,000
District Project Management Staff	2,100,000	1,965,940	1,941,200	24,740	134,060
Commission General Counsel	125,000	17,470	17,470	-	107,530
Commission Approved District Development Expenses	550,000	575,720	559,210	16,510	(25,720)
Total CBBT Construction Phase Budget	46,074,940	39,144,870	38,498,880	645,990	6,930,070
Design-Builder Construction Phase					
Direct Construction Cost	819,157,748	646,510,730	641,954,480	4,556,250	172,647,018
5% Withholding	-	16,295,850	16,056,050	239,800	(16,295,850)
NCR Work Withholding					
Total Design-Builder Construction Phase Budget	819,157,748	662,806,580	658,010,530	4,796,050	156,351,168
Project Contingency	37,121,266	-	-	-	37,121,266
Total Project Budget	924,790,724	724,376,230	718,934,190	5,442,040	200,414,494