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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning, everyone.

ALL: Good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Welcome to the Board of Public Works. I want to wish everybody a Happy Halloween. Some of the costumes are very scary --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- but I want to wish everybody a Happy Halloween and hope all the kids are safe out there tonight. I'm going to be in Rockville trick-or-treating with my granddaughter Daniela. I'm excited about that.

TREASURER KOPP: Come down to Bethesda.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And I actually put on a costume today. This is the very first time in four years I've ever not worn a tie to the Board of Public Works.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I'm going as the casual Governor today.

(Applause.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I just want to take a moment before we get started. On Monday, I spoke to an interfaith gathering at a synagogue in

Washington, along with the Governor of Virginia, and the Mayor of D.C., and the Ambassador from Israel, and a number of other leaders and citizens from the region. And I'll be speaking again on Friday afternoon in the Baltimore region about the horrific, violent act that took place in Pittsburgh. We were shocked and saddened by this horrific shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue. And this senseless act of violence against members of the Jewish faith who were peacefully practicing their faith is despicable and sickening. And I just want to say that everybody involved in this tragedy and everybody that's been affected by it remains in our thoughts and prayers. And Maryland will stand in solidarity with the Jewish community, both at home, in Pittsburgh, and abroad. So with that, I'll turn it over to my colleagues for any opening remarks. Nobody has any --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well I wish everybody a good Halloween. I'm going to be on Sycamore Avenue in Takoma Park and we have, last year the count was over 200 kids.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Wow.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: They're like -- I describe them as jackrabbits going up and down the street. It's just unbelievable how many there are. But this time I'm going to have my dad with me. He's going to be dressed up as Methuselah.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Nice. I'm sure he's watching.

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COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And we're going to greet the kids. But I hope everybody has a safe Halloween.

And I'd like to thank the Governor for his comments about the Tree of Life Synagogue slaughter in Pittsburgh. I think his remarks and other elected officials' remarks are absolutely on point. And my wife Annie and I, and countless other Americans across the nation, and frankly around the world, struggle to comprehend this senseless act of hate which unfortunately is the latest reminder that we're living in deeply divided political times.

But what's especially tragic about this horrific incident is that the Tree of Life Synagogue was gathered to celebrate their faith and the birth of a new child.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: One of the people was a 97-year-old Holocaust survivor, speaking of unbelievable ironies. And today 11 of their congregants are dead, their lives taken simply because of their religion. And while the victims were of Jewish faith, this act was also an attack on humanity and the principles of love and inclusion and understanding that are so deeply rooted in every neighborhood and every religion and every culture.

Over the last few days I've had the opportunity to learn about the extraordinary lives of the 11 victims through the obituaries, interviews with loved ones, and news reports. Each of them in their own unique ways enriched the lives

of the people that were privileged to know them. For so many, they were sources of inspiration, joy, and refuge. As their families, friends, and communities prepare the long journey to rebuild their lives, may they find strength in their faith and find comfort in knowing that millions of people around the world are mourning with them. And may their memories be a blessing, and may we honor their lives by being instruments of peace and hope and love in our world.

And Governor, thank you for joining your fellow Governors and elected officials. Because nothing is ever going to change if a week from now we're putting this in the rear view mirror. We need to do something different. And I appreciate --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- the leadership you are showing.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Madam Treasurer?

TREASURER KOPP: I of course add my voice to yours, and the memory, the lives of those 11 people are blessings to us all. But also a reminder that it could be any one of us. There is madness in this world and I received a number of calls of appreciation, Governor, from people who are not necessarily voting for you next week, but who appreciate the fact that as the leader of the State you are, you did speak out. And I think what we need is more leadership and more people taking on responsibility instead of using public airwaves to

divide people, to bring them together. We are all brothers and sisters. I mean, really, people can deny it but it's true. And just a reminder -- why it's always the Jews, I'm not sure. But a reminder, and the shootings in the Black churches -- we are all possibly there. And I think there's nothing more important than to join together and to speak out and to change things. So I do want to add my voice to that.

I also on a different level want to thank Secretary Belton and his staff. We visited yesterday Chapel Point, which was a wonderful symbol, I said, and I thought, of these times, of the County government, the State government, and the Native American government, coming together to build something for the future. And a great model for things that we ought to be doing, all of this country. So thank you. Thank you. And thank your folks for me.

MR. BELTON: Thanks.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Very good. Thank you. I was a little taken aback. You said you talked to people that aren't voting for me?

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: First time I've ever heard that.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I think they might have just been fibbing to her. But the Comptroller said he gets this huge horde of kids coming by his house. You know, at Government House, right across the street here, we hardly

get any. So I want to tell you, anybody that's got kids, come by Government House. The First Lady, they're giving out the big candy bars. Not the little --

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good stuff over there. So come on by and bring a busload of kids over.

TREASURER KOPP: Ninja turtles. I have a feeling we're going to see an influx of --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Ninja turtles?

TREASURER KOPP: Blue Ninja Turtles. I've been told this --

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: -- by my sources in the second grade.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Well we'll have to check it out, do a survey tonight. With that, we'll turn it over to the Secretary's Agenda. Good morning.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. We have 14 items on the Secretary's Agenda this morning. There are also two reports of emergency procurements. Shortly before the meeting began, we revised Item 2, the wetlands license from Queen Anne's County. That will return as soon as the Environment Department answers the Treasurer's Office question. Other than that, we are ready to answer your

questions. We also would like to point out that Item 10 is an exciting item for Morgan State University and I believe Dr. Wilson is here.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: If Dr. Wilson is here, we'd love to have him come up and talk about this great Item 10, if he would like to. We're honored to have you here with us this morning. Good morning, doctor.

DR. WILSON: Good morning. Good morning, Governor. Good morning, Mr. Comptroller. Good morning, Madam Treasurer. It is really, really a pleasure for me to be here this morning to talk about a really exciting project at Morgan State University. It is on the Agenda. That's Item 10. But first, let me express my appreciation to the State of Maryland for the \$96 million a year that is being invested in Morgan in terms of our operating budget, and then the capital investments that we are receiving along the way.

We engaged an economic impact firm about four or five months ago looking at the total return to the State of Maryland on that investment, because we at Morgan view it as an investment, not as an expenditure. And that return is \$1 billion a year. And so we feel that in terms of jobs that are being created, social impact that Morgan is making, that we are basically being true to our word when we come to the State and ask for those investments.

With that in mind, we have been engaged in dialogue for a number of years with owners and developers of the Northwood Shopping Complex that is adjacent to the campus. And we reached consensus in terms of what the vision

should be for a redeveloped Northwood Shopping Plaza. It is a public-private entity and as such Morgan has entered into a partnership with the developer and we are very pleased that the State has offered us support along the way in order to make that happen.

We have a list of deferred maintenance at Morgan that exceeds \$100 million and even with the additional investments that the State has made in our capital, we have some projects on campus that simply cannot wait. And so as a result of that we are coming forward today with an item where we are borrowing \$25 million through a special program with the U.S. Department of Education called the HBCU Capital Financing Program. That \$25 million would be used as follows: about \$15 million of that would be used to construct a new public safety building that will be housed in the new developed Northwood Shopping Complex; and then the remaining of that, about \$8 million, would be used to tackle some deferred maintenance projects on the campus; and then about \$1.5 to \$2 million of that would go into an escrow.

We are very, very excited about this initiative. This is the first time that any of the four public HBCUs in the State of Maryland has used this particular financing approach. We looked at a number of options to secure the \$25 million and my staff did a very, very good job of bringing before the Board of Regents what those options are. And hands down, this particular option that we are proposing today is the best one. And so with that in mind, we urge your

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approval of Item 10 and I and my colleagues will be more than happy to address any questions you may have.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much. Any questions?

Thank you so much for your leadership.

TREASURER KOPP: Congratulations

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And we're very excited to support this proposal. So thank you for --

DR. WILSON: Thank you very much, Governor.

TREASURER KOPP: It's been a long time coming on this.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: Much welcome.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I can't wait to see it when it's done.

DR. WILSON: The groundbreaking is tomorrow at 11:00 and I invite all of you to come and participate. And we are expecting that this project will be completed by 2020.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Sounds great. Thank you very much, doctor.

TREASURER KOPP: And doctor, I congratulate you also on addressing the deferred maintenance, which is difficult because it's not as easy to tie a ribbon and cut a ribbon on it. But greatly needed. And it sounds like you're doing it in a cost effective manner.

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DR. WILSON: Thank you very much, Madam Treasurer.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any other questions on the Secretary's Agenda?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Item 11.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Item 11 is Department of Planning. Is Ms. Hotchkiss here?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Hey --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Come up to the podium, please, and then -- this is grants from the Maryland Historical Trust for capital projects. So Ms. Hotchkiss, do you want to introduce yourself for the record and Comptroller Franchot has some questions for you.

MS. HOTCHKISS: Sure.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Are you with the Historic Commission?

MS. HOTCHKISS: I'm with the Maryland Historical Trust. I am the capital grants administrator.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: And your name is?

MS. HOTCHKISS: Courtney Hotchkiss.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. So I just wanted to praise you for the \$500,000 that you're giving to the Wallace Office Building, which is a

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historic building in the heart of downtown Cambridge, one of my favorite cities down on the Lower Shore. And I just think that is a perfect recipient of your support. It is a wonderful building that has fallen into disrepair but it historically was one of the great architectural accomplishments over on the Shore. I think once it's renovated, it's going to attract more businesses and visitors to Cambridge and so, hats off.

MS. HOTCHKISS: Thank you. They already have someone, a radio station that's planned to move in. But it's in coordination with the library there so that it will also be a resource to the library.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Is that where they are going to have condominiums, too? Or not? This -- I'm just kidding. Because they keep telling me to move down there.

MS. HOTCHKISS: Okay.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And I'm like --

(Laughter.)

MS. HOTCHKISS: It is beautiful down there.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Are these people Takoma Park or something?

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You might want to up the candy.

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(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

TREASURER KOPP: How did they know about that?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh boy.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

MS. HOTCHKISS: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

TREASURER KOPP: Second.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Three-nothing. And we're going to go move on to the DNR Real Property Agenda.

MR. BELTON: Good morning, Governor.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning, sir.

MR. BELTON: Comptroller, Madam Treasurer, for the record, I'm Mark Belton, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and we have ten items on our Real Property Agenda for your approval this morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions on DNR?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes. Item 6A.

MR. BELTON: Yes, Item 6A. We have some representatives from Prince George's County here this morning to address that. Mr. Duncan?

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Somebody is here from Prince George's County? Maybe not.

MR. BELTON: Prince George's?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: That's okay. I don't have a, obviously any --

MR. BELTON: Here they are.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Is there someone here from --

MR. DUNCAN: I'm Cameron Duncan, with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, here with Don Herring, the planner for the project.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MR. DUNCAN: We're here to --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: What is the, could you just say briefly what the project is?

MR. DUNCAN: The Tucker Road community had an ice rink that burned down in January '17. And we're attempting to rebuild the property. We're planning it with one sheet of ice and supporting facilities for locker rooms and so forth. And there's also an alternate for future development to add a second sheet of ice so that we can better utilize the facility.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah, well, this is terrific. First of all, the ice rink is going to be an NHL sized rink, which is very commendable.

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I happen to be a devout Washington Capitals fan. I played hockey growing up. It's a bit of a brutal sport, let me be honest, at least it was back then. Now it's been kind of, you know, it's --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It's not as brutal as politics.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- a little more civilized, that's true. But this is a great project. And I couldn't be more supportive and complimentary of Park and Planning for putting this in. I know you're replacing a facility but I think county residents of all ages and families in Prince George's County are going to use and enjoy this. And I mentioned the, you mentioned the additional spaces that you're building and I, and I don't mean to pick out this one project but I think it's a really important amenity that you're adding, or replacing, I guess. And hats off to you. Because I know it's expensive and but I think you're going to see a tremendous popularity in that, or at least I hope you do. Could I come to whenever you get it completed?

MR. DUNCAN: By all means.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I'll bring my skates.

MR. DUNCAN: We insist.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah. I'll bring the Governor and get him out.

MR. DUNCAN: Sounds great.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: He's going to bring his skates. I'm going to come just to watch.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: But, you know, the Governor's assistant on this Board, Mark Newgent, has a young son who is the leading scorer in his league. I wonder whether the other team has a goalie he scores so many goals. But you know, this is a wonderful combining of a regional interest.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

MR. DUNCAN: Thank you very much.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thanks for joining us. Any other DNR questions? Is there a motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing on DNR. We're going to move to DBM.

MR. NICOLE: Good morning, Governor, Mr. Comptroller, Madam Treasurer. For the record, Marc Nicole, Deputy Secretary, Department of Budget and Management. The department has submitted five items on today's Agenda and we have representatives here to answer any questions you may have.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you. Any questions on DBM?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No, I move approval unless --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Since Secretary Brinkley is not here, we're going to let Deputy Secretary Nicole slide with no questions.

MR. NICOLE: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You deserve it. So three-nothing on DBM. Move to the University System.

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

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Questions on University System?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: On Item 2. So I'm very supportive of the item. You're going to demolish eight vacant and deteriorating buildings on West Lexington Street in Baltimore and you're going to build a recreation field, I think is the plan. So these buildings you're taking down actually had some historic value many, many years ago but they have just been completely fallen into blight. So good for you. I've visited this part of Baltimore City frequently and I know, Governor, you and members of your administration have done as well. And I think what we're seeing here is the State helping to revitalize communities and neighborhoods that are incredibly important to us.

So I just wanted to add, not anything related to you and the University System, but tomorrow I'm going to be presenting the 2018 William Donald Schaefer Helping People Award for Baltimore City to the Rev. Dr. Alvin

C. Hathaway, who has been a champion for social justice and economic equality for decades. And I'm delighted, Governor, that you're going to be joining me tomorrow as we pay tribute to Rev. Dr. Hathaway, a very consequential individual, former head of the NAACP, I believe, and all the incredible work that he's done over the years on behalf of communities and neighborhoods, including West Baltimore. And I'm proud to call him a friend and delighted that we get a chance to say thank you for his civic leadership.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Yeah, thank you. I couldn't agree more. Rev. Al Hathaway has done more than just about anybody I can think of for this community. And this is terrific. We now through Project CORE have taken down 2,000 derelict buildings in Baltimore City and redeveloped them into parks and community centers and all kinds of other alternative uses that are transforming neighborhoods. And this is just one more example of that. So thank you. I'm supportive of it as well.

MR. EVANS: Our University has a commitment to West Baltimore. It's one of the President's initiatives.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I know. Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: A question about, I gather we're waiting for an MOU between the University and the Historic Trust? Is that right?

MR. EVANS: Yes, ma'am.

TREASURER KOPP: And how does that look? What's the timing, do you think?

MR. EVANS: If I can bring up Angela Fowler-Young, who is the Assistant Vice President for Real Estate Planning and Space Management.

MS. FOWLER-YOUNG: Good morning.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning.

MS. FOWLER-YOUNG: We have been working with the Maryland Historic Trust as well as other City historic agencies. We are at the point where we have determined that demolition is the best course of action. It's a matter of what the mitigation will be, whether it will be just photographic documentation, or renovation, stabilization of other buildings. I would say within the next few months we should be finished with the memorandum of agreement.

TREASURER KOPP: All right. So you're saying mitigation could include not demolishing them?

MS. FOWLER-YOUNG: No, the buildings are beyond salvaging.

TREASURER KOPP: That was my impression.

MS. FOWLER-YOUNG: Yes. And then --

TREASURER KOPP: So what were you saying is the alternative to the photographs then?

MS. FOWLER-YOUNG: Doing renovation work on other historic properties that we own, such as 121 North Greene Street. Recently we came before you for the acquisition of 16 South Poppleton --

TREASURER KOPP: Mm-hmm.

MS. FOWLER-YOUNG: -- for a community engagement center. That's another historic building that we will be putting a substantial investment in.

TREASURER KOPP: So it could be part of a package?

MS. FOWLER-YOUNG: Right. It would be --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: For mitigation.

MS. FOWLER-YOUNG: -- we're taking these buildings down but saving these.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Right.

TREASURER KOPP: Great.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Great.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you very much.

MS. FOWLER-YOUNG: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on University System? Motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Three-nothing on University System. Information Technology?

MR. LEAHY: Good morning, Governor --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Good morning, sir.

MR. LEAHY: -- Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. For the record, I'm Michael Leahy, Secretary of the Department of Information Technology. Today we have two items on the Agenda but we are withdrawing Item 2-IT. And I do have representatives here to answer any questions you might have.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Three-nothing. We're going to move to the Department of Transportation Agenda.

MR. RAHN: Good morning, members of the Board. For the record, my name is Pete Rahn, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation. MDOT has 11 items today. Number 11 is supplemental. And we're prepared to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I just wanted to highlight Item 11, Mr. Secretary. It was a pleasure to be with you at the ceremony last weekend. This is

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a \$45 million construction management contract which will help us continue to expedite the replacement of the Governor Harry Nice Memorial Bridge. And we are investing \$765 million into fully funding a replacement Potomac River Bridge to replace this old bridge. We anticipate that construction is going to begin in 2020 and that the new bridge will be open for business in 2023. It's going to be a newer, safer, wider four-lane bridge. It will be built just north of the existing bridge and we were really excited and thrilled to be there to do the renaming of the bridge while he was still in office to the Harry W. Nice/Senator Thomas "Mac" Middleton Bridge. And I can't think of a more fitting tribute for somebody who has dedicated, you know, so many decades of public service to the people of Charles County and to the State of Maryland. And I don't have any questions on the item. I just wanted to say thank you for moving it forward and I think it's a very fitting tribute for Senator Mac Middleton, who we are going to miss.

MR. RAHN: Thank you, Governor. And our intentions are to deliver this actually in late 2022 and that is --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That sounds better to me.

MR. RAHN: Yes, I knew that would be. And that is actually --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's how they set me up. They tell me 2023.

(Laughter.)

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MR. RAHN: And --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And I said great, you got it done early. Now he blew it.

MR. RAHN: And originally the expectation was to have it done in 2025. So we are, we have accelerated construction of it and our expectations of the contracting team that will undertake it. So we're excited about it and very pleased that you were there, Governor, to be able to unveil the new naming signs and --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It was great.

MR. RAHN: -- congratulate the Senator. Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: If we've already been able to move it from 2025 to 2023, to 2022, why don't we push for 2020?

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Any other questions on Transportation?

MR. RAHN: Done.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: Let me add my voice to yours. I wasn't able to be there but it's a great tribute, I think, to Senator Middleton. Mac has had an impact in so --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You were well represented.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes. So many areas of the State, not just his home county. But it's particularly appropriate in Southern Maryland. We wouldn't have statewide unpaid sick leave and many of the important agricultural practices, best practices, that we have now without Mac. So everything --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And most recently he was a real central figure in our bipartisan effort on health insurance rates --

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- that were going to go up from 50 to 90 percent on everyone. And we now for the first time in ten years have every single rate going down, and Care First rates going down for the first time in 20 years. And Mac was a central part of that whole --

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: -- we had leaders on both sides working together, but I want to give him credit for that.

TREASURER KOPP: The Mac, Harry Nice/Mac Middleton Bridge, and the Clayton Mitchell Bridge.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We named the Clay Mitchell Bridge over on the Eastern Shore, who is also a great leader.

TREASURER KOPP: We remember bridges are to --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Bring people together.

TREASURER KOPP: -- bring people together. That's right. Not to burn.

MR. RAHN: I think that Senator Middleton was particularly pleased that a number of his grandchildren were there --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Oh, so he had his whole family?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh, wow.

MR. RAHN: -- to see the naming. And their suggestion was that it just be called the Pop-Pop Bridge.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Which I agree with, because I'm a Pop-Pop also.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: And I probably won't ever get a bridge named after me.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I can pretend. Any other questions on Transportation?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes. I had a question on Item 1.

MR. RAHN: Yes, sir?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So this is a five-year contract to three firms for the design of federally required airport layout plans and the total

cost is \$18 million. I just wanted to thank Ricky Smith for running a great State agency --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: You can thank him. He's sitting right there.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Where is he? Oh, great.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you for -- feel free to come up. I think it's BWI, frankly, is one of the best run airports in the nation. So that's not, doesn't happen without a good captain. So hats off to you for running that organization.

I happened to be in Linthicum yesterday on a stop at a small business, family owned. Colin Reinhard is the owner of an establishment called Paradise Donuts in Linthicum. He's an engineer. His wife works I think for the federal government. They have a very successful local donut shop, which I encourage everybody to attend. And I said, Colin, what's your biggest order? He said, well, the other day Southwest Airlines called up and ordered 2,500 donuts for some kind of an event they were having. And gosh, I said, how long did it take you to make all those? And he said, we worked for 16 hours to produce those 2,500 donuts.

So the Airport not only is successful for airlines and airline passengers. It's successful for small businesses --

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MR. SMITH: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- in the area. And I applaud that. I did have a question about whether in your cost benefit analyses that you use for air field improvements, do you take into account the noise impact of the new flight patterns which have created such opposition, I guess, from the affected residents? Is that part of your --

MR. SMITH: Yes. So first of all, good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. And thanks for your compliments. I'm the product of a great team, thanks to the Secretary and a lot of people that are not here.

So any capital improvement project that happens at BWI Marshall or Martin State Airport has to be part of an approved environmental assessment and environment assessments come at various levels, from an EIS, which takes years to do, or an (indiscernible) change, which is a simple modification of a document.

The projects in that environmental assessment are all scoped and the FAA approves those projects in that environmental assessment based on the scope of the project. So when we move to actually execute that project, we don't do another assessment at that time because the assessment is done during the environmental assessment process. However, if the scope of that project changes, then we have to get a new version of an environmental assessment. And so that

assessment that you're referring to happens during the NEPA process, the environmental assessment process, unless the scope changes. Then we do a total, a new assessment for noise impact.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Good. Well I hope you stay on top of the issue. I know the Governor is keeping an eye on it. And it's important because there's so much citizen opposition. If they get the impression that we're putting all this money in and it's, you know, hopefully it won't increase the noise. I hope that is at a minimum something you can avoid. And that the, obviously the problem they consider to be something that is significant and plaguing them. So I hope that these negative views right now of the new flight patterns, and I know it's an FAA issue, I'm not trying to suggest that you have the authority over it. But I hope you'll continue to indicate that the residents should be --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Absolutely.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- appreciated for, you know, the problems that they may be having. And you know, I kid people and say these folks are telling me they can see Goodyear on the tires of the airlines as they are going over their houses. They can read Goodyear. That's how low they are. So maybe keep their feet to the fire down in Washington.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Absolutely.

MR. SMITH: Well I think the Governor's efforts are well publicized and we're working closely with the FAA to try to mitigate any noise impacts that come --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

MR. SMITH: Thank you.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you for the compliments for Ricky Smith. I mean, he has done an incredible job leading the Airport. One of my favorite things is every time I get together with the Governor of Virginia and the Mayor of D.C., I remind them that we're the number one airport in the region by far in passenger traffic. They just keep scratching their heads. They can't figure out why we're beating Dulles so badly. But I was at that Southwest announcement recently. I did not see the 2,500 donuts.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I didn't get any donuts. I think my wife must have called ahead. She said keep the donuts away from the Governor. But you know, just so I don't, I don't just put the pressure on Secretary Rahn to get those bridges built a couple of years earlier. You know, he's got our Airport in one of the best positions of any one in the country and I'm still not satisfied. We had this announcement at Southwest and I said we have broken records 35 out of the past 36 months at BWI. And I said, Ricky, what happened that one month?

(Laughter.)

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: What happened? Were you on vacation?

And he goes, sir, it was a hurricane.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's no excuse.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR HOGAN: We need to win every month. So thank you very much for your leadership.

MR. SMITH: Thank you very much, Governor, for your support.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I was just trying to think of a bridge we could name after Hogan. But I think we should probably name --

GOVERNOR HOGAN: That's a bridge too far.

(Laughter.)

(Applause.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I think seriously we should -- not that Treasurer Kopp is going anywhere any time soon. I hope she's here forever. But boy --

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- someone that brings us together. The Treasurer, I think, embodies the kind of civility and integrity and decency that we're missing right now sometimes in politics.

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Very nice. I agree with that.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yeah.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Let's find a bridge. Thank you. Any other questions on Transportation? A motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: No, move approval.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Second? Third. Three-nothing. Last but not least, Secretary Churchill.

MR. CHURCHILL: Well good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, and Mr. Comptroller. For the record, I'm Ellington Churchill, Secretary for the Department of General Services.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Nice Halloween costume, by the way. Your wife just showed me a picture.

MR. CHURCHILL: Winter is coming. Winter is coming. If anyone knows Game of Thrones, yes.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: I don't watch Game of Thrones --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: What character are you?

MR. CHURCHILL: John Snow.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh.

MR. CHURCHILL: But it's not about me. It's actually about my daughter.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Oh.

MR. CHURCHILL: There's her.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh, how great is that?

MR. CHURCHILL: We love Halloween. Anyway, we have 15 items on our Agenda, including one supplemental. And we are withdrawing Items 5 and 6. We are happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Questions on DGS? Motion?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Move approval, if the Treasurer -

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GOVERNOR HOGAN: Three-nothing? This might be a new record. Did we beat last time?

TREASURER KOPP: It's close.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: It's a record. Put that one in the record books. Thank you all. We're adjourned.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Happy Halloween.

GOVERNOR HOGAN: Happy Halloween.

(Whereupon, at 10:45 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)