



Supreme Court of Maryland

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MARYLAND JUDICIARY

FISCAL YEAR 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET

RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES ANALYSIS

DE0211

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
CAPITAL BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
DELEGATE MARK S. CHANG, CHAIR
FEBRUARY 24, 2025

Summary of Recommended Actions

- 1. Delays Impact Project Schedule for New Supreme Court of Maryland Building: The Judiciary should brief the committees on the current status of the construction services contract procurement, and if the process will be completed in time to avoid additional delays to the start of construction.**

JUDICIARY RESPONSE:

The Department of General Services (DGS) is conducting the procurement for the construction services contract. While the Judiciary does not oversee or control the procurement process, we remain actively engaged with DGS through regular communication, including weekly meetings, to stay informed on progress. Based on our ongoing discussions and the latest updates from DGS, we have been assured that the project remains on schedule and that the procurement will be completed in time, pending a successful solicitation process, to avoid any additional delays to the start of construction. We will continue to monitor developments and coordinate as needed to support a smooth process.

2. **New Supreme Court of Maryland Building: The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommends reducing the fiscal 2026 budgeted amount for the by \$25 million to account for the revised schedule. DLS further recommends increasing the amount preauthorized for the 2026 session to ensure that sufficient funds are authorized and preauthorized for BPW to approve the construction contract when presented.**

JUDICIARY RESPONSE:

The Judiciary accepts the department's recommendation, in light of the adjusted project schedule.

3. **New Harford County District Court: The Judiciary should comment on the current status of the acquisition negotiations for the fourth parcel for this project.**

JUDICIARY RESPONSE:

The Department of General Services, Office of Real Estate continues to work with both the ground owner and the leasehold owner on the State's valuation of the property for acquisition. The two parties have been provided the State's appraised valuation and the two parties are discussing their respective financial stake in the property to see if they can come to an agreement based on what the State can offer.



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SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
CAPITAL BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE
SENATOR CRAIG J. ZUCKER, CHAIR
FEBRUARY 25, 2025

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