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Maintenance Work Project

In agreement with the State Budget Office (SBO), MDOT will pursue work project status for funds available at year end in the State Trunkline Operations appropriation line. Funds available after all ongoing operations have been accounted for will be carried forward into the next fiscal year to allow for one-time work authorizations. This carryforward would allow MDOT to further enhance the most efficient use of its funds. At times, the current practice may require Contracted Counties to rush through bids to third party contractors due to inclement weather or other operational needs, or to deploy staff from other planned work to meet the needs of MDOT under time constraints that could lead to increased costs. Establishment of work projects provide proper oversight of the funds and the flexibility to perform the work within reasonable seasonal limitations beyond the state's fiscal year, which ends September 30.

MDOT will establish the amount of the work project to be requested. The requested work project amount will be subject to the availability of the funds after year-end closing activities have been concluded, and the use of the work project funds will follow MDOT's existing process of prioritization.

This solution applies only to non-routine maintenance activities and projects; it is not intended or allowed for routine maintenance activities. These funds must be utilized only for projects with specific scopes, timeframes, and budgeted amounts. Project allocations will be at the discretion of MDOT, who will determine the amount and where to deploy the funds, if any. It is also the intention that these funds be utilized before the end of the calendar year. All final costs must be submitted within the next regular billing cycle; however, in no case, later than the January billing cycle to be eligible for reimbursement.