

### Outlook

The current economic expansion, though slowing, is expected to continue throughout 1984 and 1985, thus indicating favorable revenue prospects for the 1985 fiscal year. Although housing activity appears to be slowing, rising employment and income within the State should ensure that general fund revenues will grow at a rate similar to that experienced during the 1984 fiscal year.


General fund revenues will be augmented during fiscal year 1985 by the transfer of portions of the motor fuels and corporation income taxes formerly allocated to the Transportation Trust Fund. It is expected that these losses to the Transportation Trust Fund will be recouped through continued strength in motor vehicle titling, motor fuels and corporation income tax receipts.

New bond authorizations to support the 1985 capital budget amounted to \$209,800,000. For the fourth consecutive year the new authorizations were within the limit recommended by the Capital Debt Affordability Committee.

Based upon Maryland's tradition of strong fiscal management as demonstrated by its commitment to the capital debt affordability program, requirements of the Certificate of Conformance program, and independent audits along with the continuing positive revenue outlook for the State, I am confident that Maryland will maintain its position of fiscal leadership in the years ahead.

I will be pleased to furnish additional information on the State's finances upon request.

Cordially yours,



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Comptroller of the Treasury  
of Maryland