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## SENATE BUDGET & TAXATION COMMITTEE CAPITAL BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

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## HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CAPITAL BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE

***1) The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommends that \$6,455,292 in general funds in the Dedicated Purpose Account for repayment of transfer tax funding be repurposed for capital projects that are restricted from using tax-exempt GO bond funding. In addition, DLS recommends that \$6,455,292 in GO bonds be authorized for MALPP to replace the general funds in the Dedicated Purpose Account.***

MDA concurs with this recommendation.

***2) DLS recommends that the MACS authorization be reduced by \$0.5 million to level fund it with the fiscal 2019 authorization.***

MDA respectfully requests that the \$0.5 million remain in the budget.