

**FY 2016 Budget Questions—Dept. of Motor Vehicles**

1. DMV has a capital fund lifetime balance of \$442,802 for inspection station upgrades and secure credentialing.

- What is the current status of these projects and when does DMV expect to spend the remaining balance?

**Response:** Approximately \$170,000 will be used for the Inspection Station renovation which will carry over into FY16, and the remaining amount will be used this fiscal year for the secure credentialing project.

- Approximately \$2.1 of this balance is “committed.” What does this number represent?

**Response:** Currently, the Department of General Services is conducting a renovation project of the customer and employee areas of the Inspection Station using capital funds.

2. DMV has two new capital projects in the FY 2016 – FY 2021 Capital Improvements Plan: a new ticket processing system valued at \$5.5 million and a driver license and registration system valued at \$6 million.

- Previously, DMV had considered bringing its ticket-processing systems in-house after no bids were received on a new ticket processing contract. What has changed to ensure that DMV will be able to procure a new contract for a ticket processing system?

**Response:** Regardless of whether the ticket processing system is brought in-house or maintained by an external vendor, DMV requires capital funds to replace the current system which has been in use for 20 plus years. Based on a review by the Office of the Chief Technology Officer, it has been recommended that DMV rebid the solicitation to maintain an external system.

- According to the description of the Destiny Replacement Project, a new web-based system will “reduce the complexities of maintaining the multitude of software products and improve efficiency when making application software changes.” Please provide a more detailed response of the challenges of the current Destiny system and how a new system will address those challenges.

**Response:** The current licensing/registration system was developed in 2001 based on a client/server environment. Powerbuilder is the client/presentation

portion of the system and COBOL/DB2 are the server application/database portion of the system. In between the client and the server are a multitude of middleware products to support the functionality. Changes to the system, which resides on the mainframe, are complicated.

In today's world, the client/server approach and the products DMV uses for the application are somewhat obsolete and have become cost prohibitive to maintain. DMV desires to modernize the system with a web-based system, while continuing to use existing DC data storage and warehouses. A web-based system will allow DMV management to make certain system changes such as adding a new title brand to a drop-down menu.

3. The Mayor's FY 2016 budget proposes decreasing its Rental – Land and Structures Cost (CSG 32) by \$574,000 (from \$1.012 million in FY 2015 to \$438,000 in FY 2016).

- What costs within this CSG are being reduced and how will this affect the maintenance of DMV's service centers and other structures?

**Response:** The \$574,000 represents the rent for the Georgetown Service Center which was also included in the Department of General Services budget. Therefore, it was removed from DMV's budget.

- Are these reductions related to the \$828,000 reduction in Activity (1030) Property Management?

**Response:** The \$828,000 represents various fixed costs (i.e., rent, security, energy, etc) for the Georgetown Service Center which were also included in the Department of General Services' budget. Therefore, these costs were removed from DMV's budget.

4. Activity (1060) Legal Services, is receiving an increase of \$279,000 in FY 2016, over a zero funding level in FY 2014 and FY 2015 and is receiving an additional 2.0 FTEs.

- What will be the functions of these additional FTEs in the Legal Services Activity?

**Response:** Prior to October 1, 2014, the Office of the Attorney General provided DMV with legal counsel through the use of two positions which were physically located at DMV. Although these two positions were transferred to DMV's budget in FY15, they were not included in the FY15 budget originally

approved. Therefore, in FY16, the positions and the funding have been formally transferred into DMV's budget.

5. The Mayor's proposed FY 2016 budget proposes a \$2,584,000 decrease in intra-District funds, due primarily to an estimated reduction in the number of tickets issued for automated traffic enforcement.

- How, if at all, will this reduction impact the agencies operations?

**Response:** This will not have an impact on DMV agency operations since the ticket processing contract is based on the number of tickets issued. Therefore, a reduction in the estimated number of tickets issued for automated traffic enforcement should correlate to a reduction (\$2.3 million for FY16) in the amount of intra-district funds from the Metropolitan Police Department to DMV.

6. DMV's budget is decreasing by \$2,204,000 for Contractual Services—Other (CSG 41).

- What is the reason for this decrease in funding?

**Response:** The MPD ticket processing intra-district reduction of \$2.3 million is included in this line item.

7. The Mayor's FY 2016 budget proposes a reduction of \$119,000 in Vehicle Inspections Activity (3010). What accounts for this decrease in inspections funding?

**Response:** Although Inspection Station revenue fluctuates each year based on the number of vehicles inspected and the fact that most inspections occur every two years, the reduction was basically due to reduced emission equipment maintenance costs.

8. Licensing services (4010) are proposed to increase by \$581,000 in FY 2016. What accounts for this enhancement?

**Response:** The increase is due to increases in the new licensing/registration contract, personnel services increases as indicated by the Current Services Funding Level (CSFL) and agency step increases.