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House Bill 310 (Delegate Healev. *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Sidewalk Construction Projects - State's Share of Costs - Repeal of Limitation

This bill repeals the \$2 million limitation on the State's share of the cost of sidewalk construction and reconstruction projects that is effective through 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in Transportation Trust Fund expenditures in FY 2000 and 2001.

Local Effect: Potential indeterminate increase in expenditures.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: The current Consolidated Transportation Program projects that funding in fiscal 2000 and 2001 will reach the \$2 million annual limit for sidewalk construction and reconstruction. Beginning in fiscal 2002, \$2.4 million is anticipated for such projects. Absent the current cap on funding, budgeted expenditures could increase in fiscal 2000 and 2001. Any increase depends on the availability of sidewalk construction and reconstruction projects and would be subject to the normal budgetary procedures.

Local Effect: Local jurisdictions are required to maintain and repair the sidewalks and bicycle paths constructed by the State under the State's sidewalk program. To the extent that lifting the cap on total sidewalk funding increases the construction of sidewalks, local maintenance costs would increase. Additionally, in cases where sidewalks are constructed or reconstructed in response to a request by a local government and the adjacent roadway is not

being concurrently constructed or reconstructed, the cost of the project is shared equally between the State and the local jurisdiction. To the extent that these types of projects increase due to the bill, the local share of costs would increase.

Information Source(s): Maryland Department of Transportation (State Highway Administration); Baltimore City; Allegany, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Talbot counties; Department of Legislative Services

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