

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
FY 2018 BUDGET CAPITAL**

Managing the Offender Population at CCBC

Issue: DPSCS should comment on its lack of a long-term plan for the facilities and offenders in Baltimore City and the decision to remove the New Baltimore Justice Center from the 2017 CIP.

Response: Until such time that a new detention center is constructed the Department will continue to operate and utilize current and available resources to manage this population. However, the existing facilities are old, inefficient and unsafe. The Department has already put forth two long-term plans, including a 10-year plan and a 5-year plan to replace the jail facility in Baltimore City. The first step in both of these plans is the demolition of multiple existing buildings, which is the focus of this year's request.

The first plan, as outlined in the FY16 master plan, was going to design and construct the jail replacement in six separate phases over a period of 10 years. The plan included a central kitchen, a power plant, a men's detention center, a women's detention center, and a medical facility. As a result of the 2013 indictments in Baltimore City, the legislative convened the Special Joint Commission on Public Safety and Security in State and Local Correctional Institutions. The Special Joint Commission published a report outlining 18 recommendations. Recommendation 5 urged the prioritizing replacement of the jail. Therefore, in FY17, the Department proposed a new 5-year plan to include one building that consolidated the men's housing, the women's housing, medical services, food services, central plant, education, re-entry program services, and visitation. This plan accelerated the project by at least five years and cost \$300 less than the previous 10-year plan.

During last session, capital priorities were shifted towards higher education. The Department is open to discussions and recommendations from the General Assembly. The focus this year is to demolish the aging, inefficient, non-code compliant and existing facilities that continue to be unsafe and pose life safety risks.

State Inmate Population and Capacity

Issue: The department should comment on whether the remaining 192 nonconventional beds will be eliminated as part of the partial facility closure.

Response: While the Department has a desire to eliminate non-conventional beds, the decision to partially depopulate MCI-H was based on the overall decline in inmate population and the ability to shift around staff to fill vacancies. As a result of the depopulation, non-conventional beds in several parts of MCI-H have already been closed, including the Quonset huts (176) and, the North dorm (128 beds). Half of the basement of MCI-H (96 of the 192 beds) will also be closed.

MCI-H Perimeter Security Upgrade

Issue: DPSCS should comment on the decision to not move forward with this project, despite the safety and security risks identified when the project was initially proposed during the 2016 session. Given the decision by the Administration to not move forward with this project, DLS recommends the de-authorization of \$1 million in previously authorized design funds. If DPSCS were to determine that the project remained necessary, funding could again be requested at a later date.

Response: The Department is currently evaluating whether MCI-H will be closed completely in the future or will remain partially open, which could still pose security risks for the remaining inmates, staff, and the public. The Department is re-evaluating the scope of this capital project to replace the fence system and provide for a gatehouse/visitor’s center as part of a future request.

Recommended Actions

- 1. Add funds to design the replacement of windows and heating systems at the Maryland Correctional Training Center.

QR0202A	Housing Unit Windows	and	Heating	Systems	
	Replacement.....				\$ 663,000

Response: The Department concurs.

2. Approve \$467,000 in general obligation bonds to continue funding design of an upgrade to the electrical infrastructure for the correctional facilities and other buildings within the Jessup Region.

Response: The Department concurs.

3. Approve \$2.2 million in general obligation bonds in order to begin design for the demolition of multiple vacant and antiquated structures at the Baltimore City Correctional Complex.

Response: The Department concurs.

4. De-authorize funds for Maryland Correctional Institution – Hagerstown perimeter security improvements.

SECTION 2 – Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services –
Perimeter Security Improvements

\$ 1,042,000

Response: The Department concurs.