

Fund shall be applied to purposes bearing direct relation to the State transportation program, unless directed otherwise by legislation. To implement this intent for the Maryland Department of Transportation in Fiscal Year 1998, no commitment of funds in excess of \$250,000 may be made nor may such an amount be transferred, by budget amendment or otherwise, for any project or purpose not normally arising in connection with the ordinary ongoing operation of the department and not contemplated in the budget approved or the last published Consolidated Transportation Program without review and comment by the budget committees.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that projects and funding levels appropriated for capital projects, as well as total estimated project costs within the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP), shall be expended in accordance with the plan approved during the legislative session. In the event the department modifies the program to:

- (1) Add a new project to the construction program or development and evaluation program meeting the definition of "major project" under Section 2-103.1 of the Transportation Article, which was never previously contained within a plan reviewed in a prior year by the General Assembly and will result in the need to expend funds in the current budget year; or
- (2) Change the scope of a project in the construction program or development and evaluation program meeting the definition of "major project" under Section 2-103.1 of the Transportation Article, which will result in an increase of more than 10 percent or \$1.0 million, whichever is greater, in the total project cost as reviewed by the General Assembly during a prior session, the department shall prepare a report to notify the budget committees of the