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Introduction:

The Maryland Military Department appreciates this opportunity to update the committee on the capital activities of the Department and to respond to the recommendations and requested updates contained in the Capital Budget analysis prepared by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS).

The Department's responses to the recommendations and requested updates of the Department of Legislative Services:

GO Bond Recommended Actions (DLS Analysis page 2):

Combined Support Maintenance Shop

Approve the authorization of \$5.049 million in general obligation bonds for the Havre de Grace Combined Support Maintenance Shop Surface Equipment and Automotive Maintenance Facility.

Maryland Emergency Management Agency Headquarters Renovation and Expansion

Approve the authorization of \$585,000 in general obligation bonds for the renovation and expansion of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency's Headquarters.

SECTION 13 – Military Department – Havre de Grace Combined Support Maintenance Shop

Approve the preauthorization of \$5.048 million in general obligation bonds for the Havre de Grace Combined Support Maintenance Shop Surface Equipment and Automotive Maintenance Facility.

Agency Response:

The Department concurs with the seven (3) DLS GO Bond recommendations.

DLS REQUESTED “The Military Department should comment on the lack of federal PAYGO funds provided for the automotive maintenance facility portion of this project and how the altered project scope will impact operations at the CSMS facility. (DLS Analysis page 5):

Agency Response:

After Soldiers, the most critical component that affects the ability of the MDARNG to accomplish its’ mission is the materiel and equipment our Soldiers use. The CSMS is the maintenance facility with the necessary support systems installed (overhead cranes, floor jacks, paint booth, etc.) to provide both the functionality (capacity and layout) and quality standards (materials construction/safety) for workers to safely and productively complete military vehicle and military equipment maintenance operations. Our Soldiers are currently maintaining and repairing our vehicles in obsolete and dysfunctional facilities that were originally built as horse stables and horse racing spectator grandstands.

Without providing a modern facility to maintain our diverse and modernized fleet of vehicles, our maintainers will have to continue to sustain our vehicles in our current inadequate facilities that requires additional manpower to accomplish routine tasks and with additional caution due to constrained working spaces. This will ultimately adversely impact our Soldiers’ ability to maintain our vehicles and more importantly the ability of our Soldiers to support our State and Federal mission. The reduced scope of the project, provided that all state and federal funds are ultimately appropriated, will still allow for proper maintenance. The two bays that were removed from the project would have provided surge capacity if or when needed.

Design funding is currently being used to design a phase-able, comprehensive surface equipment and automotive maintenance facility that can be awarded to a construction contractor based on the amount of state and federal funds available at the time of award. We continue to evaluate the complexities of materials and layout of the design to reduce costs with the intent to lower the cost per square foot in order to maximize the ability to award the number of phases based on the funds available at the time of award; both state and federal. It is unlikely, however, that absent the full federal share the MDARNG could build a complete facility without an additional fiscal contribution either State or Federal. If available funds could not allow the vehicular maintenance portion of the project to be awarded for construction, the constructed facility would only be able to

maintain our non-vehicular equipment resulting in a direct impairment of our Soldiers to perform their State and Federal missions.

DLS REQUESTED “DLS recommends that the department brief the committees on the status of negotiations, the identification and status of any federal regulatory requirements, the status of any MDP Clearinghouse review and recommendations, an assessment of the impact that the new facility will have on Military Department operational readiness in Baltimore City, and an estimate of any State funds that may be needed to execute the agreement including costs needed to properly fit-out the facility for Army National Guard operations.” (DLS analysis page 6)

Agency Response:

The Military Department’s leadership continues to negotiate the appropriate terms of obtaining long term interest in the federal property on Hamlet Avenue where a unit from the United States Marine Corps Reserves (USMCR) is currently stationed. In return for licensing a parcel to the USMCR to build a new, larger Reserve Center at the Camp Fretterd Military Reservation, it is anticipated the Military Department would acquire long term interest in the USMCR’s Hamlet Avenue facility. The Hamlet Avenue was recently renovated and would provide a nearly move-in ready facility to the MDARNG in order relocate a unit currently stationed in an obsolete and outdated facility in west Baltimore on Winchester Street.

The Hamlet Avenue parcel is located within Baltimore City and more importantly is located near major, less constrained road networks than the current Winchester Street facility. This will overall increase the Military Departments ability to support the region as it will allow the unit to be more responsive both within and outside of the City. Additionally, the Hamlet Avenue parcel is nearly twice the size of the Winchester Street parcel and the building improvements are approximately 50% larger than the current facilities the unit occupies and therefore more appropriately satisfies the needs of that specific unit.

Very little improvements will need to be made to the Hamlet Avenue facility and those improvements are less extensive than what is routinely required to sustain the dated, obsolete facility on Winchester Street. More importantly, however, since the Hamlet Avenue location will likely remain a federal real property asset licensed to the Military Department, the federal government would provide 75% of the costs associated with maintenance as opposed to 50% when maintaining state property like the current Winchester Street location.

A status report of the 8 properties (Cascade Readiness Center, Catonsville Readiness Center, Combined Support Maintenance Shop (Havre de Grace), Elkton Readiness Center, Ellicott City Readiness Center, Greenbelt Readiness Center, Pikesville Military Reservation and Queen Anne Readiness Center) in the divestiture process is attached. (See Attachment #1)

ATTACHMENT #1

<u>SITE / FACILITY</u>	<u>SQ FT</u>	<u>BUILD DATE</u>	<u>TYPE ACTION</u>	<u>COMMENTS / STATUS</u>	<u>STATUS DATE</u>	<u>Proposed MILCON FY</u>
Cascade Readiness Center	22,904	1-Jan-1994	License Termination	Pending U.S. Army action to transfer property back to USACE	19-Dec-2019	Likely to be demolished.
Catonsville Readiness Center	29,127	1-Jan-1957	Proposed divestiture with relocation	New Readiness Center in Sykesville is under construction.	31-Dec-2019	Sykesville R.C. currently under construction. Completion scheduled January 2021
Combined Support Maintenance Shop (Havre de Grace)	27,451	1-Jan-1924	Proposed demolition with rebuild on site.	proposal only at this time	27-Sep-11	New Construction Plans in Design Phase with DGS
Elkton Readiness Center	20,453	1-Jan-1914	Proposed divestiture with relocation	Unit relocated to the new Easton Readiness Center	31-Dec-2019	DGS is negotiating with projected purchaser.
Ellicott City Readiness Center	17,676	1-Jan-1953	proposed divestiture with relocation	New Readiness Center in Sykesville is under construction.	31-Dec-2019	Sykesville R.C. currently under construction. Completion scheduled January 2021
Greenbelt Readiness Center	30,500	1-Jan-1949	Pending divestiture	Waiting on GSA/HUD to either accept property or give a Release of Reverter to MDARNG	19-Sep-2019	DGS is very engaged in communications to finalize divestiture.
Pikesville Military Reservation	247,722	1-Jan-1903	Pending divestiture	Proposed land transfer to Baltimore County; pending results of Governors Commission on the Future of the Pikesville Military Reservation report to the Governor	14-Jan-2020	Governor's Commission. Secretary of Commerce to visit site the first week of February 2020.
Queen Anne Readiness Center	22,336	1-Jan-1954	Pending divestiture	Unit has relocated to Easton Readiness Center. Completed equipment/property clearance from site.	31-Dec-2019	DGS has received some interest from perspective purchasers.