

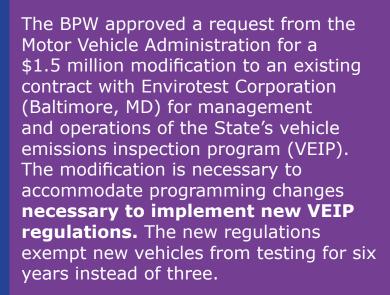
BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF

✓ Breaking down the Board of Public Works

Meeting Date September 6, 2023

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VEHICLE EMISSION INSPECTION PROGRAM



The Comptroller expressed concerns about the regulation itself because of the reduced revenues to the State's Transportation Trust Fund and because drivers of older vehicles - those who often cannot afford new cars - will now bear the brunt of funding the State's successful Clear Air Act program. The Treasurer commended the fact that the program will relieve drivers of new vehicles of an unnecessary burden, and encouraged the MVA to think about how to make up for the resulting revenue loss.

NEW WETLANDS



The BPW approved two State Tidal Wetlands licenses for projects that will result in the creation of over 14,000 square feet of wetlands, which are critical to supporting the health and biodiversity of the Chesapeake Bay.

Summary Figures

The BPW approved 86 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$384 million includina:

- 2 items awarding \$4.8 million to prime certified small businesses
- 2 items awarding \$4.5 million to prime minority business enterprises
- 5 items awarded with established participation goals for minority business enterprises
- 1 item awarded with established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises
- 15 grant agreements awarding \$4.8 million for projects in 8 counties and **Baltimore City**

AMERICAN LEGION BRIDGE, I-495, AND I-270



The BPW approved a request from the State Highway Administration (SHA) to award two contracts to provide planning, engineering, architectural, construction management, and other services in support of multimodal improvements for the American Legion Bridge, I-495, and I-270. These contracts will primarily support planning to replace the American Legion Bridge, and environmental and multi-modal planning studies for I-270. The two fiveyear contracts are valued at a "not-toexceed" amount of \$75 million each.

In discussion about this agenda item, the Comptroller expressed concern over the efficacy of highway expansion as a means to alleviate traffic, and her concern about any future P3 model. She commended the Governor for making multimodal options central to the project, including bus rapid transit and transit-oriented development.