

~~the proposed Fiscal Year 1998 budget as contained within the final 1997 Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). The reduction of \$18,162,254 consists of \$862,254 made by the General Assembly during the 1997 session and an additional \$17,300,000 in project cash flow deferrals which will be identified by the MDOT. Provided, however, that this ceiling may be increased only under the following conditions:~~

- ~~(1) Due to shifts in project cash flow from Fiscal Year 1997; or~~
- ~~(2) Due to unforeseen circumstances, such as market opportunities, which require immediate action by the State; and~~
- ~~(3) The budget committees are notified of the proposed increase in special fund expenditures for capital purposes, and are provided 30 days to review and comment upon the proposed increase.~~

~~A report identifying the projects included in the \$17.3 million capital reduction and the level of turnover expectancy reductions in each modal administration should be submitted to the budget committees by August 1, 1997.~~

#### SECRETARY'S OFFICE

It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) be responsible for sponsoring a telecommuting conference for its managers. The purpose of the conference will be to educate MDOT managers about the benefits of telecommuting and make them aware of telecommuting as an opportunity to:

- (1) reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality;
- (2) decrease traffic congestion;