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P R O C E E D I N G S

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Welcome to the newly constituted meeting of the Board of Public Works. We have decided to, in the interest of saving money and reducing the size of government, to meet only as a two-person Board of Public Works today. For all of you who are listening at home, rest assured that is not true. As a little bit of levity to start the morning --

TREASURER KOPP: A constitutional change?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Our Comptroller is -- yes, a constitutional change. Our Comptroller is traveling. And so, speaking on behalf of the Comptroller today with opening comments will be Treasurer Nancy Kopp.

TREASURER KOPP: I can't do that.

(Laughter)

TREASURER KOPP: No, I know the Comptroller is out of the country briefly. He sends his regards, will be back very soon. I would just like to open by thanking, Governor, a member of the Lieutenant Governor's staff, I believe, Asuntha Chiang-Smith, who

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escorted us over to Aberdeen Proving Ground last week.

We did a BRAC tour, members of the State Treasurer's Office, to get some idea before we talked to the bond rating agencies of how BRAC was going and actually be able to see it and feel it and touch it. And it was overwhelming.

You can read the numbers. But to really see where those thousands of people are coming in, and the quality of jobs, the quality of the laboratories, the quality of the new construction, and the work in this instance of what the State and Harford County are doing with the infrastructure, the schools, the transportation, is really overwhelming. If any of you haven't gone out there and really seen what the changes are I urge you to do it, because it's a whole new world. And I just wanted to publicly thank her and thank her staff for putting that together for us.

We did meet telephonically with the bond rating agencies after that. They were very interested in it. They of course know the numbers but they keep asking what the impact is going to be. And we were able to tell them, you know I know, that the millions of dollars in good jobs that are coming in. We will

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be hearing from them very soon before we go to the market on July 28th. And I would like to thank Secretary Foster, Ms. Watkins, and the representatives of the Comptroller's Office, too. Jerry, if you would extend to who participated in that call. We thought it went very well. I must say I was on the telephone in California but it sounded, it sounded at least over the phone lines, that things went quite well. We look forward to seeing the conclusion. And with that, Happy Post-4th of July.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And those BRAC jobs, I mean, sometimes what goes uncounted in those jobs are the 21,000 jobs for the Joint Cyber Command --

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- that was only recently announced very quietly at 4:30 p.m. on a Friday, that's going to be coming to Fort Meade. With that announcement, we are now as Marylanders, with NIH, with Fort Detrick, with Aberdeen, with Fort Meade and the Cyber Command, we are without a doubt sitting in the epicenter of an innovation corridor in science, security, and technology unlike any in our country. With not only tremendous hope for discovering the

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solutions to the big challenges which confront us as a planet and as a country, but also the daily opportunity of more and more job creation in jobs that cannot be sent offshore, if only we can keep pace with the talent level, the skill levels required of our people in order to fill those jobs.

I'm going to be going to the National Governors Association in Boston this week. And I tell you, as I look around the eyes of those men and women there are quite a few that would love to be able to trade places with our economy. And so we have a tremendous challenge here as Marylanders. In times of adversity we don't make excuses, we make progress. And you see that happening with BRAC, with science, with security, with technology. And so, anyway, it's very exciting times.

We're joined by Gregg Todd, who is County Administrator for Queen Anne's County. Gregg, where are you? Mr. Todd, thanks for being here. Let's go to the Secretary's Agenda and how about Item 8? Mr. Todd, you want to tell us which one you're here for? And make sure you tell the County Commissioners we took you first.



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MR. TODD: Mr. Ransom will be happy to hear that. Thank you, Governor, and Treasurer. I'm here for the, it's the Frizz-King and easement that the federal ranch money, protection money is going for that we're working with Eastern Shore Land Conservancy on.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: It's not Item 8? I thought --

TREASURER KOPP: It's number nine.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Item 8 and 9 are --

TREASURER KOPP: There are actually --

MR. TODD: I think we have a POS one on there, too, so --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Eight would be --

TREASURER KOPP: Brown's Branch Farm?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Brown's Branch Farm --

MR. TODD: Brown's Branch Farm, that --

SECRETARY MCDONALD: And Frizz-King is number nine.

MR. TODD: These are both projects that we're working with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy on. Eastern Shore Land Conservancy received some federal transportation dollars a few years ago to buy

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up easements along the 213 Scenic Byway in Queen

Anne's County, Kent County, and Cecil County. And the Brown's Branch is their first easement purchase in Queen Anne's County. And the Commissioners are helping with that. We are, we are actually, the County is actually fronting the money for that and then we'll get reimbursed through the SHA funds for that. So it's, we're excited about that one. That's an easy one for us.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: What river is that on?

MR. TODD: That one is on, it's on the head of Southeast Creek --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Southeast Creek? Got you.

MR. TODD: -- is where Brown's Branch is. Yeah, and Southeast Creek runs into the Chester.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Is that just south of the --

MR. TODD: It's --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay, I see.

MR. TODD: Yeah, it's just north of Church Hill.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Got you.

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MR. TODD: It's a tad north of Church Hill.

And then the second one is, Item 9 in your book, is the Frizz-King property that is also in the northern part of the County on 213. And this is a project, it was slated for development, some fairly intense development, outside of the growth area. They've gone back and taken another look at it, and Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, along with the Commissioners who passed a Critical Farms Ordinance a few months ago, has enabled the Commissioners to help fund the project to buy the development rights off of it. So with a combination of federal ranch land protection monies, and then commissioned monies through some recordation tax, recordation tax increases that were put in place about a year ago that were specifically designed for the purchase of development rights, we'll be able to keep that farm preserved in perpetuity. It went from I think about 210 lots down to three. So we're excited about that one.

So those are the two in Queen Anne's County today.

TREASURER KOPP: That's great.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Great.

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MR. TODD: Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: I am told, sir, to ask about your recent graduate degree.

MR. TODD: Well, thank you. And yes, I finished my MBA just about a month ago. I appreciate that.

TREASURER KOPP: Congratulations.

MR. TODD: I appreciate that. I'm not sure who told you to ask that. It could have been Chip, possibly.

(Laughter)

TREASURER KOPP: That's very nice. That's very nice.

MR. TODD: So thank you, Chip. Thanks.

TREASURER KOPP: Congratulations.

MR. TODD: Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay, any other questions on the Secretary's Agenda? Hearing none, the Treasurer moves approval, seconded by yours truly. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

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(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The Comptroller votes no -- no, I'm just kidding.

(Laughter)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. We move it on now to Program Open Space.

MR. PRICE: Good morning, Governor, Treasurer. The Department of Natural Resources Program Open Space Agenda offers four items today. Two Program Open Space items, and two Rural Legacy items. I'll be happy to take any questions you might have on these items.

TREASURER KOPP: They look good. I think it's a good time to be taking advantage of land prices to protect, to protect the Bay.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay, any other questions on Program Open Space? What's the best one in your hit parade today?

MR. PRICE: The best one is probably the acquisition in Anne Arundel County. It's a continuation of acquisitions on the South River Greenway. We do have Mr. Ken Alban here today if you'd like to know some more about that. I believe

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recently the Comptroller had gone out to the site of one of the acquisitions and had made a brief tour of it.

The County is making a long term commitment, it appears, through their Program Open Space funds to protect the South River as best they can. And as the Treasurer has said, taking advantage of the somewhat depressed market. It's a good time to be buying land for conservation.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: If there were ever three rivers --

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- that could really use some rainscaping, geodesign, and some tackling of the septic incursion, it's these three rivers. I mean, they are --

MR. PRICE: You are correct.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- the stormwater runoff and the septic is really killing these beautiful rivers. So I'm glad we're protecting the South River, and hopefully more to come, more on the next generation. Any other questions on --

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TREASURER KOPP: Well, but the other thing, I do have to say that I'm one of the many millions of birders on the East Coast. And I know --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I didn't know you were a birder.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes, and actually some of this is very, very important to preserve the --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Flyway?

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. Yeah.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The raptors.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. Yeah.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And it's all squarely within the GreenPrint.

MR. PRICE: Correct.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: That's great. All right, the Treasurer moves approval, seconded by yours truly. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed, "Nay."

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. We move now to the Department of Budget and Management. T. Eloise Foster, the T stands for tough choices.

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MS. FOSTER: Governor, good morning. Madam Treasurer, good morning. There are five items on the Department of Budget and Management's Agenda for today. I'd like to withdraw Item 4. And I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Any questions?

TREASURER KOPP: I'm just curious about number one, the Benthic?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The Benthic survey?

TREASURER KOPP: The Benthic survey.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Is there anybody here that can talk about the Benthic survey?

MS. FOSTER: Yes, we have Tom Parham. He's the Director of the Tidewater Ecosystem Assessment Unit. And this is just a contract to provide technical assistance to help them track the State's progress towards meeting the Bay restoration goals.

MR. PARHAM: Yes, good morning. I'm Tom Parham, Director of Tidewater Ecosystem Assessment. Good morning, Treasurer, Governor. This item is a services contract to protect, to use to provide monitoring for our Benthic sampling to help understand what's going on on Maryland's portion of the



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Chesapeake Bay. This is a five-year contract for a little over \$1 million, \$1,027,950. And each year it runs from about, somewhere between \$190,000 to about \$220,000 over the years.

It is a, we have 20 percent MBE participation. And the benefit to the State, why this is in the best interest of the State, is it's required by the Clean Water Act and it's used to assess impaired waters. So this information is specifically used to determine the health of the Bay and whether we meet the requirements by the Clean Water Act. It's also used as a core component for the Chesapeake Bay Report Card. And it's also used in the, through the Chesapeake Bay program. They have a big barometer which looks at the health of all the components of the Bay's waters.

TREASURER KOPP: So what sort of measures, this is, this is to show trends over time?

MR. PARHAM: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: What sort of measures are used to --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Well can you pull up -- excuse me, I'm sorry.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Can you pull up the BayStat website on the current health?

MR. PARHAM: That's a great question. What they do is, they look at stats and trends of, when they go out to these areas, they sample the sediment in the bottom. So they look at the clams and the worms, the shrimp, all the organisms that are on the bottom. And depending on how many there are, the different types, they can tell how healthy the bottom is.

TREASURER KOPP: Okay. And do they, do they ever use this in synch with other, you know, chemical, physical indices to --

MR. PARHAM: Absolutely. It's totally integrated with the water quality monitoring that you'll see some of the results on BayStat that's used also for this report card and for all the assessments. So we know what's, we have stats and trends of what's happening on the bottom of the Bay, what's happening in the water column, whether it's the algal community, or whether it's the nutrients in the water. I mean, it helps us track progress towards meeting our

restoration goals. And so if we know what happens on land we can see if we're seeing results in the water.

TREASURER KOPP: That was my next question.

MR. PARHAM: Okay.

TREASURER KOPP: So you can really see the whole story?

MR. PARHAM: Yes. And this monitoring program has been in place for, since 1984. So we have this excellent long term record. This allows us to see changes over time that aren't, that despite changes in weather, dry years and wet years, you can see when we're making improvements.

TREASURER KOPP: Very interesting.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Pull up BayStat, Tom.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. Yeah. Howard was reminding me of when we went out with the Rachel Carson --

MR. PARHAM: Mm-hmm.

TREASURER KOPP: -- how, I mean, with all of these different components and different agencies that are measuring in their own way, or getting insight in their own way, into the health of the water and the

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surrounding buffers. I mean, it's interesting that this comes right after the Open Space and easement --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: No, it's great. Hit on current health, would you, Tom? See the box up there, far hand left column as you look at it? Right beneath the sailboats? There we go. Now go to the bottom. Is there anyway you can blow up that box? I mean that's part of your -- thank you. So, now the, there's a biotic index, right? And there's a water quality index? And then you put the two of those together for the Bay health index. And one portion of the biotic index is the grasses, right?

MR. PARHAM: Mm-hmm.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Another portion of the biotic index is the organisms --

MR. PARHAM: In this service contract.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- in the water.

TREASURER KOPP: That's this one?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: No, then the third portion of it, the one furthest to the left, is the Benthic index, which measures the critters that are actually in the bottom.

MR. PARHAM: That's correct.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Right?

MR. PARHAM: Yes.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. And so this survey is to allow us to track over time in a reliable way what is the condition of that bottom where that key indicator is concerned, right?

MR. PARHAM: Absolutely.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And then you see where it spans from red to green? The rivers at the top in the green end of the spectrum are the healthiest, according to the Benthic index, the biotic index, also the water quality. And the ones to the left are the most, you know, severely impacted and unhealthy. Among them would be the Patapsco on the far left, I do believe, followed by the Severn, and the South, and the others. And then some are in the middle.

Click on the stream health, would you, Tom? Back, go back one. Go up to the top. See up on the right hand side? There we go, stream health. This is a new website that we just launched that also, that allows us, that last one showed a snapshot of all the tributaries, major tributaries in the Bay and their relative health to one another.

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Click on the interactive map, would you, Tom? This is stream health, which allows us to go down to a, you know, a sort of creek by creek, stream by stream basis. So not only your major tributaries, the Chester and the Severn and the South, but allows us to go into things like, whatever, what was that creek? Was it the South Creek that was on the last one? And if you could go, go hone down, pull that interactive map down to the middle a little bit, center it? Go up. There we go. Here, let me show you.

(Laughter)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I don't know, for some reason we're having trouble getting into the interactive map. But inside this interactive map -- top right? Oh, okay, yeah, I'm sorry. The green one. The green one in the center. We're not really in the interactive map, we're just in a menu that shows you how to use the interactive map. Which of course, since we're skipping, we'll have to go back to. Okay, good. Now it starts to pull. Now I think I can do it --

(Laughter)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: See what happens when the Comptroller goes away? All this spontaneity? Okay, ah, get down a little further. So anyway, that's one portion of our map, sort of northwest of Baltimore County. Each of those dots shows us places that are part of the stream surveys in these things. And I assume that this will then also be populated with the latest on these Benthic surveys.

MR. PARHAM: It will be incorporated, yes. This is for the stream part. But ultimately we're working for something that's a little bit more comprehensive. So you can look at it from, you know, what you do on the land, what happens in the streams as it goes downstream towards the Bay so that we can see the whole picture together.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And basically it is the simple sort of red light, green light, yellow light shows you the relative health of these bodies. There's also a way that you click on and see these watersheds, that would be Loch Raven. Is that Loch -- no, that's not Loch Raven. Loch Raven Reservoir is off to the right, just to orient you, up in the

corner, and the other one is, is, what is the other reservoir? Is it Prettyboy?

MR. PARHAM: Prettyboy.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Prettyboy? Click on the right hand side, has the relative -- okay, so hold on. That's telling me. What does it read off here, Tom?

MR. HICKEY: Streams, forested buffers, impervious surfaces, watershed --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Hit watershed, please.

TREASURER KOPP: Ah.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: So that shows you in color fashion sort of the relative health of those watersheds, and where they are impaired, where they are not impaired. Now the other thing that we've been able to do, thanks to the good people at GIS and our IT czar, Elliot Schlanger, and good people like Ken at DNR, and MDE, is we've been able to identify the biggest concentrations of impervious surface within these watersheds. So click on the one that says impervious surface. And then that shows you, you might even go down to a deeper level, and then take the map in. That's a higher level. Go down a little deeper, and you can see where they start to pop out.



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And then increasingly you could overlay that with aerial photography and see that, well, that's a mall that was constructed in the 1960's before we knew that giant dead zones like this kill everything south of them in the stream or the river, including the benthic life, the biotic life, and the fish life, and --

TREASURER KOPP: So once you do this for all, could you actually run scenarios with planning? Like if we said no to a mall here, but had housing? Or said no to housing, but had some other sort of development? What the likely impact on the health of the Bay --

MR. PARHAM: That's an excellent question. Actually for, this kind of goes beyond this site and sort of this monitoring program, through working with the federal government in order to reduce nutrients in the State of Maryland in the whole Bay watershed, so we have a cleaner and healthier Bay. They have these models. And essentially, they'll look at the land use in all these different areas. And if you have, if you have a farm field, or if you have a residential area, they all have different amounts of nutrients that run off. So if you have more malls, more impervious surfaces the Governor is talking

about, you have more runoff and different values. So when you put all those pieces together you get a composite. And you can look at this area right here may have more nutrients, more, this may cause more problems to the Bay as opposed to this area right here. So the choices we make on the land have a big impact of the health of the Bay waters.

TREASURER KOPP: So it's even going beyond, we used to always talk about point versus non-point. You actually can get it --

MR. PARHAM: Yeah, point source is what coming out of a wastewater treatment plant or end of a pipe. A non-point source is anything that can be from atmospheric deposition. Whatever runs off the land that doesn't come off a pipe. So these impervious surfaces, this is exactly the sort of thing.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And in the same way that the BayStat website shows you by the ten major watersheds within the State, I mean conceivably, where we hope this goes, is that you can get down into these minor watersheds, creeksheds, streamsheds. And National Geographic is running this online program to help teachers teaching environmental literacy and

environmental sciences so that the kids can see where is the impervious surface, and see the correlation between the concrete dead zones and the life of the stream as it passes through their school, and go on kind of a deductive -- or is that inductive? Go figure out why it is that the stream has less life south of this point than it does north. And the impervious surface can guide. And similarly, if we are able to do, as increasingly we must, retrofits of these giant asphalt parking lots, put pervious pavers in, and rain gardens and rainscaping so that we contain more of it, there's, you know, the hope that, and the real likelihood that we see the streams start to rebound, provided we aren't moving the escalator the other way by other things.

MR. PARHAM: Mm-hmm, and then ultimately the Bay.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And ultimately the Bay. We need to get our hearts out of the dead zone and get our hands in the streams.

MR. PARHAM: Exactly.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: That was fun.

MR. PARHAM: Good.

TREASURER KOPP: Thank you very much.

MR. PARHAM: Thank you very much.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I'm glad you asked.

TREASURER KOPP: That was great. Very interesting.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All right, any other matters on the Budget and Management?

TREASURER KOPP: I did have one. Is this where the contract was for the H1N1? Yeah. Yeah. Well, I just wondered, I read the stuff here, but --

MS. FOSTER: It's not on my Agenda.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: These are Items A-5 and A-6. Do you want to come up, Secretary Colmers?

TREASURER KOPP: I'm sorry.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: That's okay, we can, you accepted the report but now you can ask questions about it.

TREASURER KOPP: I mean, I gather that all over, including Maryland, we were disappointed at the participating in the --

MR. COLMERS: One of the challenges that Maryland and other jurisdictions faced with the H1N1

immunization program was that the take up rates in minority communities was not what we would like.

TREASURER KOPP: Or non-minority communities, too.

MR. COLMERS: Well, overall Maryland's performance was above the national average in terms of the percentage of the population that received the H1N1 vaccine. But where we saw a considerable variation within the State in particular was a poor take up rate in minority communities. And so what we engaged in, in emergency fashion because we wanted to have answers in advance of the fall immunization campaign, an opportunity to understand what some of those barriers are by engaging a series of firms to do some focus group evaluation.

TREASURER KOPP: So we assume that this will prepare us the next time --

MR. COLMERS: It will help us work on understanding what the barriers are, what the reasons were. There is certainly a lot of speculation. But also, to help us and prepare then with what appropriate messaging will be.

TREASURER KOPP: Mm-hmm.

MR. COLMERS: So that when we reach out to communities, how best to do that, and what are the appropriate ways to identify and describe the risk to the populations of not getting immunization.

Now for many reasons there are historic concerns that members of minority communities have about what they perceive to be experimental procedures. Now, the vaccine is not one. It is a well proven technique. But we need to do a better job in addressing health disparities overall, and this is one particular area --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And understanding the historic and the cultural context --

MR. COLMERS: Absolutely.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- within which we operate. So do you have a map that shows this?

MR. COLMERS: I don't know if I can call it up.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Do you have the county by county in terms of penetration of vaccine?

MR. COLMERS: I know that we have the tables by county. I don't know whether we have it g eomapped

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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Mm-hmm, yeah.

MR. COLMERS: -- or not.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Yeah, well let's map and see the demographics and then that will, the next time this happens, and no doubt there will be a next time sometime --

MR. COLMERS: Right.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- or something like this happens, we know where we need to channel our communication efforts --

MR. COLMERS: Right.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- and where, if we have limited resources, where we need to shift our communications efforts.

MR. COLMERS: Right. Well, it is clear from the tables that we have seen that the jurisdictions with the highest proportion of minority populations were the ones where we had the most struggle in getting immunization levels up.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Mm-hmm.

MR. COLMERS: Part of it is making sure that we're working well with the school systems. One of the ways in which you can get those numbers up, and we

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did see that in a number of counties, was where there were far more effective programs in the school system. And that also is getting the parents engaged and involved, because obviously you cannot immunize kids without having the parents' permission.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Baltimore City in traditional vaccines has one of the higher vaccination rates of any major city in America.

MR. COLMERS: Yeah, right.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: How did they do?

MR. COLMERS: There were challenges there. I'm very happy to note today that the Mayor is announcing a new health officer in Baltimore City.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Mm-hmm.

MR. COLMERS: Somebody who comes from New York City school system, where she headed the medical program there. And so we're looking for ways of improving the relationship between the school system and the health department at the local level and at the State level.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Good.

MR. COLMERS: Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: Thanks, John.



GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I'd like to see a visual representation. Okay. All right, any other questions? The Treasurer moves approval of the Department of Budget and Management Agenda items, seconded by the Governor/Chair. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed, "Nay."

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. We move on now to?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: University System.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: University System of Maryland.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Mr. Stirling is here.

MR. STIRLING: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Good morning.

MR. STIRLING: Jim Stirling for the University System. We have seven items on today's Agenda. I'd be happy to address any questions you might have.

TREASURER KOPP: What, this is just related somewhat to Item 1. What's the timing of the roll out of the new Physical Sciences building? Do you know?

MR. STIRLING: I don't have the schedule here with me. I mean, as you know we just did the groundbreaking --

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

MR. STIRLING: -- for phase one of the Physical Sciences Complex.

TREASURER KOPP: Right. Right.

MR. STIRLING: And it's a couple of year construction period.

TREASURER KOPP: It's a two or three year?

MR. STIRLING: It's at least two years. I will get you the specific schedule and send it back through Howard.

TREASURER KOPP: Thanks.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay, the Treasurer moves approval, seconded by the Chair. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed, "Nay."

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: We move on now to the Department of Information Technology.

MR. SCHLANGER: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Good morning.

MR. SCHLANGER: For the record, Elliot Schlanger, Department of Information Technology. This morning we have two items on the Agenda, and I'd be happy to answer any questions at this time.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay?

TREASURER KOPP: Mm-hmm.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The Treasurer moves approval, seconded by the Chair. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed, "Nay."

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And the ayes have it.

We move now to --

MR. SCHLANGER: Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- the Department of Transportation.

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: Good morning --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Good morning.

TREASURER KOPP: Good morning.

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: -- Governor, Treasurer, Beverley Swaim-Staley from the Maryland Department of Transportation. We are presenting twenty-eight items today. We are withdrawing Item 27. For the record, Item 28 has been previously revised. Item 23. I'm sorry, what did I say? I thought I said Item 23.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: So we are withdrawing Item 23?

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: Three, yes --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay.

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: -- of the twenty-eight items.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay.

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: And we're available for any questions.

TREASURER KOPP: Right. What, I noticed you've got a series on the Metro lines, the Light Rail lines.

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: Oh the, yeah --

TREASURER KOPP: I was just curious what the status of the --

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: The A and E work for the purple line and the red line?

TREASURER KOPP: The purple line.

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: Yeah.

TREASURER KOPP: Where are we with the purple line?

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: We are working with the FTA, actually, on both of the lines, red line and the purple line. And responding to their questions, you know, updating any of the data, making sure that we all agree with the ridership projections, and those kinds of things. So it's working its way through the FTA process. The next step would be submitting the financial plan, followed by the final alignment documents. So we're progressing through the process.

TREASURER KOPP: You know, I get calls from former constituents and neighbors about --

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: Yeah.

TREASURER KOPP: -- pushing mass transit --

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: -- continue the work, I know, to spend the money that we do have to do the development work.

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TREASURER KOPP: That's great. That's good.

However, it's done, I mean something in there hopefully will both help with the BRAC influx and just get people east/west. But the Governor remembers when East West Highway, or maybe this was before your time? Actually was the only east-west highway. When I first moved to the Washington area, right before the Beltway opened.

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: Right.

TREASURER KOPP: And if we don't do something it's not going to be moving anywhere.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I don't remember a world before Beltway.

TREASURER KOPP: No? 1963, I think.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: 1963 was when my consciousness was --

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

(Laughter)

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: But you're correct. But you're correct. Bethesda's very interested in all the Metro, many expansions and versions of Metro to serve that --

TREASURER KOPP: It's very important to my city, yeah, thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: We're moving forward, not back.

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: Yes.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Is that the message here?

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah.

MS. SWAIM-STALEY: Yes, absolutely.

TREASURER KOPP: Thanks.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Anything else on transportation items? The Treasurer moves approval, seconded by the Chair. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. We move now to the Department of General Services.

MR. COLLINS: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer. The Department of General Services has twenty items on our Agenda. We are withdrawing Item

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15-CGL. And I'll be glad to answer any questions you might have on any of these items.

Governor, I might note that out of the construction and maintenance items we have today, we have creating seventy jobs to add to the economy here in Maryland --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Great.

MR. COLLINS: -- with \$430,000 out of \$1 million in total spent on those items.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: That's great. We have had a rate of job creation over these last three months which is twice what the national rate of job creation is. We've had three months in a row of positive job creation. And we've held on to our private job base better than all but four other states this last year, according to Bureau of Labor statistics. Any other questions, Department of General Services?

TREASURER KOPP: No. But I wish, we should send that news on to the rating agencies. That's good. If we can just get a little paragraph on that.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Yeah, those three. Three months in a row of positive job growth.



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TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. And the private --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Twice the creation rate of the nation over these three months and, according to Bureau of Labor statistics, we've held onto our private job base better than all but four other states in the Union over this last year.

TREASURER KOPP: That's good.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I'm a font of information.

(Laughter)

TREASURER KOPP: Yeah. The Rockville Courthouse?

MR. COLLINS: Yes, ma'am?

TREASURER KOPP: How are we doing with that?

MR. COLLINS: We're doing very well there on a beautiful project. We are scheduled to complete late December.

TREASURER KOPP: Late December?

MR. COLLINS: We're on schedule and it's a beautiful facility. It's coming together well.

TREASURER KOPP: That's very good.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And it's big.

MR. COLLINS: It's huge.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes. And it will be nice to have it done and completed.

MR. COLLINS: I agree.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: It's a tiny little spot

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TREASURER KOPP: Yep?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- where I used to do my homework after riding the T6 home from high school.

TREASURER KOPP: Oh, no room for homework now. Item 18?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Item 18?

MR. COLLINS: Item 18-CGL?

TREASURER KOPP: Do we have --

MR. COLLINS: That is to deal with the Maryland Theatre in Hagerstown, Washington County. We were expecting -- oh, they're here. Please come up. We were expecting Mr. Ron Bowers and Sam Young to join us this morning. So you are here.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Hey, Ron. Come on up, Mr. Bowers.

MR. BOWERS: Do you have any questions?

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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: No, both of you, come on up. You drove a long way, we just want to hear from you.

MR. YOUNG: We appreciate that.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Thank you. I'm sorry, I didn't know you were waiting out there.

TREASURER KOPP: Good morning.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: We might have tried to take you early so you could get home.

MR. YOUNG: No problem. We just appreciate your time.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: So tell us about this.

MR. YOUNG: We over the past year -- well, let me back up another step. We're celebrating our 95th anniversary with the Maryland Theatre. We're planning a gala event in September which you will be receiving invitations to. And during the past year or so we've been working with the County and trying to take care of some improvements throughout the Theatre. Obviously, being ninety-five years old there's plenty of places that you can spend money to make improvements, keep the building updated, repairs, it's a lot of plaster work in the Theatre.

If you turn to the third page in, which is a, kind of a beige color here, you'll see that we've currently spent roughly \$259,000 over the past year or so, with the major portion of that being a roof replacement. And we currently have an additional \$41,000 in projected projects that we would like to complete in the Theatre as well.

In addition, we've also recently put together some square foot numbers going down the road a little bit later, doing a historically accurate plaster restoration within the Theatre. And that would be an additional \$250,000. One of the main purposes of our gala event is a fundraiser. We're hoping to generate funds through that. And we're going to be following up with the next five years toward our 100th anniversary with annual fundraising events all going toward capital improvements within the Theatre.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And where is the Theatre located?

MR. YOUNG: 21-23 South Potomac Street in Hagerstown.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And how old is it?

MR. YOUNG: Ninety-five years. Thomas Lamb was the architect.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Wow. That was before the Beltway.

(Laughter)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Pardon?

MR. YOUNG: Thomas Lamb was the architect of the Theatre.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Uh-huh, it's beautiful.

MR. YOUNG: We think so.

TREASURER KOPP: I had the opportunity thanks to these gentlemen, and Dr. Morgan, and some others, to visit Hagerstown last month.

MR. YOUNG: Mm-hmm, Dr. Morgan is on our board --

TREASURER KOPP: Yes, I saw that she was. And one of the high points was to see the Theatre, the organ, it really is an amazing, I had rather thought that O'Malley's March might have played, or played there. It's a great --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Not yet.

TREASURER KOPP: It's a great stage. I mean, it really is a beautiful --

MR. YOUNG: Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: I can't get over how, how terrifically well Hagerstown, the work in Hagerstown is going. Particularly educational, around --

MR. YOUNG: Yes, The Barbara Ingram School-

TREASURER KOPP: Barbara Ingram School, the other schools, the Museum of Fine Arts, I mean it's just really terrific. And I bet the weather is even a little better than that, do you think?

MR. YOUNG: Oh, it's still pretty hot.

TREASURER KOPP: Great project.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Is the Barbara Ingram School close - -

TREASURER KOPP: Mm-hmm.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- in proximity to this?

MR. YOUNG: Yes, yes. Right next to the Theatre.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay, so that's the --

TREASURER KOPP: It's all there.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- symbiotic kind of, you have a --

MR. YOUNG: We're looking to, we are partnering --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- performing arts campus there, huh?

MR. YOUNG: Yes, sir. We are partnering with them on various events right now.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: You let the school use it? You don't make them build their own theater?

MR. YOUNG: They do have a black box theater, but they, for a larger venue they do use us as well.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Great. Well that is one of the very few, you know, back in 2004 we passed a bill that, to try to allow school systems to use more flexible forms of financing and funding. And this is the very first one that's gone, you know, beyond the usual kind of comfort zone of how we've always done it on school construction. And this was, what, you had a nonprofit that built it? And then you did sort of a lease-back arrangement --

MR. YOUNG: Yes.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- with the nonprofit entity that built it? And you're to be commended for the innovation and for delivering the results for the kids who are only going to be in high school once.

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MR. BOWERS: Governor, we are very fortunate at the Maryland Theatre being ninety-five years as to being in the black, we're not in the red. And the good thing about it is we're not far, but we do manage to keep good programming. And I think when you were there Dr. Morgan, being our nation's number one school superintendent --

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

MR. BOWERS: -- and representing Maryland and Washington County, she adds a lot to the board and brings a lot from the diversity of the Barbara Ingram School for the Arts in the Theatre. So it's a great relationship.

TREASURER KOPP: Well, I wish you well. I'm glad to see this going so well.

MR. YOUNG: Thank you.

TREASURER KOPP: It's very exciting. Next you've got to get the one across the street.

MR. YOUNG: You can hold on to the booklets, if you'd like. There's pictures in there of some of the renovation work we've done as well toward the back.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Towards the back?



TREASURER KOPP: Where is it?

MR. BOWERS: And the new roof that was on the Theatre is a green roof. So everything we're doing is green friendly.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Wow, green roof?

MR. BOWERS: Well, it's white but it's called green.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: On a ninety-five-year old theater you were able to do a green roof?

MR. BOWERS: Yes.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And structurally it holds it, huh?

MR. BOWERS: It holds it.

MR. YOUNG: It's not the, it's the green meaning is an Energy Star roof.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay.

MR. YOUNG: It's not the plant --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I see.

MR. BOWERS: Yeah, we don't mow grass.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Got you.

TREASURER KOPP: It won't cave in.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All right. Well look, thanks very, very much.

MR. BOWERS: Thank you, sir.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Thank you. Okay, any other on General Services? How many jobs are going to be working on that?

MR. BOWERS: There were fourteen jobs working on it for a long period of time, putting the roof on. Putting a new lobby in, and the plaster work and things will create jobs.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Great. Okay, the Treasurer moves approval, seconded by the Chair. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed, "Nay."

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. And this concludes our meeting of the Board of Public Works. Thanks very much.

(Whereupon, at 11:00 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)

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