

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill
SB120	HB287	Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004-Baltimore City-Baltimore Zoo Trams
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors
Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer		Delegate James E. Proctor Jr.
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City		\$450,000
6. Purpose of Bill		
Amend the Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004 to more clearly specify the dollar amount required for the matching fund for the Baltimore Zoo Trams project.		
7. Matching Fund Requirements		
The bill requires a 2:1 match with the State purchasing 2 two trams at \$450,000 and the Zoo purchasing one tram at \$225,000.		
8. Special Provisions		
None		
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization		
The Maryland Zoological Society, Inc. (dba The Baltimore Zoo) is a non-profit organization that provides (1) free educational services to Maryland students K-12 through the Free School Admission Program and to the general public, (2) important tourism revenue as Maryland's premiere zoological park and as a family-oriented attraction, and (3) critical conservation and research efforts for local, national and international species.		
10. Description and Purpose of Project		
<p>The Zoo currently has one working tram, which sits roughly 60 passengers. It is neither ADA accessible or stroller friendly, an important factor for a family-oriented attraction like the Zoo. The tram was bought used from the Brookfield Zoo, and due to age and natural wear and tear, it breaks down often.</p> <p>There is great demand and need for an effective tram service at the Zoo. At least 10% of all Zoo visitors (from senior citizens to school children) use the tram daily due to the large and hilly nature of the Zoo campus. During the peak season (May-July), tram use has to be supplemented by staff golf carts (operated by employees) as tram demand exceeds capacity and the heat makes transportation for seniors and other guests a safety issue.</p> <p>The new system would provide three trams carrying three cars each. Singly each tram system would serve 96 passengers, with a total of 288 passengers (including 6 wheelchairs) being safely transported at the same time.</p>		
<i>Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.</i>		
11. Estimated Capital Costs		
Acquisition		0
Design		0
Construction		0
Equipment		675,000
Total		675,000

Towson, MD 21204			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
208	208	11,000,000	11,000,000
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	n/a		
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			n/a
28. Comments:			