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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

ALL: Good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Welcome to the Board of Public Works.

We're going to go ahead and get started. I'm going to turn it over to my colleagues for any opening remarks. Madam Treasurer?

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah, could I just take a moment, Governor, because we're about to go into a very exciting, positive, lovely event. But before we do, now the State last week lost one of our favorite sons, Joe Tydings, Joseph Tydings, at the young age of 90, having lived a very full and productive life, left us. There are some of us, not too many, still around who worked in the campaign in 1964 for Joe for United States Senator and were extremely proud of him. Ironically he lost reelection in large part because of his concern about guns and gun control, shootings in schools in fact, and the shooting of course of his dear friend the Attorney General and presidential candidate Robert Kennedy.

I knew Joe from the time I interviewed him when I was in college and he was, I have to say, one of the brightest and certainly one of the most charming and debonair of United States Senators. But he also was a great leader of the University of Maryland on the Board of Regents for 15 or so years and really helped build that campus into what it is now, which is a world renowned

institution. But at the same time, or a little afterwards, he also for almost 20 years was the Chairman of Citizens for Kopp, a group to which you --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I thought I knew all the other stuff until we got to that.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: And I have to say there were days when he kept things going. So I just want to recognize a national leader, a great leader of the State, and someone who to me of course was both a mentor and a prod when I didn't want to get out door to door and campaign and really didn't want to ask one more person for one more dollar. Joe was there pushing. And we will miss him.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you for mentioning that. He was a great Maryland leader who did so much for the State in his service not only in the Senate, but --

TREASURER KOPP: House of Delegates.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- on the Board of Regents and in the House of Delegates. We've lowered the flags in honor of him and he's going to get full State honors as he deserves. A great, great Marylander. Thank you. With that, I'm going to turn it over to you, Mr. Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Governor. And I couldn't agree more with you and the Treasurer on Senator Tydings and his

family, I think we all have them in our thoughts. And I do recall that he won his Senate seat, I think, against my great predecessor, Louis Goldstein. So I have him to thank for allowing Louis to be Comptroller for the next, whatever it was, 35 years after that. And also --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: A record which you're hoping to break.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: But also I read in the obituary that in that race for Senate, which he won very unexpectedly, his slogan was, "Tydings: working for Maryland, not for the political machine." So such is life. These issues come around. And I didn't realize that. But, and I had forgotten that he was your chairman, Madam Treasurer.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, that was a, he was a definitely a major presence in the political world. And speaking of public service, that's not a calling that everybody is comfortable answering. But I'm fortunate to have a remarkable team of dedicated public servants in my agency who are firmly committed to providing respectful, responsive, and results oriented taxpayer service. Today I would like to share with you a stellar example involving my Deputy Comptroller Sharonne Bonardi, who is sitting right here in the front row.

Recently Sharonne was contacted by a taxpayer. This is the Deputy Comptroller. She has lots of things to do, because I'm generally out moving through the nooks and crannies of the State. She's running 1,100 employees, who are processing 3.2 million tax returns. Anyway, she was contacted by a taxpayer, who she helped more than decade before when he struggled under the weight of his financial burdens due to a series of medical crises he and his wife suffered at the time. Because of the help provided by Sharonne, he avoided foreclosure of his home, eventually paid off his mortgage, while settling up at the same time with the State of Maryland.

He never forgot the help provided by Sharonne and reached out to her yet again this summer when another medical catastrophe struck and delayed his payments to the State. Sharonne was able to intercede on this behalf and he's back on track making payments. It doesn't matter if you are the Deputy Comptroller of Maryland or a call center representative, my 1,100 employees understand that first class customer service is the top priority for my agency.

So I want to take this opportunity to thank Sharonne. Obviously she makes the trains run on time. And as the Governor said, in the back room he said, yeah, now I know why you're doing okay, Peter. You've got somebody who knows what they are doing back there.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: But I want to take this opportunity to thank Sharonne not only for helping this particular taxpayer but for the incredible job that she does for our agency. Sharonne, you are indispensable and our agency would not be the most effective and efficient Comptroller's Office in the nation without you and without your leadership and without your hard work. So I'd like to present this certificate of appreciation to Sharonne Bonardi. Thanks for doing a great job. Your exceptional personal commitment to serving taxpayers has been recognized. The extra effort you made to assist -- I'll leave his name off because I don't want to jeopardize his confidentiality -- helps inspire all employees to do our most important job: helping people. With pleasure and appreciation, I salute you. Sharonne, could you come up and --

(Applause.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Would you like to say a word, Sharonne?

MS. BONARDI: I'm just truly humbled by his recognition. As the Comptroller said, this is just what we do. This is what we do each and every day. I started as a hearing officer over 17 years ago and I had the opportunity to help taxpayers and as I moved up in leadership, under the Comptroller's leadership, we know that we are to deliver that quality service. And I know the Governor has his customer service initiatives as well. And it's an expectation. It's what we do as

public servants. And I'm just proud to be able to serve as Deputy Comptroller and to serve the taxpayers of Maryland. So thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: All right, thank you.

(Applause.)

TREASURER KOPP: Governor, could I, Peter?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: The Comptroller, on top of everything else you said obviously, Sharonne for the last number of years has been an inspiration to women in public service in Maryland. I know you've worked as a leader in the community in bringing young women into the job market and supporting them, but also women in the Maryland workforce. And it is becoming more common, but it is not common, and it used to be very rare, to see a woman rise up in the ranks of the profession and then become essentially the head of an office. And I commend you, Comptroller, and but also hats off to you, Sharonne, and just know there are many, many people who are very appreciative.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Sharonne, thank you for your great work on behalf of the taxpayers and your wonderful customer service, and thank you for working so hard to make the Comptroller look good.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I knew that someone was back there --

TREASURER KOPP: Someone --

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(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- I'm proud to finally get the chance to find out and meet you and work with you. Thank you. We're going to get started with the Secretary's Agenda.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. We have 11 items on the Secretary's Agenda. We have two reports of emergency procurements.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on the Secretary's Agenda?

TREASURER KOPP: Those two emergency procurements.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Mm-hmm.

TREASURER KOPP: Those were the ones in the appendices?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Yes, they are. And I, Mr. Secretary, Deputy Secretary Reichart could perhaps answer the questions there about Department of General Services repairs.

MR. REICHART: The Treasurer has a question, a particular question? Or --

TREASURER KOPP: Well this hearkens back to what we were talking about two weeks ago and for a number of times before this. The question of the deferred maintenance, which leads to increased costs, increased adverse impact on the economy, adverse impact on the poor folks who have to work in these, under these conditions. Chillers that we knew weren't going to work any

longer, that were past their life span, and yet you have to wait until they break down, declare an emergency, and then go in and do something. How -- and my understanding, Mr. Deputy Secretary, is it Deputy?

MR. REICHART: Mm-hmm.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Deputy, Deputy.

TREASURER KOPP: Nelson.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: No, is that you all are getting a system in place in which we are going to try to automate portions of the system, including after people put work orders in so you can follow the work orders. But these things, these situations, don't even have work orders yet.

MR. REICHART: Right.

TREASURER KOPP: What are we, I mean, this is --

MR. REICHART: It's a very difficult thing, especially when we handle as many buildings as we do on an emergency basis.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes.

MR. REICHART: This was at --

TREASURER KOPP: Well you can't do it, I don't, I am not suggesting --

MR. REICHART: We are --

TREASURER KOPP: -- Department of General Services can do this itself.

MR. REICHART: We are putting together a work group now to be able to get the leadership together and start to promote this concept of preventative maintenance in each agency so that the buildings can be --

TREASURER KOPP: It is absolutely -- and let me just, you know --

MR. REICHART: I know.

TREASURER KOPP: -- say my piece again. Unless there are some funds set aside, unless we budget for it, whether it's two percent or whatever it is. Unless we budget for the preventative maintenance, the deferred maintenance, these folks running the agencies and running the offices will not have the funds to do it because they have to take them obviously from other things that obviously they have found higher priorities or they would have solved these problems.

MR. REICHART: Right.

TREASURER KOPP: So I really think you've got to put your heads together and figure out a way because it's costing money and, Mr. Secretary of the Environment, these leaking -- I'm not in your department -- it's a very adverse impact on the environment as well as everything else. And we all have an interest in trying to solve this problem.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: No question there's been decades and decades --

TREASURER KOPP: Forever.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- of failure to do preventative maintenance and we're doing everything we can to improve that, catch up from decades of failure.

MR. REICHART: Yeah, it's a catch up.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: So thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Absolutely. And we will see it later on at the University System, it's across the State.

MR. REICHART: And this season has been particularly bad because of the amount of wet weather we've had. You know, it's overtaxed a lot of the systems.

TREASURER KOPP: And then we find that leaky roofs --

MR. REICHART: Leaky roofs, we're finding --

TREASURER KOPP: -- turn into mold. And I mean, this is, it's not rocket science.

MR. REICHART: Sealant around windows that's gone bad over the years.

TREASURER KOPP: Anyhow, thank you.

MR. REICHART: You don't know it's bad until we get a driving rain that forces the, you know, moisture in.

TREASURER KOPP: Right. Right.

MR. REICHART: So.

TREASURER KOPP: Well I just, I appreciate the automated system you're putting in place. It really doesn't address this part of it.

MR. REICHART: Right.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Are there any questions? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

TREASURER KOPP: Isn't that right?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yes, second? Three-nothing. Let's get started with DNR Real Property Agenda.

MR. BELTON: Good morning, Governor, Mr. Comptroller, Madam Treasurer. For the record, my name is Mark Belton. I'm the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. And we also have 11 items for your approval this morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on DNR?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Item 5.

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MR. BELTON: Yes, sir. These are the Baltimore City issues.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So, yeah, it's a request from DNR in Baltimore City to commit \$3.9 million, that's almost \$4 million, in Program Open Space State and Local Share funds to five projects. And I was reading about these wonderful recreational projects in Baltimore City, Governor. I just wanted to compliment your administration, particularly Secretary Belton and all the folks at DNR, for the commitment to Baltimore City that these five projects represent. We're talking about \$1.2 million for the reconstruction of the pool and bathhouse at Druid Hill Park, Northeast Baltimore, a truly beautiful and scenic green space that generations of Baltimoreans have enjoyed. Another \$1.4 million to construct a pool at the Walter P. Carter Center in East Baltimore; half a million dollars to improve trail networks throughout Baltimore City. These are all worthy projects. They improve the quality of life for Baltimoreans, young and old. I just wanted to take a moment and recognize these State investments and tip my hat to DNR, and frankly the administration, for allocating these funds.

MR. BELTON: Yes, sir. Well they are going to make a big difference for the citizens of Baltimore, that's for sure.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Comptroller. We -

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We, Secretary Belton and I talked about this at the very beginning of the administration, about, you know, we've put \$5.5 billion into Baltimore City in four years. And it never happened before, ever in history. But we're finding from different places, you know, the \$100 million in Project CORE, to tear, we've torn down 2,000 blighted properties, we're replacing some of them with parks and playgrounds. And I said to him, aren't there, there are funds and grants in various departments that we could utilize and why don't we look at recreation in the City and they've done a great job of addressing this. So thank you. Thank you for recognizing it. Any other questions on DNR?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing on DNR. We're going to go on to Department of Business and Management.

MR. BRINKLEY: Good morning, Governor, Mr. Comptroller, and Madam Treasurer. David Brinkley, the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management. We have --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Does the Constitution require you to be here today?

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It doesn't require me to be here.

MR. BRINKLEY: I'm here, I'm here because I want to be here.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Oh, good.

(Laughter.)

MR. BRINKLEY: We've brought three items for your consideration today.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on DBM?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No, move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing on DBM. We've going for a record here today. University System Agenda, we're on a roll.

MR. EVANS: Good morning, Joe Evans representing the University System of Maryland. We have five items on the Agenda. We're here to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions for Mr. Evans, University System? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No, move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Is there a second? Three-nothing.

MR. EVANS: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We're going to go on to Department of Information Technology. Secretary Leahy?

MR. LEAHY: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. I'm Michael Leahy, Secretary of the Department of Information

Technology. Today we have seven items on the Agenda and I have representatives available to answer any questions you might have.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Questions on DoIT? Motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No, move approval.

TREASURER KOPP: Just --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'm sorry, go ahead.

TREASURER KOPP: I do have --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We're going so fast there.

TREASURER KOPP: No, it's very brief. But just an update on MD THINK?

MR. LEAHY: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: Just in terms of the schedule. How are we going --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Mr. James.

MR. LEAHY: Mr. James? Is Greg here?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thanks for bringing that up. Good morning, sir, Mr. James --

MR. JAMES: Good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- Secretary James.

MR. JAMES: I'm Greg James, Deputy Secretary for Operations from the Maryland Department of Human Services. I'm pleased to be here today and give you an update on the MD THINK Project.

The contract item we have before you today is an extension of our existing maintenance and operations contract for our legacy systems. We are requesting an 18-month extension to the end of that and that will take us six months past when we anticipate being fully completed with the new MD THINK Project. That project is on schedule and on budget and we received our federal funding in January of 2017. We spent a couple of months working out our road map and plans for that, and then began our build. At this point we've now constructed the basic platform, which will allow us to host multiple State programs in a cloud environment, hosted at this point on Amazon Web Services. And in August of this year we launched our first application of that, which is the long term care module. That went without any problems or errors. The biggest feedback we've heard from our workers is, this is great, when do we get it for the rest of our (indiscernible)? And the answer for that is by the end of 2020 we will have rolled out replacement systems for our eligibility enrollment programs, our family benefits, so that's all of our TANF and SNAP programs, as well as the Medicaid work that we do with the Department of Health. We will have migrated the Health Benefits Exchange over onto the platform. We will have a new child welfare system, which we anticipate deploying in 2019. And we will have a new

child support application as well. That will allow us then to turn off our legacy systems and reduce the spending that we've had trying to maintain 1980s and 1990s era technology in the 21st Century.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I want to thank you --

TREASURER KOPP: That's terrific.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- for your leadership. This really is an incredible program. It's \$200 million and some in federal funds, \$240 million, something along those lines.

MR. JAMES: Right.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We were the first State to come up with a program like this. I can tell you, I'm the Vice Chairman of the National Governors Association. Other governors are taking a look at this as to best practices. I was just with Governor Baker from Massachusetts who is, they are doing a lot of great things but he was just amazed at this program and was trying to talk to me about how it's going to work and how they might be able to copy some of it. And I want to thank you for your department that's doing such a great job.

We actually found, correct me if I'm wrong, green phosphorous screens in this department, when we got here, that were operating on DOS --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- it was like dinosaurs for those of you.

And now we're going to have the most advanced system in America.

TREASURER KOPP: That actually was the great leap forward at one time.

(Laughter.)

MR. JAMES: Absolutely. And Governor --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: But this was 2015.

(Laughter.)

MR. JAMES: Governor, thank you for your leadership and your vision on this and your support and the support that we've received from the Board, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, your support in this project. And I would be remiss if I did not mention the tremendous support we've received from DoIT and all of our State partners, Department of Health. This is truly a multi-departmental effort and we've got Department of Juvenile Services will also have a new system launching 2019 that's being developed in parallel with the Child Welfare System and we look forward to being able to give you a demonstration of this technology and what we've achieved. And we look forward to bringing other State agencies on board so that they can share the benefits and advantages of this platform.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And this is really a great example of providing much better services to the people who need them in a more efficient and more cost effective way.

MR. JAMES: Absolutely.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

TREASURER KOPP: It's very exciting.

MR. JAMES: Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Greg, as you know, the first public hearing I ever attended after I was elected to the Legislature was in 1975, the very first briefing on something called AIMS, which was the Automated Income Maintenance System.

MR. JAMES: Mm-hmm.

TREASURER KOPP: Which never did work.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: And it morphed into AIMS 2 which I don't think worked until it was called something else. And the dream was to have, although we didn't know it, MD THINK. And if this rolls out the way you're saying, and it really works the way you're saying, it's going to be an amazing step forward, a step built on a few decades of hard work.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We have gotten rid of those old Pong machines with the green --

(Laughter.)

MR. JAMES: We have one in the basement still.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You should put it in a museum.

MR. JAMES: We can't let it go.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah. Thank you.

MR. JAMES: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Is there a motion on IT?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing. We're going to move on to Department of Transportation.

MR. PORTS: All right. Good morning, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, Governor. For the record, my name is Jim Ports, Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation. The Department of Transportation is presenting 12 items today. Item 7-M-MOD is being withdrawn at this time. And we'd be happy to answer any questions.

But first, I'd like to let the Comptroller know that Sharonne also helped me when someone decided to file my taxes for me without my knowledge and compromised my identity. I called your office and Sharonne answered the phone. They flagged my taxes immediately and then worked me through the process. And of course I had to send them direct mail. But yeah, it worked out

very well and I just wanted to, while everybody was, you know, talking about how great she is, give you another real life example.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I often wonder how people get Sharonne on the phones.

MR. PORTS: Yeah.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Because it's, you know, but that is, thank you for saying that, Deputy Secretary. I really appreciate that. Because to the extent you represent the 10,000 or 12,000 Marylanders who are in exactly your situation, a lot of them have real questions about how to extricate themselves from that.

MR. PORTS: It was easy.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. Thank you for bringing that up. And Sharonne, your phone will be ringing.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's right.

(Laughter.)

MR. PORTS: Sorry.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You know, we're livestreaming this all around the State and we have a packed room here. They are all going to be calling you, Sharonne, with issues.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Governor, I had a brief question on Item 3, which is a Purple Line acquisition contract. It's not very much money compared to the cost of this project. I'm very supportive of it. But I've been advocating for the Purple Line since my days as Chair of the Transportation Subcommittee in House Appropriations. And this project, the fact that it's moving forward, is just fabulous for our region. And I understand that there was litigation surrounding this project that resulted in delays and I was wondering, Secretary Ports, if you could just, is there any update you could give us on the timeline of the project?

MR. PORTS: Sure. So first of all, delays are in the works. You know, they filed for delays. But you know, keep in mind that even during that court case, we have made statements plenty of times that we were still continuing with that process. So that will be ironed out as we go through the process.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It did slow us down a little bit but we made the decision, we couldn't start construction while the case was going on but we continued to do the engineering and the acquisitions and, assuming that we were going to win the case.

MR. PORTS: Absolutely. And so we did continue that project to the extent we could from when the courts were saying. That being said, we just took a tour, Secretary Rahn, myself, and many others took a tour of the Purple Line as well as the tunnel that they are building. They are making tremendous

progress on the tunnel. It was a very muddy day but it was very interesting to see that. And as far as a timeline and schedule, I'll bring Jeff Ensor up. He's our boots on the ground. Every day he and Chuck Lattuca are the two people --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Literally boots on the ground. It's muddy there.

MR. PORTS: Definitely boots on the ground. I had boots that day in the tunnel, let me tell you, because it was a mess. But he's our boots on the ground with Chuck Lattuca. They are the everyday experts on this project. So Jeff?

MR. ENSOR: Thank you, Mr. Ports.

MR. PORTS: Just let them know who you are, first.

MR. ENSOR: Yes. Good morning, Governor, Comptroller, Madam Treasurer. I'm happy to speak with you today. We're making good progress on the Purple Line, as Mr. Ports said. We are doing a lot of work at the tunnel. We've done a lot of excavation at the site of our future operations and maintenance building where the groundbreaking was. We've completed 25, 30 feet of excavation, getting close to pouring the building pad. We're performing utility relocations.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: By the way, I got everything off to a good start by tearing the building down myself.

MR. ENSOR: That's right. You did.

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MR. PORTS: That's correct. Literally.

(Laughter.)

MR. ENSOR: Very much so. And we're constructing walls. We're in the process of constructing multiple bridges. We are a few months away from completing the first bridge reconstruction. And we're also making really good progress in Bethesda where we're working on the stations and new entrance to the Bethesda Red Line. And as Jim said, we are, we did have a little bit of delay for the ramp up of construction due to the litigation. But we're working really hard on the schedule and we're resequencing work, finding ways to do things a little smarter, and we're working to, we've come up with a plan, we're working to deliver the project still in 2022. So with that, I'd be happy to take any other additional questions you have.

TREASURER KOPP: And you are continuing to stay in contact with the community who --

MR. PORTS: Mm-hmm.

MR. ENSOR: Very much so.

TREASURER KOPP: -- that abuts it, whose trees are down, and whose trail is gone for the moment?

MR. ENSOR: Yes. Yeah, very much so. We have community meetings on a regular basis. We have one even tonight in the Silver Spring community, where we listen, we hear their concerns, and we make adjustments to

the extent possible so we can keep the project moving forward but also be a good neighbor to them.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. This is something we're really proud that we finally got moving. And you know we've invested more in transit than any administration in the history of the State. We came up with a proposal to save the Metro system and this Purple Line is going to tie in with Metro, with Amtrak, with MARC, and it's going to be an incredible boost not just to all of those communities in Prince George's and Montgomery County but for the whole State. Thank you for --

MR. PORTS: Mr. Governor, it's actually the largest P3 transit project in the entire United States.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah. Exactly. Thank you.

MR. ENSOR: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Our road projects are the largest in the known universe but --

(Laughter.)

MR. PORTS: You're correct. I will never make that mistake again, and say the nation.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: So is there a motion on Transportation?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing, Transportation. Last but not least, the Department of General Services. And somebody can check the timer. I think we may be on track for a record unless we have questions on this one.

(Laughter.)

MR. REICHART: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. For the record, I'm Nelson Reichart, Deputy Secretary of General Services. The department has 23 items on our Agenda, including one supplemental item. We'll be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It looks like the Comptroller has a question.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Just a very brief question. So Item 1-C, we're using an out of state purchasing cooperative for on call construction services. I don't have any problem with this but Deputy Secretary Reichart, could you just give us a sense of why you used that at this stage and how many firms submitted bids? How many of them were Maryland based?

MR. REICHART: I'm going to ask Lauren Buckler to come up and address your particular questions about this contract, which is a somewhat unique master contract for contracting. Lauren?

MS. BUCKLER: Good morning, members of the Board. For the record, I'm Lauren Buckler, Assistant Secretary for Design, Construction, and

Energy of DGS. The item is for job order contracting. It's a form of master contracting for construction purposes. We've used it on this trial basis through this intergovernmental purchasing agreement predominantly for fast paced projects to try to avoid emergency declarations. Things where we can get into the site and cut down on the design time by working directly with the contractor. The chiller project that was up here earlier, we used it in that in order to get the chiller this summer. We still ended up declaring the emergency but we were able to get the chiller off the shelf, into the school, to have air conditioning this summer instead of bringing in a temporary cooling mechanism while we went through a design process, waiting to then order the chiller, and then get one to the school. And then we wouldn't have had cooling until next summer.

So we're using it on a case by case basis. We use it in the toolbox along with several other procurement methodologies. We have an on call IQC for contractors as well for general contractors that's regionalized across the State with several vendors in different areas of the State that we also use, and then we do use traditional low bid for many of our contracts.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Great. And on -- that makes perfect sense. And your traditional procurement methods are still in place for non --

MS. BUCKLER: Correct.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- appropriate items.

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MS. BUCKLER: Correct.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And the question I have is are companies around the State that want to do subcontracting for these groups, are they accessed by the folks you're selecting? Or are they all Washington, D.C. area exclusively?

MS. BUCKLER: Local subs are used by these vendors. These vendors do have an MBE goal as well that they have to meet on each project and that they do use local contractors for sub work.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And if you could just keep an eye on whether other Maryland subs are allowed to bid on these and have access to these supervising the contractors, particularly the four from the Maryland-D.C. region that you selected --

MS. BUCKLER: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- or were selected.

MS. BUCKLER: DGS will make sure that local --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Great.

MS. BUCKLER: -- subcontracting opportunities are available.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

MS. BUCKLER: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on DGS?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: DGS, just quickly on the \$500,000 capital grant to the Town of Chestertown to make significant repairs to the Chestertown Marina. This has been a constant refrain when I travel through Chestertown and I just want to say, Governor, that the Marina obviously as you know plays a critical role in the Town's history and culture and also in its economy. And I just want to let you know that I couldn't be more personally supportive of this project but it's you and the Legislature who have worked together to deliver not just these funds we're voting on today but other funds for the Marina. Hats off to bipartisanship.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well yeah, thank you. We've been trying to, this has been a complex, incredibly complex for something that seems simple, but that we've been working on for four years. And we're glad we finally got cooperation from the City, the Town, and from the Legislature. And it's been a long time coming. But we're excited to see it finally happening. Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And just for the record, this is the fastest BPW meeting I've ever been involved in. But I'm trying to do my part and shut up.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And I think you did amazingly well today.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We will be back again for Halloween, October 31st, one more here before there's some election I heard about. We'll be still here at work on the 31st. Thank you all very much. We have to have a motion for DGS.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second?

TREASURER KOPP: Second.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Third, thank you all.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We're adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 10:47 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)