Overview of Appropriation

During the 2019 General Session the Legislature appropriated $110.0 million from the General Fund one-time in FY 2020 to the Capitol Preservation Board (CPB) for Capitol Hill and other state facilities’ efficiency, utilization, and emissions (see S.B. 2, “New and Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act”, Item 301).

Intent Language

The Legislature directed CPB and “the Division of Facilities Construction Management [(DFCM)] in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget and legislative fiscal analyst, [to] use up to $250,000 of the … [appropriation to]

- Develop a long-term plan that addresses space needs for the Department of Agriculture, Department of Heritage and Arts, and agencies residing on Capitol Hill
- Increase utilization of buildings statewide to accommodate the needs of the above agencies
- Reduce traffic and congestion on Capitol Hill;
- Ameliorate the negative impacts of street parking in Capitol Hill neighborhoods;
- Replace the State Office Building with a smaller, more energy efficient building that provides public access to state art and history collections; and
- Construct or acquire any necessary additional space off Capitol Hill in such a manner that new space optimizes access to mass transit, minimizes commute times, and reduces congestion and associated vehicle emissions” (see S.B. 3, “Appropriations Adjustments”, Items 7, 18, and 52).

Presentations, Reviews, and Recommendations of Executive and Legislative Bodies

Included with the intent language cited above, the Legislature required that before any money in excess of $250,000 be released to CPB, that CPB and DFCM to present the long-term plan to the Governor, the board, and Executive Appropriations Committee (EAC), and that EAC recommend the transfer of additional funds.

The Capitol Preservation Board reviewed the plan during its May 8, 2019 meeting; and EAC reviewed the plan and recommended release of additional funding during its May 14, 2019 meeting.

As the Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Committee’s (IGG) future work and recommendations to the full Legislature are likely to be affected by this $110.0 million appropriation and associated intent language, CPB and DFCM will present the plan to IGG during the committee’s June 18, 2019 meeting.