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PLANNING

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Maryland Department of Planning
Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget
Response to Department of Legislative Services Budget Analysis

Senate Budget & Taxation Committee
Public Safety, Transportation, and Environment Subcommittee
Senator Cory McCray, Chair
January 31, 2020

House Appropriations Committee
Transportation & the Environment Subcommittee
Delegate Marc Korman, Chair
January 30, 2020

Key Observations

MDP Reports on 2020 Census Grant Program as Focus Shifts to Redistricting

1. ***The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommends that committee narrative be adopted requesting information on the outcome of the 2020 Census.***

    Planning Response: Concur

Operating Budget Recommended Actions

1. *Adopt the following narrative:*

    Outcome of the 2020 Census: *The committees are interested in the outcome from the 2020 Census, in particular, the influence on Maryland's self-response rate of the 2020 Census Grant Program created by Chapter 18 of 2018 (2020 Census Grant Program – Establishment and Funding), the Maryland Department of Planning's (MDP) own census outreach efforts, and the work of the Maryland Complete Count Committee. Therefore, the budget committees request that MDP report on whether Maryland met its goal of being in the top 10 states for self-response rate; the lessons learned from the 2020 Census Grant Program, MDP's own census outreach efforts, and the work of the Maryland Complete Count Committee; and the funding and resources needed to improve the self-response rate for the 2030 census. The budget committees request that the report be submitted by January 1, 2021.*

The report is requested to be submitted on January 1, 2021.

Planning Response: Concur

2.	 *Abolish a vacant principal planner position in the Planning Coordination program. PIN 032069 has been vacant for over a year, and the agency claims that the position is being held vacant to meet turnover expectancy despite the agency having sufficient vacancies year-round to satisfy projected turnover.*

Planning Response: Do not concur