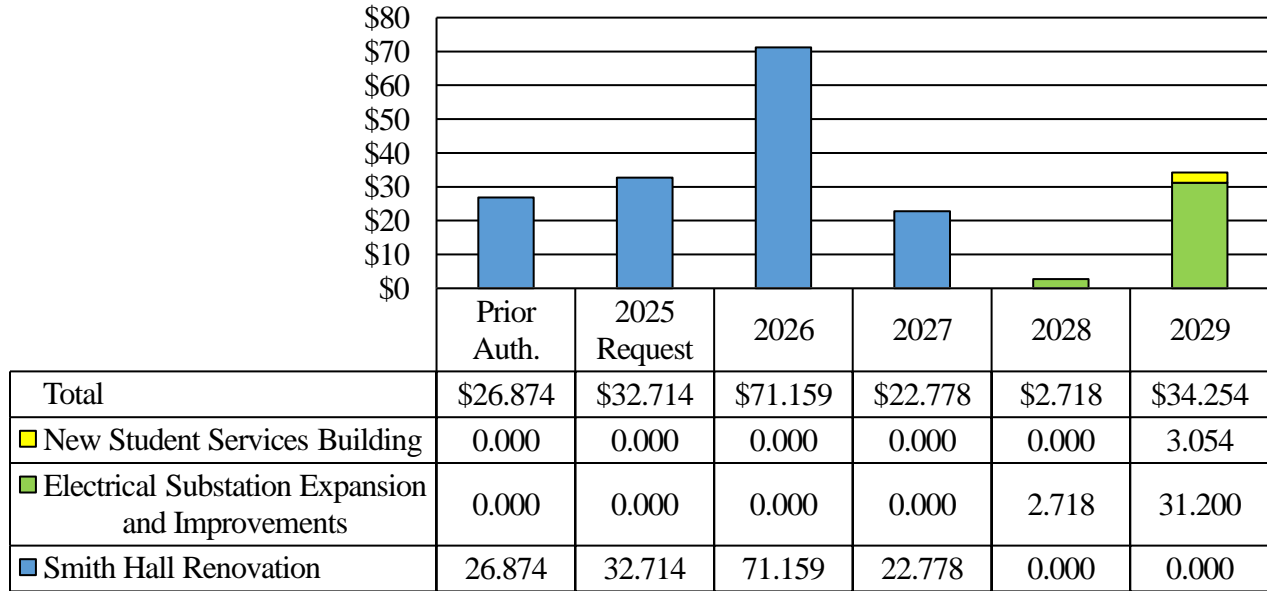


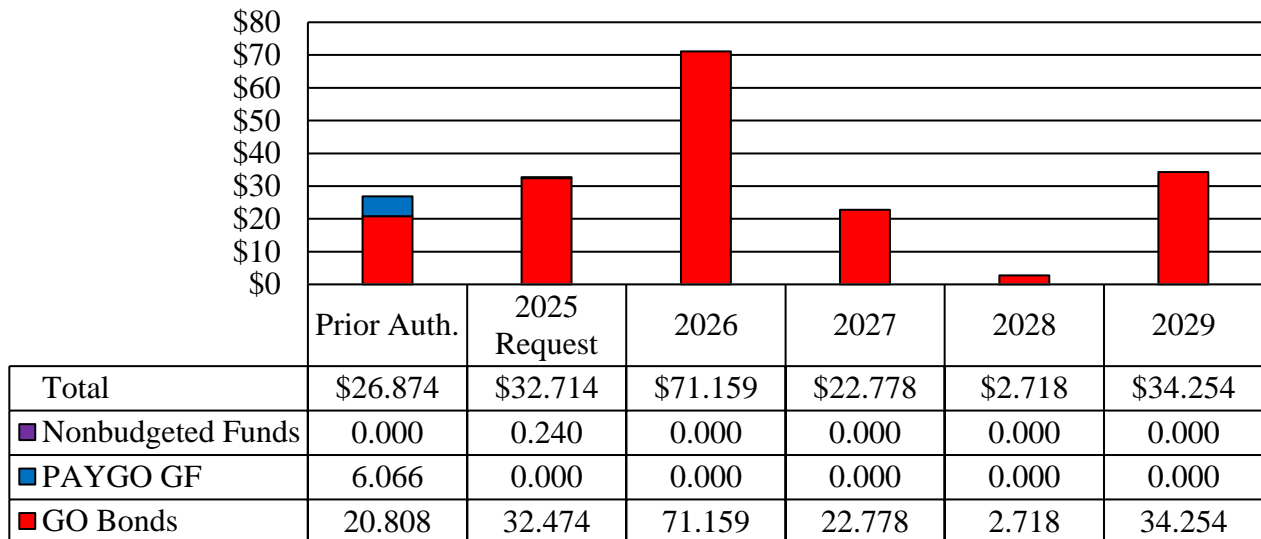
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***Capital Budget Summary***

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



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



GF: general funds

GO: general obligation

PAYGO: pay-as-you-go

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## ***Key Observations***

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- ***Smith Hall Renovation:*** The design and construction schedules have been extended due to the initial scope for a full renovation changing to a partial demolition and reconstruction. The fiscal 2025 *Capital Improvement Program* (CIP) allocated \$32.7 million, \$35.6 million less than allocated in the fiscal 2024 CIP.

## ***GO Bond Recommended Actions***

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1. Approve all general obligation bond authorizations and preauthorizations for Towson University.

## **Updates**

- ***Academic Achievement Center:*** The General Assembly authorized \$3.5 million of general obligation (GO) bonds in fiscal 2024 to assist Towson University (TU) in the construction of an Academic Achievement Center. This center is to be built as an addition to the existing field house to provide space for the athletic academic support team that offers advising, counseling, leadership, supervision, monitoring, and tutoring to student athletes. The project is estimated to cost \$7.1 million of which TU will contribute \$3.6 million. The university is finalizing program part II documents for submission to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for approval.
- ***New College of Health Professions:*** The General Assembly authorized \$43 million of GO bonds in fiscal 2024 to assist TU in the construction of a new College of Health Professions building. This new structure will accommodate multiple departments, including nursing, occupational therapy and science, speech-language pathology and audiology, part of kinesiology, and the dean’s office. The project was completed in December 2023, and an amendment to the fiscal 2025 capital budget bill includes a deauthorization of \$1.95 million from the fiscal 2024 authorization because the funds are not needed to complete the project.

## ***Summary of Fiscal 2025 Funded State-owned Projects***

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### **Smith Hall Renovation**

***Project Summary:*** This project will renovate Smith Hall, the old science building that was vacated by its occupants in January 2021. The project will adaptively reuse the existing building allowing for the consolidation of three departments (mass communications, communication studies, and

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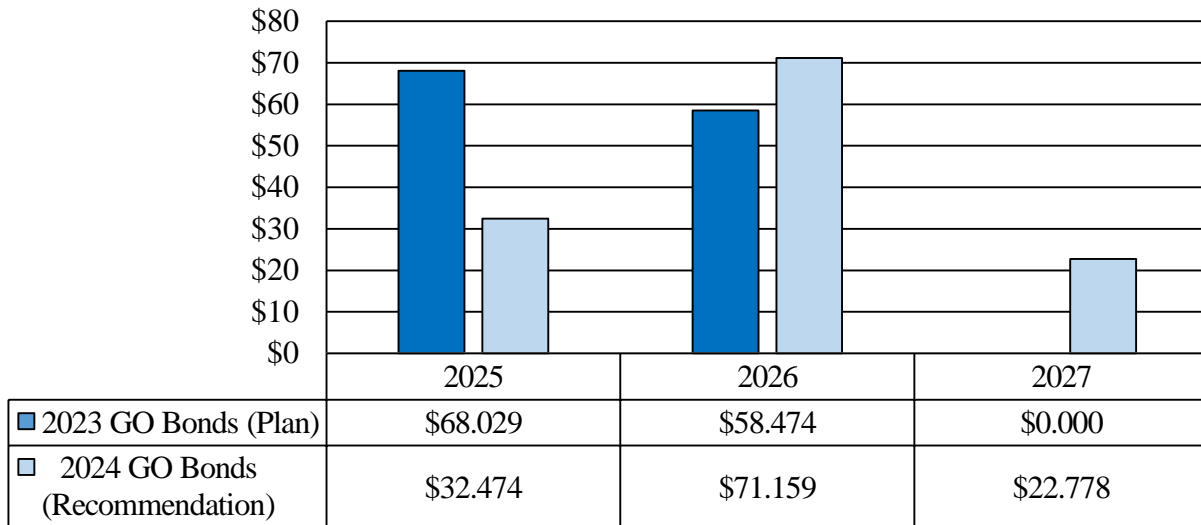
electronic media and film) within the College of Fine Arts and Communications, which are currently dispersed across campus.

<b>New/Ongoing:</b> Ongoing								
<b>Start Date:</b> September 2022					<b>Est. Completion Date:</b> April 2027			
<b>Fund Sources:</b>								
(\$ in Millions)	Prior Auth.	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Beyond CIP	Total
<b>GO Bonds</b>	\$20.808	\$32.474	\$71.159	\$22.778	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$147.21
<b>GF</b>	6.066	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	6.066
<b>Nonbudgeted</b>	0.000	0.240	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.240
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26.874</b>	<b>\$32.714</b>	<b>\$71.159</b>	<b>\$22.778</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$153.52</b>
<b>Fund Uses:</b>								
(\$ in Millions)	Prior Auth.	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Beyond CIP	Total
<b>Planning</b>	\$10.374	\$3.714	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$14.088
<b>Construction</b>	16.500	29.000	70.509	15.128	0.000	0.000	0.000	131.137
<b>Equipment</b>	0.000	0.000	0.650	7.650	0.000	0.000	0.000	8.300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26.874</b>	<b>\$32.714</b>	<b>\$71.159</b>	<b>\$22.778</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$153.52</b>

- Need:** The renovation will adaptively reuse an existing facility located in the middle of campus that would be largely unusable without the renovation. Most of the vacated space (about 60%) is obsolete science laboratories that would be decommissioned if not renovated. The facility is in critical need of infrastructure replacement and modernization. An analysis confirmed that a complete renovation of the building was the best option for it would cost less, take less time to design and construct, provide the highest square footage, meet programmatic objectives, and would not negatively impact the Glen Arboretum. The renovation will replace inadequate building systems, including HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and fire suppression. The renovation also provides technology-based, scalable, active teaching and learning spaces for classes, study areas, and media production.
- Project Status and Schedule:** Program part I and II was approved on April 5, 2022. The design start date was in September 2022 and is expected to be completed in October 2024. The construction start date was in December 2023 and is expected to be completed in November 2026.

- Changes:** The 2025 capital budget provides \$32.5 million in GO bond funding, which is \$35.6 million less than what was programmed in the 2024 CIP. This is due to the design and construction schedules being extended because the initial project scope for a full renovation changed to a partial demolition and reconstruction. Funding has been deferred from fiscal 2025 to 2026 and 2027 to accommodate the project schedule changes. The fiscal 2026 recommendation increases by \$12.7 million to \$71.2 million, and the fiscal 2027 recommendation increases to \$22.8 million. The design completion date has changed from March 2024 to October 2024. The construction start date was delayed from October 2023 to December 2023. The construction expected completion date has changed from April 2026 to November 2026.

**2023 Session CIP versus 2024 Session CIP**  
**Fiscal 2025-2027**  
**(\$ in Millions)**



CIP: *Capital Improvement Program*  
 GO: *general obligation*

Source: Department of Budget and Management

- Other Comments:** Demolition and abatement work will occur while the construction documents are being completed due to the design and construction schedules overlapping. The preauthorizations for this project include \$70.5 million for construction and \$650,000 for equipment during fiscal 2026 and \$15.1 million for construction and \$7.7 million for equipment in fiscal 2027.

## ***Summary of Out-year State-owned Projects***

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- ***Electrical Substation Expansion and Improvements:*** Approximately 80% of the energy on the campus is supplied by the current TU Central Plant electrical substation. The other 20% of the campus is supplied by Baltimore Gas and Electric. This project will improve the current electrical substation and add a new electrical substation to serve all the campus, including the projected growth of the campus like the College of Health Professions building that will be complete in May 2024. The improved and additional electrical substations will reduce the load on the central plant because the new building will exhaust the current system. The new and improved substations will provide power to the western portion of the main campus and the entire south campus. This project was included in TU's 2020 campus master plan. The estimated cost of this project totals \$48.7 million.
- ***New Student Services Building:*** This project will consolidate the Enrollment Services building, the University Welcome Center, and Alumni Relations into a new Student Services building. The existing Enrollment Services building was built in 1972 and has insufficient space to meet the growing needs of the university caused from the increased population. A renovation is impracticable because of failing building systems and costly structural issues. This project is in TU's 2020 campus master plan and strategic plan. The estimated funding in fiscal 2029 is \$3.1 million in GO bonds and \$67.5 million for the total project cost. The university is finalizing program part II documents for submission to DBM for approval.

**Appendix 1**  
**Executive’s Operating Budget Impact Statement – State-owned Projects**  
**Fiscal 2025-2029**  
**(\$ in Millions)**

	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>
<b>Smith Hall Renovation</b>					
Estimated Operating Cost	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.880	\$0.880	\$0.880
Estimated Staffing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

There are no estimated personnel costs because it is a renovation.