

Board of Public Works  
Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget  
Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis

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House Appropriations Committee  
Subcommittee on Public Safety and Administration  
Delegate Bridges  
February 9, 2022

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you on behalf of the Board of Public Works. Today's presentation supports our fiscal year 2023 operating budget. We are pleased that the Department of Legislative Services analysis recommends adoption of the Board's proposed operations budget.

### **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SUMMARY**

**Board budget overview.** The Board's budget contains two types of appropriations: agency operations and pass-through accounts. Our perennial pass-through grantees, Historic Annapolis Foundation, the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore, and Western Maryland Scenic Railroad, are prepared to comment on their requests. New this upcoming fiscal year is a grant to the Justice Thurgood Marshall Center. In addition to these grants, the pass-through portion of the Board's budget includes the Board's contingent fund and compensatory grant payments under State Finance and Procurement Article §10-501 to erroneously incarcerated individuals. In total, these pass-through items comprise 90% of the Board of Public Works fiscal year 2023 operating budget request.

**Board operations.** The remaining amount budgeted for Board operations is comprised primarily of salary expenses. Our mission remains to enable the Board Members to carry out the myriad duties involved in stewarding State assets and also to ensure public and intra-governmental access to Board deliberations, decision-making, and records, all of which are vitally important to the Board and to Maryland citizens.

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**CONCLUSION**

We continue to do an excellent job of managing our resources and meeting the tasks – expected and unexpected – assigned to us. Thank you for your continued support of our sustained efforts to improve our operations and service to the Board members, the General Assembly, and the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Gontrum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

John Gontrum