

proposed changes. For each change, the report shall identify the project title, justification for adding the new project or modifying the scope of the existing project, current year funding levels, and the total project cost estimate as approved by the General Assembly during the prior session compared with the proposed current year funding and total project cost estimate resulting from the project addition or change in scope.

Notification of changes in scope shall be made to the General Assembly concurrent with the submission of the draft and final CTP. Notification of new construction project additions, as outlined in paragraph (1) above, shall be made to the General Assembly prior to the expenditure of funds or the submission of any contract for approval to the Board of Public Works.

Consolidated Transportation Bonds may be issued in any amount provided that the aggregate outstanding and unpaid principal balance of these bonds and bonds of prior issues shall not exceed \$1.074 \$1.092 \$1.074 billion as of June 30, 1998. Provided, however, that in addition to the limit established under this provision, the department may increase its debt outstanding by not more than \$15 million, 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 have 30 days to review and comment on the proposal before publication of a preliminary official statement including the debt.

~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this budget, for Fiscal Year 1998 total special fund expenditures for capital purposes by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) may not exceed \$533,377,982, minus reductions in turnover expectancy which will be allocated to capital programs; a reduction of \$18,162,254 from~~