

the number/length of entrance level training programs to be offered and the number of enrollees in such programs over the next 10 years that current spacing availability will be unable to accommodate; and

(2) that the Maryland State Police Training Academy in Pikesville is expected to experience similar growth demand as the Correctional Training Academy, is over 33 years old, is dependent upon facilities originally intended to serve an all male workforce only, is reliant upon public/private facilities outside the immediate complex for purposes ranging from firearm practice to driver training, is unable to provide a physical fitness workout area other than a paved parking lot and is not conducive to emerging and everchanging specialized training; and

(3) that the number of academies providing entrance level training for local law enforcement officers has significantly declined in recent years and that one of the incredulous consequences is the reliance upon hiring individuals with full police powers for up to the legal maximum one year probationary period without the benefit of essential training; and

(4) that Parole and Probation training has experienced significant degradation because the unavailability of requisite training space at Woodstock has forced Parole and Probation to rely upon training sites made available in county libraries, State police barracks, county court houses, and/or wherever suitable space can be located; and

(5) renovation at existing facilities, principally at Woodstock and Pikesville, is expected to be so costly, time consuming, and encompassing that any alternatives to a new Public Safety Training Center is considered a nonviable option; and

WHEREAS, A centralized, state-of-the-art Public Safety Training Center can be realistically expected to help mitigate the aforementioned shortcomings of existing, fragmented training facilities programs for both State and local law enforcement and correctional personnel; and

WHEREAS, The construction of a Public Safety Training Center is expected to take over 3 years at an estimated cost of \$40 million; and

WHEREAS, Efforts are underway to identify a suitable site for such a facility which ~~must occupy approximately 500 acres and~~ may take into account the following factors: (1) accessibility to population served; (2) maintenance of impact area perimeter zone; (3) proximity to higher education center; and (4) proximity to inmate labor; and