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Introduction

Good afternoon, Chairs and Members of the Committee. For the record, I am Ellington Churchill, Secretary of the Department of General Services (DGS). On behalf of all the hard-working, dedicated employees at DGS, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today regarding the Department's capital budget. I would like to thank Mr. Patrick Frank for his analysis of the Department's FY 2022 Capital Budget Request.

The Department of General Services has the key role of supporting the Capital infrastructure needs of those agencies we serve. The proposed \$29.726 million in Capital Facilities Program funding will allow DGS to continue its ongoing capital facilities program.

The Department continues to provide efficient and effective customer service to our state agencies. During FY 2021, we awarded over \$74 million in new projects and completed over \$128 million of ongoing capital projects. We currently have 109 projects in design that have a construction value over \$298 million.

In FY 2021 the department delivered the following Statewide results:

- The Department has completed conditions assessments on 10% of State-owned facilities where DGS is responsible for the procurement of construction. This has presented the best data the State has ever had of the obligation for future funding of facility infrastructure.
- The DGS Office of Energy and Sustainability has an agreement with the University of Maryland to use graduate students to conduct energy audits. The students have completed audits of 1,102,051 square feet and an additional 3,962,471 square feet are in progress.
- DGS successfully utilized the new Catonsville Court as space for the Towson Court staff during the renovation of the Towson Court. Both projects have been completed successfully.

DGS is focused on maintaining the States' existing infrastructure, which includes managing significant investments in the Facilities Renewal fund. This has led to a decrease in backlogged projects. Additionally, DGS's submitted Capital projects are all focused on maintaining existing assets phased into out-years of the capital budget including the State House, Goldstein Treasury Building, Guilford Avenue, Shaw House, and Grasmick Education Building. DGS completed the infrastructure replacement project at Lawyers Mall just before this year's session. The site is now back to its normal operations with improvements to its layout and maintainability.

This Department of 618 employees is working diligently to maximize its stewardship of Maryland resources. We proudly provide these and other services, on behalf of the citizens of Maryland, making it possible for state government to function efficiently, effectively, and in a safe and secure environment.

GO Bond Recommended Actions

1. Adopt Committee Narrative

Report on the Renovation of 2100 Guilford Avenue in Baltimore City.

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2. Approve the \$2,500,000 general obligation bond authorization for the Construction Contingency Fund.

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3. Approve the \$30,283,000 general obligation bond authorization for the Facilities Renewal Program.

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4. Approve the \$1,000,000 general obligation bond authorization for the Fuel Storage Tank Replacement Program.

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5. Approve the \$2,750,000 general obligation bonds to continue the design and begin construction of the restoration of the exterior and grounds of the Maryland State House and Old Treasury buildings.

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6. Approve the \$275,000 general obligation bond deauthorization for the Old Senate Chamber Reconstruction Project.

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