
**J00E00 MDOT MVA
FY 2024 Operating Budget
Response to the Department of Legislative Services Budget Analysis**

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
Public Safety, Transportation, and Environment Subcommittee
Chair Sarah Elfreth
February 16, 2023

House Appropriations Committee
Transportation and the Environment Subcommittee
Chair Marc Korman
February 23, 2023

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DLS Budget Analysis Discussion

1. Personnel Data (Page 11)

MVA should comment on how the salary increase for certain customer-facing positions has impacted recruitment efforts for those positions and how the new compensation levels compare with similar positions in nearby jurisdictions.

MDOT Response:

Establishing a new prevailing wage for both new and existing Customer Agents and Driver License Agents in FY 2022 provided some benefit in attracting and retaining front line employees. However, based on subsequent actions taken by other organizations, like the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles to raise frontline employee salaries, MVA is evaluating if additional action should be taken with our similar State positions.

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DLS Budget Analysis Issues

1. MVA Reconsidering Major Changes to Vehicle Emissions Program (Page 15)

MVA should comment on the future of the VEIP regulatory changes, including the reasoning for the policy change following final publish. The agency should also be prepared to discuss if a new path forward will be determined by the March 1 implementation date, and when the revised RFP will be advertised.

MDOT Response:

The Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) and MVA are dedicated to modernizing the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program (VEIP), while maintaining Maryland's significant air quality progress. The agencies are currently engaged in a thorough evaluation of the VEIP program and its State regulations. In order to fully evaluate input from all stakeholders, including the Maryland legislature, the agencies issued a Cancellation of Procurement for the VEIP Management and Operations Request for Proposal (RFP) on February 10. Once the review is complete, MVA will move forward with any necessary regulatory changes. The goal is to release a new RFP as quickly as possible, while also ensuring adequate stakeholder input.

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Operating Budget Recommended Actions

1. Concur with Governor’s allowance. (Page 20)

MDOT Response:

The MDOT MVA concurs with the DLS recommendation.

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