

Department of Transportation shall not create any new position or reclassify any existing position into either the Executive Service or the Commission Plan Service during fiscal 2006.

Further provided that reductions to the fiscal 2006 operating budget of the Maryland Department of Transportation, excluding debt service, may not be restored by budget amendment, fund transfer, or by any other means.

Consolidated Transportation Bonds may be issued in any amount provided that the aggregate outstanding and unpaid balance of these bonds and bonds of prior issues shall not exceed \$1,333,475,000 as of June 30, 2006. Provided, however, that in addition to the limits established under this provision, the department may increase its debt outstanding by not more than \$15,000,000 so long as (1) notice stating the specific reason for the additional debt requirement is provided to the budget committees; and (2) the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment on the proposal before publication of a preliminary official statement that includes the debt.

The total aggregate outstanding and unpaid principal balance of nontraditional debt, defined as any debt instrument that is not a consolidated transportation bond or a GARVEE bond issued by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), may not exceed \$754,100,000 as of June 30, 2006. Provided, however, that in addition to the limit established under this provision, MDOT may increase the aggregate outstanding unpaid and principal balance of nontraditional debt so long as:

- (1) MDOT provides notice to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Committee on