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PROCEEDINGS

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Good morning, everyone. Today is October 15th, 2014. We're almost halfway through the month of October, and this is a meeting of the Board of Public Works. Mr. Comptroller, Madam Treasurer, any opening thoughts?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you, Governor, and Madam Treasurer. Good to see you.

TREASURER KOPP: Good to see you.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I, as I was walking into the State House today I looked at the changing colors on the leaves and I think it's safe to say, I think you noted, Governor, it's officially Autumn. And I frankly, I love the Fall as a season. It may be my favorite time of year. Not just because I was born in November, but my birthday is coming up --

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- but I love, I love seeing the Halloween decorations on my street and other areas around the State. Annie and I bought two big pumpkins for five dollars each at Whole Foods in Silver Spring. That's a real bargain on big pumpkins over there. And as you know, anytime you can get something for ten dollars or less at Whole Foods, that's a bargain. But we're carving them and putting up some of our scarecrows and other things on the house.

And frankly I love the season because it also has so many community festivals, when we come together, enjoy each other's companies, and I just appreciate that fact that we live in a State that has so many wonderful communities. Last weekend I spent time in Fells Point, a fabulous festival that they have there. I then went to the City of Bowie's, in Prince George's County, International Festival, which was very well attended. And then finally my own Takoma Park Street Festival which, you know, is just, they are all the, they all are different but they all have the same kind of sense of gathering of people. And I went over to Bethesda, they had the Taste of Bethesda and hundreds of local restaurants over there. Many of them had booths set up.

So with all of the fiscal and economic challenges that we face, and all the national security threats that we read about that are so gripping in the newspaper, frankly spending a little bit of time at those festivals, watching young families and the kids, everybody has got very well behaved dogs. In fact, I met a beautiful bulldog over at Bethesda named Henry --

TREASURER KOPP: Of course.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- which is the same name I have for my dog, so we had a very nice time talking dogs. But it just, it's a reminder of how fortunate we are and so I want to wish everyone a happy Fall season. I hope each of us take a moment to pause and appreciate just how beautiful this State is

and how lucky we are to live and work and raise our families here. Thank you, Governor.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Thank you, Mr. Comptroller. Madam Treasurer?

TREASURER KOPP: I just echo what the Comptroller said. Autumn, in fact, is my favorite season.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay.

TREASURER KOPP: I, I love it. I think maybe those of us who spent some time in the Northeast are particularly partial to, to the Fall of the year. And adding on to the wonderful Taste of Bethesda last weekend, Friday is an annual Tricycle-A-Thon, if you come back to Bethesda. Everybody, anyone can have a Bike-A-Thon. But not everyplace has a Trike-A-Thon. So I, I urge people to come. And, and to remember, as I told my grandchildren actually only about two hours ago, the sun is still shining up there. I mean there are a few things in the way, and maybe for the next few hours, but it is still shining up there. And it's shining on Maryland.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And we're all pulling for the Orioles.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Yes.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: It is a Fort McHenry moment today.

(Applause.)

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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Either our beginning or our end. I choose to will it be our beginning.

TREASURER KOPP: And as the sun is up there let us also remember that there is another year.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Ouch.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Yes, but I want to win this year.

(Laughter.)

TREASURER KOPP: See, that's the difference. You've go to have a long term perspective as well as short term.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All right. Secretary's Agenda?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller.

TREASURER KOPP: Good morning.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: We have 12 items on the Secretary's Agenda. We have three reports of emergency procurements.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Any questions, Secretary's Agenda? Hearing none, the Comptroller moves approval, the Treasurer moves second. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And the ayes have it. We turn now to Department of Natural Resources Real Property.

MS. WILSON: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. Emily Wilson with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. We have seven items on our Agenda today. Of note I would say would be Item 6A. This is the Baker acquisition in Garrett County to become part of New Germany State Park. Even though it may only be 16 acres it's actually part of a larger acquisition plan that we have in that area where we did take one property known as the Tony Property within the last year. It's that one red parcel that is immediately adjacent to the yellow parcel. And then those clear areas on either side of the red outline we have in our sights for acquisition as well. So we are really looking to consolidate the park in that area. And this is actually a beautiful vista in this part of the park and it scored a 106.

TREASURER KOPP: And particularly at this time of year.

MS. WILSON: Right.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I've got to get up there. Okay. Any questions?

TREASURER KOPP: Governor --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Madam Treasurer?

TREASURER KOPP: -- I would just like to say for the record that Delegate Vitale gave us a call and urged support of Item 1A, the Kinder Park field for the community.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And we'll urge her support of our budget.

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And the Open Space dollars.

TREASURER KOPP: Right.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. You've got it. All right, the Treasurer moves approval, seconded by the Comptroller. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. And we move on --

MS. WILSON: Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- thank you, to the Department of Budget and Management.

MS. FOSTER: Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, good morning. There are nine items on the Department of Budget and

Management's Agenda for today. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Hearing none, the Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Treasurer. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. And we move on now to the University System of Maryland.

SECRETARY MCDONALD: Governor, the University had one item this morning which is to spend \$5,000 on a piece of equipment. So I relieved Mr. Salt from having to travel up here from --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: What kind of equipment?

SECRETARY MCDONALD: It is a 100 Liter Dewar for Liquid Helium Storage-Cryfab with a modified two-and-a-half-inch neck.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I'm not doing it with a modified neck.

(Laughter.)

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

THE BOARD: Aye.

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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

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

MR. URBAN: Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, Greg Urban with the Department of Information Technology. I have six items on the Agenda. I'm happy to answer any questions.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Any questions? Mr. Comptroller?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes. Item 5?

MR. URBAN: Yes.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So we're being asked to exercise a five-year, \$200 million option to lease or purchase slot machines from nine separate video lottery terminal manufacturers which will be placed in two locations, the slots parlors at Ocean Downs and Rocky Gap. I have a couple of questions about this. First, how many slot machines does \$200 million buy us these days? And of those, how many are slated for Rocky Gap and how many are slated for Ocean Downs?

MR. URBAN: Okay. I'm going to ask Stephen Martino from the agency to come up and answer your questions.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Great.

MR. MARTINO: Good morning, Governor, Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Steven, do you want me to repeat those or did you get those questions? How many machines, slot machines does \$200 million buy us these days? And of those, how many are slated for Rocky Gap, how many are slated for Ocean Downs?

MR. MARTINO: Right now Ocean Downs has 800 slot machines, Rocky Gap has 577. Rocky Gap is authorized under its license to expand to 850 machines and it has statutory authority to increase to 1,500. We wouldn't anticipate that. Ocean Downs can expand its floor to 999 before it has to increase its tax rate by ten percent. So we would not anticipate them going above 999. So I think we're looking at around 1,850 machines total.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And so the \$200 million, is that to be drawn down, or is that what the 1,800 cost?

MR. MARTINO: No, that's to be drawn down based on, you know, how the casinos potentially would scale up the number of machines. We anticipate over the five years of the contract that the actual cost will be somewhere between \$90 million and about \$165 million. And a lot of that, and the reason why there is a bit of a variance there is that many of these machines, all of these machines going forward will be leased. We will not be purchasing any more machines --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mm-hmm.

MR. MARTINO: -- going forward. And many of the machines that we purchase to allow these casinos to remain competitive, to get the best machines in there, are done on participation of gaming play. So as the machine does better, generates more revenue for the State, the manufacturer of the machine makes more money.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And the individual costs of these leases are ballpark what?

MR. MARTINO: We estimate about \$13,000 a year average.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Per slot --

MR. MARTINO: But you --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Per slot --

MR. MARTINO: Per slot machine. But you also have to remember, Mr. Comptroller, that includes that cost of the yearly maintenance. So that's the leasing and the maintenance every year of that machine.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Uh-huh, I understand that. And the average length of time that you are finding for Maryland casinos to use a machine tends to be what? It's based on the appeal of the machine, is that it? Is that what you are telling me?

MR. MARTINO: So the first two casinos that opened, Perryville in September of 2010, and Ocean Downs in January of '11, had some owned

machines, some leased. Obviously, you know, I think that the average life of the machine exceeds what our current experience has been, the length of time that the casinos have been open. I think one of the reasons why we have moved to the lease model and we have continued to do that is that it really shifts the risk from the State to the operator or the manufacturer of the machine. The terms of the lease allow for us to change out machines --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mm-hmm.

MR. MARTINO: -- if they are unsuccessful. So if we have a machine that is underperforming, and in fact the threshold we have set is if a machine performs 85 percent below the floor average we can request that the machine be moved and that a new machine be brought in that can generate more revenue for the State and for the facility.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Got you. And the ones that we own, I take it we own some of these machines from our previous stuff, what is the, are they worth anything at the end of their cycle? Or is there a depreciation or any value to these things?

MR. MARTINO: There is, Mr. Comptroller. Just a few quick numbers for you. The total complement of machines that are leased and owned by the State at all four of the State casinos -- now the Horseshow Casino in Baltimore that opened in August, those machines were entirely procured by that casino. There is no State money involved there. Of the other four casinos,

Maryland Live, Ocean Downs, Rocky Gap, and Perryville, we have about 6,840 machines. Of those about 4,950 are leased. 1,890 or so are owned by the State. We would anticipate retaining no more than about 250 machines and situating those at Rocky Gap and Ocean Downs for continued long term use. So that will be to the benefit of the State because they will be paid for and continuing to generate revenue. Of the balance we are looking to sell those either to our current casinos as a transition or to other third party buyers. But we will find a buyer and pay off the bonds.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And I am curious about the fact that we're, this contract is dealing with nine separate vendors. I understand it's for leasing. But isn't it standard practice to get a good deal and save money by selecting a limited number of vendors and buying in bulk from them, or buying, or leasing in bulk from them? Are we spreading the State's money too thin, I guess is the question?

MR. MARTINO: Mr. Comptroller, my understanding is that this master contract, which was negotiated in early 2010, was modeled after other master contracts that have been negotiated by DoIT and DBM that have then qualified multiple vendors. So I am not sure that there is entirely --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay.

MR. MARTINO: -- a lack of precedent for this. And I think given the market and the fact that we want to make sure that these facilities are

competitive and that they have got all the machines that they need, you have to introduce a number of manufacturers. We have nine different manufacturers. This gives our facilities the opportunity to choose the machines that they believe will generate maximized revenue for the casinos and the State.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. And I understand the Legislature amended the State's gaming law to take the Lottery and Gaming Commission, and you I take it, out of the process of buying and leasing these machines with the exception of Rocky Gap and Ocean Downs. My understanding is that effective March 31st of next year that responsibility will rest with the slots facilities themselves. So those raise two questions for me. Don't we as a State further lose our bulk purchasing power by having each of these parlors produce VLTs on their own as opposed to having centralized entities, like the Lottery and Gaming Commission, handle the process for everyone together? And also, it does strike me as rather unique that we're allowing these private companies to use taxpayers' money to all buy their machines on an individual basis, or lease them. Does that, is that, do I have that wrong? Or is --

MR. MARTINO: Yes, I'm not sure that I understand entirely what you are saying. Let me just correct the record. So going forward, effective April 1st, this master contract expires March 31st, 2015. Maryland Live and Hollywood Casino in Perryville will no longer be purchasing machines or leasing them through the State. They will be purchasing themselves using their own

money. So there will be no State funds involved at all in the procurement of any machines for those facilities going forward. The leases for the machines that we have procured will expire. We anticipate that these casinos will negotiate with the manufacturers and many of the machines will stay there. But the State is completely out of the business for those two casinos. It's already out of it for, and never was for the Horseshoe in Baltimore. And it will not be involved in any procurement, nor public funds for machines, at the MGM facility in Prince George's County. That will only leave State funds for the procurement of machines at Ocean Downs and Rocky Gap. And to your question about the loss of purchasing power, I would only say that I think the move to leasing the machines has really mitigated that. Because we're leasing the machines and no longer buying we have been able to negotiate much more favorable prices for the State and maximize revenue by our ability to move machines out that underperform.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Good. Well I applaud your leadership because it's a very, obviously the Lottery is very important to us. But I think on the gaming issue you have provided us with, at least my office with independent and really professional work. And I have no, nothing but praise for you individually. It's a very difficult job, this, heading up this commission. So thank you for that. I am going to vote against this because I think these slot machines are designed, as you may disagree with me on, but I think they are

designed to generate revenue by the State off of the backs of people that are hopelessly addicted to slot machine gambling. Generally they are people that can't afford it. And we, for whatever reason, have gotten into this business. And we're all patting ourselves on the back about the revenue. So my question for you is who the heck is monitoring the downside of all of these slot machines? And, because I'm told that the State only makes revenue off the backs not of people that use these for entertainment purposes, like me or anyone in this room. But from the backs of people that go in and literally lose their homes and their jobs and their families through a very, very powerful addiction which is slot machine gambling. And are you monitoring that? Is someone else monitoring that? Is there any way to get an understanding of what the downside is of these, this influx of slot machines? And I'm not talking about the other table games and stuff. I'm talking about what really impacts working families, middle class, poor socioeconomic families. And I don't have the latest data. Is anybody doing any research or monitoring?

MR. MARTINO: So Mr. Comptroller you may recall that I facilitated a meeting for you and I at the Maryland Center for Excellence on Problem Gambling that is situated at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. You and I went there and visited that facility maybe a year or so ago. The funds that are collected by the Lottery for work in the area of problem gambling and responsible gambling awareness are sent to the

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. They have created this center at the University of Maryland, the Center for Excellence on Problem Gambling. They are both the research and the training and the intervention arm for the State for what we suspect are a population of about three and a half or so percent of the public that has a problem gambling, about one percent which would be classified as pathological, problem gamblers that clearly have no business engaging in this. But of the total universe of people who are gambling or who are in the State of Maryland, about 90 percent of whom in the last survey identified as engaging in some kind of gambling behavior in their lifetime. That's the charge of this organization and the funds that are raised, millions of dollars a year, a \$425 per year assessment on slot machines; a \$500 per year assessment on table games. The Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Agency has its own Responsible Gambling Division where we offer training, or ensure that there is training by employees at the casinos. We also offer the voluntary exclusion program. So I think that there are ample State resources.

I think that you will also find that at the Center and through the School of Medicine that there is a very robust research arm doing research around, in particular some research now trying to track effects in neighborhoods close to the Baltimore casino. And as time goes on there will be another propensity study that will be done. But I think that the State has developed a good infrastructure. I think it's a model throughout the country. And I think that

if more resources are needed then that Center can articulate it to the Legislature and make that claim. But I think right now that they have, they have built up a framework of making sure that there are trainers and people that can provide counseling throughout the State to help people who identify with this problem.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: You mentioned voluntary exclusions. Is that still, can someone still say I don't want to be allowed into a casino permanently? You didn't change that to make it a one- or two-year exclusion?

MR. MARTINO: We have always had a two-year and a lifetime ban. And in fact in Maryland, unlike a lot of states, when the, if you sign up for the two-year ban you don't automatically come off the list. You have to proactively apply. There are a couple of standards that you have to meet. You have to go through a problem gambling assessment. If no one, if someone signs up for the two-year ban and they don't take any action to pull their name off of the list then it becomes a de facto lifetime ban.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Mm-hmm.

MR. MARTINO: We have and are considering, because of some concerns that have been raised by the Attorney General's Office, of amending the regulation and removing the lifetime ban. But again, we're, I'm not nearly so concerned about that given the fact that we don't automatically expel people from

the list once the two years has run. They have to affirmatively ask to be taken off. So if you sign up and you don't ever take any action, then it is a lifetime ban.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay. Well once again, I, you have a very difficult job. Personally I happen to believe that the revenue we're talking about coming into the State which is so helpful to us with schools and kids and helping poor people, the vast, a significant chunk of it comes out of 100,000-plus addicts that we are developing through this sector. And these addicts quickly become bankrupt or involved in activities where they lose their jobs and lose their families, etcetera. So they have to be replenished. So each year the State is involved in, hey, we've got to get more people hooked on these machines in partnership with the casinos. And it's very sad. And I, you know, please put me down as someone that if, God, if someone comes in and says, "I want a lifetime ban," let him have a lifetime ban. I mean, for goodness' sakes. And obviously the research that you mentioned, I hope it's going on. I never hear even a peep of anybody doing any kind of real research into the downside of this activity. So --

MR. MARTINO: Well --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- thank you for doing what you are doing, I guess, in a professional way. I just continue to be personally appalled at the whole situation. Thank you, Governor. I'm happy to vote no on this, or however you want to --

TREASURER KOPP: Mr. Martino, let me, let me just say I share a lot of the Comptroller's concerns. But perhaps it would be worthwhile if your colleagues at the University and the Department of Health kept him informed about all of the research and work that's going on, if you have our office --

MR. MARTINO: I will make sure to facilitate information or a meeting with the research arm there at the, at the Center in the School of Medicine with the Comptroller and his office, and make sure that he is made aware --

TREASURER KOPP: Yes, I --

MR. MARTINO: -- and try to improve that communication.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Governor, I have one other quick item.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Sure.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Item 2 on the IT budget. Mr. Secretary, we're being asked here on Item 2 to approve a \$35 million contract modification to 73 master contracts with, I'm quoting from my background materials, providers of technology, hardware, and installation training services. The question is, the original contract that we approved two years ago was for \$57 million over 15 years. So why less than three years into the initial contract are we increasing the value of this contract by more than 60 percent? What, if you could maybe just summarize what are we buying for the \$35 million?

MR. URBAN: Certainly. The contract provides the ability for agencies to purchase all sorts of computer and electronic processing equipment. So there is a wide spectrum of IT equipment that is used via this contract. It's the primary contract vehicle we use for purchasing IT equipment. So we made an estimate of what we thought the use would be. Sometimes our contracts prove to be very fruitful and people enjoy the benefits of using those statewide master contracts. They are not mandatory use. So we make estimations of what we think the spending on IT would be and how much of that would be derived from this contract.

So what we have done in this modification is we have analyzed how much the contract has been used over the past, since its inception, and then we've taken the average use and then pushed that forward to develop the number for the contract modification. So it's, at first, again, we make an estimate and we think that's a solid estimate. But as it turns out the real world use of the contract by the agencies proved that we had insufficient approval of a ceiling on the contract and that is why we are asking for that ceiling to be raised.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Okay, thank you. Thank you, Governor. With the exception of that item, I'm happy to --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. What was that item?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Item 5.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Item 5. So the Agenda minus Item 5, the Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Treasurer. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The ayes have it. And now Item 5, the Governor moves approval, seconded by the Treasurer. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye." Aye.

TREASURER KOPP: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The Comptroller votes no.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. Department of Transportation. And Mr. Secretary, I know there have been some reports in the news lately and also in one of my favorite daily periodicals today about an assault on the Baltimore Metro Station and I know you have Chief Gavrilis here. I don't know if you want to do it before your Agenda?

MR. SMITH: We can do it --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Or --

MR. SMITH: -- whatever is your pleasure, we can do it before, it's no problem.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. Well the floor, the floor is yours. If you could just, if you could update us and thereby maybe the public and the media if they find this newsworthy to update on public safety strides and what we do to continuously make our subway safer.

MR. SMITH: Okay. We'd be happy to, Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller. Obviously safety and security is the number priority of the MTA. We were as disturbed by the video when it was shown on television as anyone else and we have made a yeoman's effort to contact the videographer. She has a place in Baltimore and a place in Atlanta, Georgia. We have been unable to contact, to reach her in Baltimore. We have asked the Police in Georgia to do a, go out to her home. We have responded to her Facebook but she has not responded back. But we have in addition to that, so we are trying to make contact with the person who did the video.

The gentleman who was assaulted has not made a complaint and so we don't know who he is. We have checked out our equipment and although contrary to the Washington Post's byline or headline, whatever, he couldn't be thrown from the train because we've checked all of the mechanical work on the car involved and the car, the door would not open wide enough. There is a fail safe feature to the door and when it's, when the car is moving you can't open the door wide enough to put a person out. So we have checked all of that.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: That's good.

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MR. SMITH: And so we --

TREASURER KOPP: That's --

MR. SMITH: -- we know where we are at least but we really don't know enough about the incident because we have been unable to identify any of the participants in the incident and they have not come forward. But Chief Gavrilis can give you some of the insights into what we do do for the protection of the public and frankly we do it pretty well.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Mr. Secretary, Governor, Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, we have taken this incident very serious like we take all crime on our system very serious and we do what we can to keep the public very safe. Just a point worth mentioning, our crime across our system, Governor, is down 33 percent year to date. Our crime on our Metro is down also with a decrease in assaults of 22 percent on our Metro system. And I attribute that to the daily patrols that our officers conduct on a very frequent basis, both by riding the trains and in their vehicles. We do have cameras in all our Metro stations. We prioritize those stations based on CompStat data and we utilize our monitors to be force multipliers, that when they recognize an incident may be brewing or a crime is occurring we do dispatch officers in real time effort.

Another significant strategy that we have that has really contributed to our reduction in crime is the MOUs we have with other police agencies. In the City we meet regularly and work with the Baltimore City Police

Department and the Baltimore City School Police so we can ensure that there is adequate deployment on our system in areas and at the times that we, that we need to.

In this specific incidence we have made every effort to identify the suspects. We put a hotline in place. We have received two tips from that hotline and we are running down those tips. As the Secretary said, we did identify the person who took that video. However, that person has not returned our calls. We have reached out to the Atlanta PD to do a knock on the door and see if they can get her attention.

We also, as you could see from the video, got some very good pictures of our suspects. So they will be put out in a BOLO to law enforcement only to be as a person of interest. And once we can get a complainant to come forward we will follow through with the State's Attorney and whatever charges are necessary they will be charged.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. Tell me about the part one again, the, especially I know what makes people very anxious are any, are the assault and the armed robberies. What are, what are, what's going on with them? What's the status?

CHIEF GAVRILIS: The, our serious crime is down. We have had no homicides, no shootings, no rapes. We have had one burglary, one stolen auto in our system. The majority of our crime is robberies and larcenies. Larcenies of

electronic devices plays a major role in our, in our crime. All the kids want the newest and the best phones and with the fact that everyone walks around and just carries the phone up in the air waiting to grab, it's a target. As far as robberies go, we have concentrated our efforts to solving those robberies because we feel the sooner we can take a criminal off the street that's one less criminal committing an act. Last year alone we had a 72 percent clearance rate in the number of robberies, and that's attributed to, in part, to our CCTV cameras and to the officers who responded to the scene and to the cooperation by allied agencies.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The robberies were what?

CHIEF GAVRILIS: We have cleared 72 percent of our robberies in 2013.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Mm-hmm.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: And that's based on CCTV cameras and --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And are they up or down?

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Robberies are down, sir.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: What percent?

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Robberies are down by -- give me one second, sir.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: No problem.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Our robberies are down 11 percent, sir.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: That's good.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Yes, sir.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Whenever you can get to double digits --

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Yes, sir.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- that's pretty good. And the CCTV, I've seen your operation up there at Mondawmin.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Mondawmin, yes sir.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Which is pretty impressive. And you have enough monitors on those?

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Sir, we could use more monitors. We have an average of two monitors per shift to monitor the cameras.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Mm-hmm.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: The cameras do have what's called smart software, so if the cameras detect unusual activity an alarm goes off and then the monitor is able to go to directly to that station. Sir, I do have a correction. Our robberies are actually down 34 percent. We had 47 robberies last year and 31 robberies this year to date.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Hm, that's real good.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Yes, sir.

TREASURER KOPP: Chief, could I, could I just suggest when you are throwing out the percentage decreases --

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Yes, ma'am?

TREASURER KOPP: -- you put in the actual numbers also, as you did?

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Yes, ma'am.

TREASURER KOPP: Because I think that's very, it's very encouraging.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: It's much fewer than the public might suspect.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: That's correct.

TREASURER KOPP: Yes. Yes.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: How many total again in the year?

CHIEF GAVRILIS: We had total 47 robberies in 2013, and 31 robberies in 2014, and all are based on year to date statistics.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Mm-hmm. And you are expanding the cameras to the trains themselves?

CHIEF GAVRILIS: That's right. Currently all trains have cameras on board. Fifty percent of those -- excuse me. Fifty percent of our Metro trains have cameras.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Mm-hmm.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Of those we are now working on new technology where we can have wireless transmission of those feeds into our PMF.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Rather than just recorded --

CHIEF GAVRILIS: That's correct.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Have you tried, have you, I guess you, you've probably done this already. Have you run the faces through the --

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Yes, through our dashboard.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Mm-hmm.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: And negative so far, sir.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Mm-hmm. Okay.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Could I ask a question?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Sure.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Yes, sir?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: So was there a camera on the train that the YouTube video was --

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Yes, there was. And we are researching to get that tape from the camera. Our tapes are only held for a 30-day period and in some trains only for a 72-hour period. Because we believe this occurred back in July it would not have been saved on the tape, sir. But we are going back into the data packs to see, just in case.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Now that's, I take it, out of concerns about privacy? Or is that technology?

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Technology, sir, and the amount of data that that one data pack can hold is the reason why there is a time limit on how long it can be held.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Well I'm, as you know, I really like the Governor's attention to public safety. And he is well known and well regarded on that. And I appreciate the statistics but that YouTube video has done more harm --

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Yes it has, sir.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: -- to the image of, you know, that system's safety than you can imagine. So anything that I can join the Governor with as far as getting those cameras working 24/7, and putting more alarm bells in the Command Center, because that was not a pretty sight.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: No sir, it was not.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And a lot of people watch it. It's not your fault. And I'm not saying you're not doing, making progress. It's just that saying to the public that crime is down, it's like are you kidding me? When they look at that. That was not someone pickpocketing a wallet.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: It looked like they all knew each other.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Maybe. But, you know, whatever. I'm sure it was --

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: As evidenced by the fact that nobody is coming forward.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Is that, yes, well, whatever. I like Governor O'Malley's toughness on crime and I hope that everybody jumps to and responds on this.

CHIEF GAVRILIS: Yes, sir. We have taken that very seriously, sir.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. Chief, thanks.

MR. SMITH: Okay, Governor, Madam Treasurer, and Mr. Comptroller. MDOT is presenting 12 items today for your consideration. Any questions, we'll be happy to respond.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Not for me.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: The Comptroller moves approval, seconded by the Treasurer. 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 now come to the Department of General Services. And I know Marvin Holmes, distinguished Chair of the Democratic Caucus is with us.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Really?

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Delegate, any, do you want to be heard on an item? Come on down. You've been so patient.

MR. THOMAS: Governor, I'd like to introduce that item, if you would.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay.

MR. THOMAS: Good morning, Governor, Madam Treasurer, and Comptroller. Bart Thomas, Deputy Secretary. I'm filling in for Secretary Collins who is out doing great service today. We have 30 items on our Agenda and for Item 17-CGL, which is the Board of Directors of the Cameron Grove Community Association, this is a grant of \$24,000 for the acquisition, construction, and capital equipping of a community safety and surveillance system located in Prince George's County. Delegate Jones is here along with Belva Nixon, the President of the Board, and Lanita Tyler [phonetic], the Vice President.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay.

DELEGATE HOLMES: Mr. Governor, Madam Treasurer, Mr. Comptroller, good morning to you all. I share with Mr. Comptroller a November birthday.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Oh, good.

DELEGATE HOLMES: However, mine is this year on Thanksgiving. So no turkey jokes, please.

(Laughter.)

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: I was born on Thanksgiving.

DELEGATE HOLMES: Oh, is that right? Obviously as discussed we are here on an item for cameras for Cameron Grove. And as discussed I have with me the President and Vice President, Ms. Nixon and Ms. Tyler of Cameron Grove. These cameras will be monitored 24/7. Particularly necessary as you may have recognized just recently, events that happened just across the street from this community at Six Flags. Six Flags is directly across the street from this community and I think that these surveillance cameras would significantly help both the citizens in Cameron Grove and the police force in notifying the necessary police immediately. I ask for your favorable vote on this and I will entertain any questions if you have any.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. Any questions?

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes, I served with Delegate Holmes. And he is now the Chair of the Democratic Caucus, which is pretty cool. Back when I served with him we were a couple of nobodies back in the back of the room. So congratulations, Marvin. It's great to see you.

DELEGATE HOLMES: Thank you very much. Thank you very much.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And I noticed we have Senator Forehand sitting who has joined us.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Hello, Senator.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: And she may want to comment on some other item. But both Delegate Holmes and Senator Forehand are two of the best in the General Assembly.

DELEGATE HOLMES: Thanks so much.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Senator Forehand, anything you wanted to share? Are you here on an item?

SENATOR FOREHAND: I'm just delighted to be here. I'm here for another reason this afternoon and I am retiring. When Ms. Cheryl Kagan is sworn into my seat I will be retiring after 36 years and it's been wonderful working with the three of you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Thank you, Senator.

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Thank you.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I'll be retiring with you.

(Laughter.)

(Applause.)

TREASURER KOPP: And Governor, I'm quite sure, Comptroller, that if we had handed the Senator a copy of the Agenda she would very strongly support Items 28 and 29 which are for Housing Unlimited in the Rockville area, two projects of, for which she took great interest as did former Delegate and her hand-picked successor Senator-Elect Kagan.

MR. THOMAS: Governor, we also have several other visitors with us today from the CGL Agenda. From the Lifestyles Homeless Center we have Sandy Washington. From the Phillips Wharf Environmental Center in Talbot County we have Kelley Phillips Cox and George Yurek. And then from the Woodmore South Community Association we have Beverly Boykin and Marie Fowler. And last, but not least, from the Wye River Upper Shore we have Tom Mendenhall. They visit us today to present their items and be here to watch the Board of Public Works in action.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: Okay. Anyone have any questions on those? Or did you all want to at least tell us what your item is? Who wants to go first? Anybody here from Wye? Or do you just want to be quiet and have us say yes so you can get home?

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: I don't blame you. Okay, all in favor -- the Comptroller moves approval --

COMPTROLLER FRANCHOT: Yes.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: -- seconded by the Treasurer. All in favor signal by saying, "Aye."

THE BOARD: Aye.

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: All opposed?

(No response.)

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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: And the ayes have it. Good call.

(Laughter.)

GOVERNOR O'MALLEY: What's the line, Jim, that all young warriors are taught? When they are going in your direction, shut your mouth.

(Laughter.)

(Whereupon, at 11:05 a.m., the meeting was concluded.)