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Historic St. Mary's City Commission

Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget Response to Department of Legislative Services Budget Analysis

Budget and Taxation Capital Budget Subcommittee - Budget Hearing Senator Douglas J. J. Peters, Chair February 23, 2021

Appropriations Capital Budget Subcommittee - Budget Hearing Delegate Ben Barnes, Chair February 23, 2021

Agency Response:

Under “Summary of Other Projects in the Capital Improvement Program” the analysis discusses the CIP program inclusion of \$1 million in fiscal 2026 to start a multi-year effort. The analysis explains that “Because HSMCC projects are not scored high enough in the Department of General Services Facility Renewal Program scoring, the commission has had to rely on its limited operating budget, fundraising, and occasional authorizations added by the legislature to address the most critical facility renewal and site development projects. In as much as the commitment programmed by the State for this purpose is relatively small, the committees may wish to consider accelerating the start of this initiative.”

The Commission fully supports the acceleration of funding to FY2022 to address critical facility improvements. The Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center is scheduled for completion in late FY2023. Acceleration of the funds would enable the Commission to design and execute projects that improve visitor safety and enhance the visitor experience prior to the new facility's grand opening to the public.

GO Bond Recommended Actions

Historic St. Mary's City Commission is pleased to concur with the two recommended actions:

1. Approve \$4.792 million in general obligation bond funding for the Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center.
2. Approve the preauthorization of \$10.846 million for the Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center in fiscal 2023.

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