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St. Mary's College of Maryland

Capital Budget Summary

State-owned Capital Improvement Program
(\$ in Millions)

Projects	Prior Auth.	2017 Request	2018 Est.	2019 Est.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.	Beyond CIP
Campus Infrastructure Improvements	\$0.000	\$2.641	\$2.440	\$2.889	\$4.081	\$0.000	\$0.000
New Academic Building and Auditorium	0.000	1.800	6.295	9.187	17.458	35.766	5.476
Total	\$0.000	\$4.441	\$8.735	\$12.076	\$21.539	\$35.766	\$5.476

Fund Source	Prior Auth.	2017 Request	2018 Est.	2019 Est.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.	Beyond CIP
GO Bonds	\$0.000	\$2.700	\$8.735	\$9.576	\$21.539	\$35.766	\$5.476
Federal Funds	0.000	1.741	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Nonbudgeted Funds	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.500	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total	\$0.000	\$4.441	\$8.735	\$12.076	\$21.539	\$35.766	\$5.476

CIP: *Capital Improvement Program*
GO: general obligation

Summary of Recommended Bond Actions

1. Campus Infrastructure Improvements
Approve.
2. New Academic Building and Auditorium
Approve.

Budget Overview

Campus Infrastructure Improvements

The 2016 *Capital Improvement Program* (CIP) programs \$0.9 million in general obligation (GO) bonds for Phase IA of campus infrastructure improvements at St. Mary’s College of Maryland (SMCM). First in the 2014 CIP for fiscal 2017, the infrastructure improvements consist of three phases and is comparable to prior State support going to the University System of Maryland and Morgan State University for similar purposes. The scope for SMCM includes a wide range of infrastructure renewal projects throughout the campus such as construction of a pedestrian/bicycle pathway and bridge along Maryland Route 5, replacement of mechanical equipment at the library and Montgomery Hall, new windows at Calvert Hall, and other improvements. GO bonds total \$10.3 million for the entire project in the 2016 CIP. This is a decrease from the 2015 CIP, when the project totaled \$16.0 million in GO bonds due to the inclusion of construction funds for Phase IV, totaling \$5.7 million. Excluding the now canceled Phase IV, total State support for the entire infrastructure project increased \$60,000 from the 2015 to 2016 CIP as a result a change in rounding used in the CIP. Federal funding totaling \$1.7 million for Phase IA in fiscal 2017 was first recognized in the 2016 CIP, taking total funding for the entire project up to \$12.1 million.

The federal funds are from a Transportation Alternatives Program grant for the pedestrian/bicycle trail component of the project along Route 5. The federal funds are budgeted within the State Highway Administration’s capital budget and will reimburse costs expended by SMCM. Phase IB will focus on elevator replacement and miscellaneous facilities improvements. Phase II will focus on heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; roofs; doors; and windows across campus. Phase III will focus on shoreline improvements around St. John’s Pond, roadway repairs, the expansion of a loop road node on the north campus, and new electronic card readers throughout campus. Phase IV has been canceled as it was deemed noncritical in nature. The college has stated that despite all three of these project phases occurring from fiscal 2017 to 2020 at the State’s smallest four-year campus by net assignable square feet (NASF) and enrollment, the college is capable of sequencing the projects to minimize the impact on students, faculty, and staff.

New Academic Building Combined with Athletic Field Relocation Project

The 2015 CIP included two related projects: a new academic building with an auditorium and relocation of existing athletic fields to make room for the new building. The 2016 CIP combines these two projects into one to emphasize the necessity of both for SMCM. The combined cost of both projects has decreased from \$78 million in the 2015 CIP to \$76 million in the 2016 CIP, a decrease of 2.5%.

Relocation of athletic fields includes the design and construction of new outdoor sports facilities to replace existing facilities that will be displaced by the new academic building and auditorium. Additionally, SMCM would like to install artificial turf to improve the durability of its athletic fields and offer facilities comparable to peer institutions. This project relocates athletic fields from space in the middle of the main campus to adjacent land owned by the college across Mattapany Road, which is maintained by the college. This frees up a significant amount of space for capital projects on campus without placing future academic buildings across major roads. The new sports facilities will include artificial turf, and utility work in Phase I and Phase II will include a new grass field and track, outdoor seating, lockers, storage facilities, concessions, and an announcer's booth. The total cost is expected to be \$11.3 million, with the college contributing \$2.5 million. Design of the relocation will also occur in two phases from July 2016 to March 2018.

The Department of Legislative Services had previously raised the issue of funding the athletic field relocation as it directly provides State support for intercollegiate athletic (ICA) facilities, which traditionally has occurred on a very limited basis. ICA facilities have never been a priority for GO bonds, let alone in the State Plan for Postsecondary Education. However, this ICA project includes non-State funds to reduce the State support for ICA facilities and is directly tied to an academic component. SMCM has also previously used State funding to relocate a water tower to create space for its new student services building, so relocating the athletic fields is consistent with how SMCM has used capital planning resources in the past. Finally, SMCM estimates it may save up to \$20,000 a year in upkeep by switching from a grass field to artificial turf.

The new building enabled by the field relocation originally included a new space for SMCM's music department and a 712-seat auditorium. Currently, the largest auditorium on campus seats only 216 people, or 15% of the student population. The 2014 CIP programmed funding to add space for the education department and a study/learning commons to provide a hub for students in the north campus. This moderate change in scope was informed by a new facility master plan finished in fall 2014. Currently, the music department is in Montgomery Hall, an overcrowded, 37-year-old building. Under the revised scope, if the education department moves into the new facility, the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics programs will have more space in Goodpaster Hall. In total, the new building is now estimated at about 31,000 NASF. The facility would also address growing space deficiencies in office and study space. Site work for this project includes a 200-vehicle parking lot, as well as landscaping and relocating existing utilities.

For just the building, the 2014 CIP's final cost was \$60.5 million, the 2015 CIP cost was \$66.7 million, and the 2016 CIP's cost is now \$64.7 million. This is an increase of \$4.2 million, or 7%, over two years ago but a slight decrease versus the 2015 CIP due to construction time being reduced. The 2015 increase was due to an update of the regional construction factor used by the Department of

Budget and Management to estimate project costs. This factor for Southern Maryland increased from 0.95 to 1.05, or 10%, for projects in fiscal 2016 and beyond. Initial design funding is programmed in fiscal 2017 at \$1.8 million for both the building and field relocation. Design is expected to start in January 2017, and the facility should be complete in summer 2022.

Operating Budget Impact Statement

Executive’s Operating Budget Impact Statement – State-owned Projects (\$ in Millions)

		FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Campus Infrastructure Improvements						
	Estimated Operating Cost	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
	Estimated Staffing	0	0	0	0	0
New Academic Building and Auditorium						
	Estimated Operating Cost	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.148	\$0.028
	Estimated Staffing	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact						
	Estimated Operating Cost	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.148	\$0.028
	Estimated Staffing	0	0	0	0	0

Operating impact estimates currently include athletic field equipment in fiscal 2020 that will likely be covered by the official equipment list when it is reviewed, so operating expenditures will likely be much closer to what is shown in fiscal 2021.

GO Bond Recommended Actions

1. Approve \$0.9 million in general obligation bonds for the design and construction of campus infrastructure improvements on the campus of St. Mary’s College of Maryland.
2. Approve \$1.8 million in general obligation bonds for the design of the athletic field relocation and the new academic building and auditorium on the campus of St. Mary’s College of Maryland.