



Bridges and Tunnels

Minutes of Committee Meeting September 2025



**MONTHLY MEETING OF
TRIBOROUGH BRIDGE AND TUNNEL AUTHORITY COMMITTEE**

September 29, 2025

9:00 a.m.

In attendance were the Honorable:

Samuel Chu, Acting Chair
Andrew Albert
Randolph Glucksman
James O'Donnell
Midori Valdivia

Also in Attendance:
Gerard Bringmann
Michael Fleischer

In Person:

Charlie Chavez, Senior Vice President, Security & Operations, and Chief of Department
Romolo Desantis, C&D Senior Vice President and TBTA Chief Engineer
Paul L. Friman, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary – TBTA, MTA
Diane Kenneally, Chief of Staff and Chief Administrative Officer
Edwin T. King, Executive Vice President
Matthew Medina, MTA PD Chief of Operations and Field Services
Daniel Randell, Assistant Director, MTA Government and Community Relations
Keiyon Ramsey, MTA PD Assistant Chief, Resource Management Command Staff
Catherine T. Sheridan, P.E., President
Thomas J. Taffe, MTA PD Chief of Police
Marlene Thompson, Senior Vice President, Facility Management

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Minutes of TBTA Committee held September 29, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. A list of those in attendance is attached.

Public Speakers

The following speakers commented during the public speakers' session:

- Murray Bodin about traffic safety.
- Christopher D. Greif thanking the Bridge and Tunnel Officers who helped deliver a baby.
- Matty W. Buchys-Hyland about toll increases.

Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Committee Meeting held on July 28, 2025 were approved.

Committee Work Plan

President Sheridan stated that there are no changes to the TBTA Committee Work Plan, noting that the Second Quarter Diversity Report is included in this month's Committee materials and that an MTA-wide Diversity Report would be provided at the Diversity Committee later that day.

President Sheridan's Remarks

President Sheridan began by spotlighting TBTA's 100th joint-agency enforcement operation, which was conducted on August 19th at the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge, where Governor Hochul had launched TBTA's inaugural operation in March 2024. President Sheridan was pleased to have stood along with TBTA's regional law enforcement partners to highlight this milestone dedicated to removing "ghost cars" from New York roadways. Such vehicles are virtually untraceable by traffic cameras and toll readers because of their fake, obstructed, and altered license plates. To date, targeted ghost plate operations have yielded more than 1,300 arrests, 60,000 summonses issued, and 5,400 vehicles towed, and have identified those responsible for over \$60 million dollars owed collectively to all task force member agencies.

President Sheridan reiterated TBTA's renewed focus on tinted window enforcement in support of public safety on its crossings. Illegally tinted windows reduce driver visibility, pose risks to law enforcement during traffic stops, and allow the improper concealment of vehicle occupants and contents. TBTA's officers have been equipped with new tint meters that measure compliance with the Vehicle and Traffic Law. To date, 84% of TBTA's law enforcement personnel have been trained in the use of these new meters, and in 2025 TBTA is on pace to achieve a 21% increase in the number of summonses issued compared to 2023.

Turning to additional important safety initiatives, President Sheridan updated TBTA's announcement earlier this month of two legislatively authorized safety programs: Weigh-in-Motion and Work Zone Speed Enforcement:

- Weigh-in-Motion ("WIM") uses roadway sensors and cameras to identify overweight trucks and issue violation notices to the vehicle owners. The fines are meant to deter operators who exceed established weight limits from crossing TBTA's bridges. These

overweight trucks cause millions in damage to TBTA structures each year. TBTA was authorized to implement WIM as a pilot program on the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge.

- The Work Zone Speed Enforcement program, signed into law by Governor Hochul in 2021, was expanded in 2025 to include TBTA facilities. The program is designed to improve safety in roadway work zones through speed camera enforcement. Motorists who speed in work zones will be subject to fines. The cameras used are only operational when crews are actively working.

President Sheridan added that the public hearings on these programs will be held on October 6th and 7th, and that these programs are then subject to Board approval prior to implementation.

Finally, President Sheridan commended all those involved in the Stephen Siller Tunnel-to-Towers event that took place at the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel.

Overview of TBTA's Southern Facilities

Senior Vice President for Facility Management, Marlene Thompson, provided an overview of TBTA's Southern facilities, which include the Verrazzano-Narrows, Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial, and Cross Bay Veterans Memorial bridges. Refer to the video recording of the meeting, produced by the MTA and maintained in MTA records, for the details of the presentation, Commissioners' comments and questions, and President Sheridan and TBTA Staff's responses.

President's Award

President Sheridan presented the TBTA President's Award for exemplary service to four MTA Police Department officers -- Sergeant Joseph Casale, Police Officer Samuel Vira, Police Officer Eric Li, and Police Officer Brian Gilligan -- who had assisted in the emergency delivery of a baby near the approach to the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge on September 22, 2025.

Procurements

President Sheridan stated that there are no procurements.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul L. Friman
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary