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Department of State Police

Capital Budget Summary

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

Projects	Prior Auth.	2018 Request	2019 Est.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.	Beyond CIP
Barrack C – Cumberland: New Barrack and Garage	\$0.550	\$0.360	\$5.025	\$5.065	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Barrack V – Berlin: New Barrack and Garage	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.666	7.546	2.617
Tactical Services Facility: Operations Building	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.618	9.385
Total	\$0.550	\$0.360	\$5.025	\$5.065	\$0.666	\$8.164	\$12.002

Fund Source	Prior Auth.	2018 Request	2019 Est.	2020 Est.	2021 Est.	2022 Est.	Beyond CIP
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GO Bonds	\$0.550	\$0.360	\$5.025	\$5.065	\$0.666	\$8.164	\$12.002
Total	\$0.550	\$0.360	\$5.025	\$5.065	\$0.666	\$8.164	\$12.002

CIP: Capital Improvement Program
GO: general obligation

Summary of Recommended Bond Actions

1. Department of State Police

Approve funding to continue design of a new Cumberland barrack and garage.

Budget Overview

The Department of State Police (DSP) protects the lives and property of Maryland’s citizens by enforcing the State’s motor vehicle and criminal laws and analyzing crime scene evidence. As the State’s lead law enforcement agency, the department has statewide law enforcement jurisdiction, except in incorporated municipalities.

DSP operates 23 barracks, in addition to many other support facilities, throughout the State. The average age of the department’s buildings, many of which were constructed to serve a smaller population, is 40 years. According to DSP, the large number of buildings within its facility complement, combined with recent fiscal constraints, have contributed to difficulties with properly maintaining the aging facilities and infrastructure.

New Cumberland Barrack and Garage

The fiscal 2018 capital budget provides \$360,000 in general obligation (GO) bond funds to complete design of a new barrack, garage, and radio tower to replace the existing Barrack C in Cumberland (Allegany County). The total cost of the project is approximately \$11.0 million. Funding was accelerated for this project by the General Assembly due to the extreme need to replace the existing facilities. The fiscal 2017 capital budget provided \$550,000 in GO bond funds to begin design. The fiscal 2018 *Capital Improvement Program* (CIP) estimates the department needing approximately \$4.7 million in fiscal 2019 to begin construction, with an additional \$4.9 million planned for fiscal 2020 to complete the project. A total of \$460,000 in equipment funding is split between fiscal 2019 and 2020.

The current facility was constructed in 1956 as a combined residence and operations center for 10 to 20 troopers. The age, high operating costs, and size of the facility are barriers to achieving the barrack’s mission. There are now 50 troopers and 15 civilian employees assigned to the barrack. The current building is almost 60 years old, obsolete, and poorly configured to meet modern law enforcement requirements. The multi-floor configuration of the existing barrack (which does not have an elevator) has led to slip and fall injuries by prisoners and employees. The configuration of cells and prisoner processing areas violates State laws and regulations that require the separation of juveniles and adults. In addition, the fact that prisoners are processed in the basement of the facility presents concerns for prisoner and officer safety.

The new Barrack C will be located on the same site as the current barrack. DSP plans to construct the new facility directly behind the existing facility in order to continue operations throughout the duration of the project. This requires demolition of the current garage and building the new barrack in its place. The general design of the new facility will be similar to the barracks in La Plata, North East, and Easton and will include a garage for vehicle maintenance. The new design will comply with all applicable State and federal laws.

Design for the project was projected to begin in May 2017 and require 12 months to complete. However, the project timeline has been pulled back as the Department of Budget and Management only

recently approved the Part I and Part II program plans for the project, which delayed design procurement. Upon completion of the design, total construction time is estimated to be 14 months. The most recent estimated completion date for the project is November 2019. Once the project is complete, DSP estimates needing an additional \$200,000 annually in operating funds for a comprehensive maintenance contract. **DSP should provide an update on the status of beginning design and the accuracy of the estimated timeline.**

Operating Budget Impact Statement

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

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
New Cumberland Barrack and Garage					
Estimated Operating Cost	\$0.000	\$0.200	\$0.206	\$0.212	\$0.217
Estimated Staffing	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operating Impact					
Estimated Operating Cost	\$0.000	\$0.200	\$0.206	\$0.212	\$0.217
Estimated Staffing	0	0	0	0	0

Summary of Other Projects in the Capital Improvement Program

The fiscal 2018 CIP includes out-year funding for two DSP projects. Funding to replace the existing barrack, garage, and forensic laboratory in Berlin has been added to the CIP for fiscal 2021. Design funding for a new facility to house the department’s Special Operations Division (SOD) has been added to the CIP for fiscal 2022.

New Berlin Barrack, Garage, and Forensic Laboratory

The fiscal 2018 CIP includes \$666,000 in GO bonds in fiscal 2021 to begin design of a replacement barrack, garage, and forensic science laboratory in Berlin (Worcester County). The total estimated project cost is \$10.8 million.

The current facility was constructed in 1976 for 10 to 15 permanent troopers who were supplemented by additional temporary troopers during the summer season. The barrack is too small and poorly configured for the 33 personnel who currently occupy it. Additionally, the existing laboratory facilities are not suited to accommodate the current high level of demand, resulting in materials being sent to other parts of the State to be properly tested. Humidity and condensation problems pose risk to staff, adversely affect the building, and could potentially compromise forensic materials.

The new barrack will be properly sized and configured to meet modern policing requirements. It will include a forensic laboratory that will provide services to all law enforcement agencies on the Eastern Shore. The general design of the new facility will be similar to the barracks in La Plata, North East, and Easton and will include a garage for vehicle maintenance. The forensics laboratory will be similar to the one that was recently constructed in the new barrack in Hagerstown. The new Berlin barrack will also have a regional training classroom and space for other Maryland State Police functions.

Tactical Services Facility: Operations Building

The fiscal 2018 CIP includes \$618,000 in GO bonds in fiscal 2022 to begin design for the second of two buildings comprising the Maryland State Police Tactical Services Facility. The first building, the Tactical Services Garage, was completed in 2016. The total estimated project cost is approximately \$10 million.

Located at the department's Waterloo complex, the current facility provides insufficient space for all SOD personnel and resources, resulting in a broadly dispersed configuration throughout the State. SOD is presently housed on the second floor of the Waterloo barrack in cramped office facilities and functional space designed for barrack operations and offices. Currently, all 12 members of the State team share a single office. Some personnel must even work from remote locations as far away as Garrett County, limiting the ability for a rapid and coordinated response to emergency situations. The various units of SOD use unique and highly sensitive equipment, which is currently stored in various off-site locations with limited security and capacity. This requires additional time and staff resource to monitor and maintain the accountability, security, and access to this equipment.

This project will allow SOD to consolidate all of its personnel and resources to a single location, allowing for a more coordinated, rapid response. The new facility will provide space for the SOD administration, canine training, physical fitness training, and explosive license testing. The Operations building will be adjacent to the Tactical Services Garage and storage building. The project will also include space for briefings, as well as command and control of tactical responses.

GO Bond Recommended Actions

1. Approve \$360,000 in general obligation bonds to continue design of a new Cumberland barrack and garage.