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# **House Appropriations Committee Full Committee**

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**Additional Pages**

**March 13, 2020**



**F10A**  
**Department of Budget and Management**

**Committee Narrative**

*State Fleet Inventory Tracking by Fuel Type: Special funds from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund have been allocated in fiscal 2020 and 2021 to support the State's efforts to switch from conventional fuel vehicles to electric vehicles. While the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has indicated that it maintains an information system to track State fleet inventory, it relies on a vendor to provide the number of vehicles by fuel type. The committees are interested in monitoring the State fleet inventory by fuel type and request that DBM track on an ongoing basis:*

- *the number of active vehicles by fuel type (including gas, diesel, and zero emission);*
- *the number of fully electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and fuel cell vehicles; and*
- *electric vehicle purchases.*

*DBM should submit this information for fiscal 2020 and 2021 year-to-date by December 1, 2020.*

<i>Information Request</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
<i>Report on State fleet inventory tracking</i>	<i>DBM</i>	<i>December 1, 2020</i>



**J00B01**  
**Department of Transportation**  
**State Highway Administration**

**Budget Amendments**

**J00B01.01     State System Construction and Equipment**

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$12,500,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of funding projects in the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program shall be reduced contingent on enactment of legislation authorizing the transfer of \$12,500,000 from the Bay Restoration Fund to the Transportation Trust Fund. Authorization is hereby given for the Maryland Department of Transportation to process a budget amendment to increase the appropriation for TMDL projects by \$12,500,000 using the funds available from the transfer from the Bay Restoration Fund.

**Explanation:** The TDML program is part of Maryland's Watershed Improvement Plan (WIP) effort. The Bay Restoration Fund is projected to have fund balances of not less than \$30 million between fiscal 2021 and 2030, which allows for the transfer of \$12.5 million to the Transportation Trust Fund for projects that help improve the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay. The TMDL reduction frees up Transportation Trust Fund resources that can be used to fund a portion of the mandated capital grant to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), which will in turn allow a reduction of \$12.5 million to be made to the general fund appropriation in the Dedicated Purpose Account for the mandated grant to WMATA.



## Sections

### Section XX. Expanded GIS Data

SECTION XX. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation in the Governor's Office of Performance Improvement (GOPI), \$250,000 of the general fund appropriation in the Department of Commerce (Commerce), \$250,000 of the special fund appropriation in the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), and \$250,000 of the general fund appropriation in the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) made for the purpose of general operating expenses may not be expended until:

- (1) MDOT develops and makes available layered geographic information system (GIS) data and maps that show all MDOT capital projects and State Highway Administration access permits;
- (2) Commerce develops and makes available layered geographic information system (GIS) data and maps that show all tax credits; and
- (3) GOPI and DoIT have reviewed the GIS data and maps.

GOPI, Commerce, MDOT, and DoIT shall report to the budget committees on the status of this GIS data. The report shall be submitted by January 1, 2021, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of receipt of the report to review and comment. GOPI, Commerce, and DoIT funds restricted pending receipt of the report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if a report is not submitted.

**Explanation:** State agencies collect GIS data. Technology has evolved so that GIS data is commonly available, and State agencies can make this data available to the public. It is the intent of the General Assembly that State agencies continue to expand GIS data that is being offered. This restricts funds in GOPI, Commerce, MDOT, and DoIT and requires these agencies to generate GIS data and maps about MDOT capital projects, State Highway Administration (SHA) access permits, and tax credits. The agencies should report on their progress by January 1, 2021.

Information Request	Agencies	Due Date
Report on GIS data concerning MDOT capital projects, SHA access permits, and tax credits	GOPI Commerce MDOT DoIT	January 1, 2021



## BRFA Amendment

Add a provision to alter the property tax assessment rate for land actively used as a country club or golf course to phase in an increase up to \$5,000 per acre over a three-year period or remain at market value if it is less than the per year amount in the phase-in schedule. The assessment rate increase would happen for taxable years after any new agreement or extension that takes effect on or after June 1, 2020. The assessment rates at the market value of the fully phased-in assessment rate of \$5,000 per acre would increase annually based on the rate of growth in the State assessable rate beginning in fiscal 2022.

**Explanation:** The assessment rates are currently set by agreements with the State Department of Assessment and Taxation and are related to the assessment rate for land with an easement. This action would increase special funds to the annuity bond fund. It would also increase local government revenue.



