



# BROOKE'S BPW BRIEF



*Breaking down the Board of Public Works*

## Meeting Date

November 8, 2023

## WETLANDS LICENSE NICE-MIDDLETON BRIDGE

The BPW approved a wetlands license associated with the demolition of the decommissioned **Nice-Middleton Bridge**, which spans the Potomac River between Charles County, MD and King George County, VA.

The license allows for **deep-water piers to be removed via sub-aqueous blasting**. The Comptroller expressed concern about the anticipated impact on fish in the area. In order to mitigate damage, the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) will be strategic in the time of year and way that they conduct the blast. They will also be required to document fish killed and compensate the Dept. of Natural Resources accordingly.

## MODERNIZING BUS FARE COLLECTION

The BPW approved a request from the Maryland Transit Administration to award to award Genfare, LLC (Elk Grove Village, IL) a contract to replace existing bus fare boxes with **modern fare boxes** that can integrate with the Electronic Fare Collection System. The not-to-exceed cost of the five-year contract is \$10.5 million.

Under this contract, 727 current fare boxes on transit buses will be replaced. The new bus fare boxes will interface with central software, assist operators with fare identification, and be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

## Summary Figures

The BPW approved 75 items, representing a total State expenditure of \$232 million including:

- 11 items awarding \$11.4 million to prime certified small businesses.
- 7 items awarding \$9.6 million to prime Minority Business Enterprises.
- 6 items awarded with established participation goals for Minority Business Enterprises.
- 2 items awarded with established participation goals for veteran-owned small business enterprises.
- Grant agreements for 10 projects located in 5 counties and Baltimore City, with a total value of \$2.3 million.

## WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS IN SNOW HILL

The BPW approved a request from the Department of the Environment (MDE) to grant and loan \$720,776 in **Drinking Water Revolving Loan** and **Water Supply Financial Assistance funding** to the Town of Snow Hill for the replacement of existing water mains in the Snow Hill distribution system. Work will include replacement of 4" cast iron mains to 8" mains, and various valve and hydrant replacements.

The project will improve hydraulic capacity, water quality, and accuracy of utility billing. It will also promote water conservation. The project will be constructed **in accordance with coastal and non-coastal resiliency guidelines** developed as part of the Coast Smart Program to reduce climate change risks to such projects.