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Senate Bill 300 (Senator Forehand)
Budget and Taxation

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009 - Montgomery County -
Gaithersburg Community Museum**

This bill extends the deadline to June 1, 2013, for the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg, as grantee, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for the Gaithersburg Community Museum project as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009. The bill also specifies that the proceeds of the loan must be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended by the grantee by June 1, 2013.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: Absent the bill, the City of Gaithersburg loses access to the \$250,000 in matching funds authorized for this project as the two-year timeframe to utilize these monies expires June 1, 2011.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 485 of 2009 authorized up to \$250,000 in matching funds to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg for the design and construction of enhancements, including installation of a new heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) system, to the Gaithersburg Community Museum. Matching funds may not

consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2009 effective date of Chapter 485.

Background: The Gaithersburg Community Museum is located in a restored B&O Railroad Station Complex. The museum features educational exhibits and programs designed to celebrate the history of the City of Gaithersburg. The museum comprises an historic freight house, a history park, and the rolling stock of the Gaithersburg Railway Museum, which consists of a locomotive and railroad cars.

In consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust, local stakeholders, and other interested parties, the scope of the project has evolved. The full scope of the project currently involves the cosmetic restoration of the steam locomotive, landscaping throughout the site, upgrades to the existing community museum, and renovations to the “Budd” car and caboose, acquired through an exchange with the Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum. State matching funds allow the city to renovate a newly acquired “Budd” car to be used as a museum annex, requiring among other improvements, a new HVAC system.

The grantee advises that funds are available to meet the matching fund requirement included in Chapter 485 of 2009. However, according to the grantee, the bidding process for the project experienced unexpected delays requiring a second round of bids to be sought. Bids are due March 31, 2011, and the city anticipates issuing a “notice to proceed” in June 2011; project completion is expected 9 to 12 months thereafter.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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