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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
MEETING SUMMARY
June 24, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

President Thibodeau called the June 24, 2015 meeting of the Legislative Council to order at 2:41 p.m. in the Legislative Council Chamber.

ROLL CALL

Senators: President Thibodeau, Senator Mason, Senator Cushing, Senator Alfond and Senator Hill

Representatives: Speaker Eves, Representative McCabe, Representative Gideon, Representative Fredette and Representative Espling

Legislative Officers: Heather Priest, Secretary of the Senate
Robert Hunt, Clerk of the House
Grant T. Pennoyer, Executive Director of the Legislative Council
Dawna Lopatosky, Legislative Finance Director
Jackie Little, Human Resources Director
Marion Hylan Barr, Director, Office of Policy and Legal Analysis
Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review
Ed Charbonneau, Deputy Director, Revisor of Statutes
John Barden, Director, Law and Legislative Reference Library
Kevin Dieterich, Director, Legislative Information Technology
Beth Ashcroft, Director, Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability

President Thibodeau convened the meeting at 2:41 p.m. with a quorum of members present.

SUMMARY OF MARCH 26, 2015 MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Motion: That the Meeting Summary for March 26, 2015 be accepted and placed on file. Motion by Senator Cushing. Second by Speaker Eves. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COUNCIL OFFICES

Executive Director's Report

Grant Pennoyer, Executive Director, reported on the following:

1. Law and Legislative Reference Library Wins Award for its Digital Library

Mr. Pennoyer announced that the rapidly-growing Law and Legislative Digital Library project has been awarded the 2015 Innovations in Technology Award by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). The Innovations in Technology Award was established in 2009 to recognize an AALL member for their innovative use of technology in the development and creation of an application or resource for law librarians or legal professionals. The award carries a \$500 cash prize and will be formally given at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries, held this year in Philadelphia, July 18th to the 21st.

2. Update on Paint Issues on State House Dome

Some initial paint removal from the areas of new copper on the State House dome began last month. That work will resume again during the last two weeks of June. Some testing is in process to assure that reapplication of the paint to the new copper will adhere properly this time. Painting is planned for the middle of July.

3. Liberty Bell Replica Safety Support

Mr. Pennoyer reported that the wooden yoke supporting Maine's replica of the Liberty Bell shows significant deterioration from exposure to Maine's weather. The replicas were given to each State in 1950. Working with the Division of Risk Management and the Department of Transportation, an unobtrusive emergency support was fabricated and installed underneath the bell to avoid risk of damage or injury should the yoke fail.

4. Update on Living Memorial from the Summit Display

At its January 8th meeting, the Legislative Council approved Rep. Golden's request to display the Living Memorial from the Summit in the Hall of Flags. The display was finally set up in the Hall of Flags on Memorial Day and was removed last weekend.

Fiscal Report

Chris Nolan, Director, Office of Fiscal and Program Review, reported on the following:

General Fund Revenue Update

Total General Fund Revenue - FY2015 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
May	\$238.4	\$233.3	(\$5.1)	-2.1%	\$233.5	-0.1%
FYTD	\$2,782.8	\$2,783.4	\$0.6	0.0%	\$2,605.1	6.8%

General Fund revenue was under budget by \$5.1 million (2.1%) for May and over budget for the fiscal year through May by \$0.6 million (0.0%). Individual income tax revenue was \$8.5 million over budget for the month and \$8.8 million over budget for the fiscal year to date. Final

payments for the 2014 tax year were over budget by \$1.8 million and refunds were under budget by \$7.8 million. Sales and use tax revenue was under budget by \$3.0 million, however, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services' May Revenue Report indicated \$3.8 million of Maine sales tax revenue was mistakenly deposited to another state's account and will be reflected in June's revenue. Total taxable sales for the month of April (May revenue) were 4.5% higher than April 2014.

Highway Fund Revenue Update

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY 2015 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
May	\$27.0	\$26.9	(\$0.1)	-0.3%	\$27.3	-1.7%
FYTD	\$271.6	\$275.9	\$4.2	1.6%	\$271.3	1.7%

Highway Fund revenue was under budget by \$0.1 million (0.3%) in May and over budget by \$4.2 million (1.6%) for the fiscal year through May. Fuel taxes were over budget by \$0.5 million in May and by \$2.1 million for the fiscal year through May. Registration fees were slightly under budget for the month of May but were \$2.2 million over budget for the fiscal year through May.

Cash Balances Update

The average balance in the cash pool in May increased to \$737.3 million from \$628.9 million in April. The average balance for May was well above both last year's average for May of \$555.0 million and the ten-year average for May of \$584.7million.

Senator Cushing expressed his appreciation to the staff of the Office of Fiscal and Program Review for all of their hard work in this budget process. President Thibodeau concurred and extended the Council's appreciation for all of the legislative employees work this session.

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. Personnel Committee

Speaker Eves, Chair of the Personnel Committee, reported that the Personnel Committee held a meeting on June 24th to consider the following matters:

1. Reorganization of Legislative Information Technology

The committee considered a request to reorganize the Office of Legislative Information Technology. The committee approved the plan as proposed.

Motion: That upon the unanimous recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Legislative Council adopt the Human Resource Director's proposed reorganization of the Office of Legislative Information Technology to strengthen employee recruitment and retention and create an organizational structure that better supports efficient operations and effective communication. This reorganization includes reclassifying four positions and revising position descriptions; further that the 2016-2017 baseline budget for the Legislative account includes sufficient funds to implement the reorganization as a result of recent staff transitions and hiring decisions; and further that the HR Director work with the Executive Director to implement the reorganization plan. Motion by Speaker Eves.

Second by Senator Cushing. **Motion passed unanimous (9-0, with Representative Fredette absent).**

Speaker Eves expressed his appreciation to all those involved in reorganization process for LIT, which is a continuation of the reorganizational work of the Legislative offices begun previously by the Personnel Committee.

2. Approach to Collective Bargaining and Personnel Policy Update

Mr. Pennoyer and Ms. Little reviewed the processes for collective bargaining and updating the personnel policies with the committee. No action was required.

3. Request for Temporary Disability Benefit for a Partisan Staff Employee

The committee considered a request by the legislative employee for temporary disability income benefits. The request was consistent with the provisions for temporary disability income benefits under the Legislative Council's personnel policies and guidelines. Upon the recommendation of the Executive Director, the committee voted unanimously to approve the request. No Legislative Council action is required.

2. State House Facilities Committee

Senator Mason, Chair of the State House Facilities Committee, reported that the State House Facilities Committee, met on Wednesday, April 8th and again on Wednesday, May 6th to consider the following items.

1. Review of the Security Screening Policy

The committee reviewed a proposed revision to the security policy after discussions with the Executive Director and the Chief of Capitol Police. The revisions include:

- Allowing those with regular business in the State House to apply for access cards;
- Charging a fee for priority screening for those with regular business in the State House; and
- Authorizing random checks and heightened security on certain days.

The subcommittee is recommending acceptance of the revised policy with the revisions taking effect for the receiving of applications beginning September 1, 2015 for the 2nd Regular Session.

2. Review of Bidding Process for State House Projects

The committee discussed the adoption of the *Legislative Council Policy on Procurement Guidelines for State House Facilities Capital Improvement Projects*. It was proposed to add to the policy an RFP process for the architect and the construction manager positions for the Legislature for five-year periods. It was further suggested to tentatively start the bidding process for these positions this coming December. The committee decided to continue its review before any decisions are made and this matter was tabled.

3. Review of Draft State House Portrait Policy

The committee reviewed a proposed *Legislative Council Policy on the Maine State House Portrait Collection* after discussions with Maine State Museum Director Fishman. The committee is recommending acceptance of this new policy that covers the care and preservation

of the collection and a process for accepting non-gubernatorial portraits into the collection. A revised draft after the May 6th meeting was circulated to make some technical corrections and to remove a section regarding a commissioning process for gubernatorial portraits. The revised draft was approved by ballot.

4. Relocation of the Robert Indiana Painting

Mr. Pennoyer along with Julie Richard, Executive Director of the Maine Arts Commission, explained that the Robert Indiana painting, *First State*, was moved to the Cross Office Building from the State House without the artist's full consent as is required by the contract made between the artist and the State of Maine. A discussion was held regarding the possible locations in the State House for this painting to be relocated based on the consent of the artist or artist's representative. The committee decided to recommend relocation of the painting to the State House above the door of room 228, the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee room, or above the staircase beside room 228.

At the committee's May meeting, the Maine Arts Commission reported that it has received approval from the authorized representative of the Robert Indiana painting for the new location in the State House above the door of room 228.

5. Relocation of the LIO office and the Legislative Conference Room and redesign of the security screening

The committee considered a proposal to switch the locations of the Legislative Information Office and the Legislative Conference Room. This proposal is intended to make the Legislative Information Office more accessible to visitors to the State House, to address some work environment issues for the Kiosk staff person and open up the main entrance lobby to enhance security screen processing with 2 lanes of screening. The committee discussed this matter and Senate representatives are planning on scheduling a visit to see the space under discussion soon. The committee would also like to see a drawing that better represents the proposed redesign of the security screening. This item was tabled by the committee.

6. Updates from the Executive Director

Mr. Pennoyer reported to the committee on the following items:

- Repairing the paint on the new copper that peeled off will take place soon.
- The support structure for the Liberty Bell is deteriorating and will need to be repaired soon.
- One of the granite posts leading into the original entrance of Capitol Park was knocked over during the winter and should be restored according to Maine State Historian Earle Shettleworth.
- The *Maine State House & Grounds 2015 through 2019 Multi-Year Plan for Maintenance & Improvements* is nearing completion and will be distributed to the committee for its review.
- The Executive Director is working with the Maine Arts Commission on the copper reuse large art piece project. Other plans for the copper include saving a portion to be used as mementos and offering various sizes for sale.

7. Floor Plan Room Number Inconsistencies

Mr. Penoyer brought members' attention to various room number inconsistencies that currently exist within the State House. Mr. Penoyer requested permission to correct these inconsistencies. The committee unanimously recommended authorizing the Executive Director to correct room number inconsistencies within the State House.

8. New Business

Senator Alford requested that legislator parking and handicapped parking be added as new business for the committee's next meeting.

3. **Legislative Budget Subcommittee**

President Thibodeau, Chair of the Legislative Budget Subcommittee, reported that the Legislative Budget Subcommittee initially met on Wednesday, April 15th to review the tentative consolidated budget request for the fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17. At that initial meeting, the Legislative Finance Director, Dawna Lopatosky, presented the materials compiled to explain the Legislature's tentative budget submission for the 2016-2017 biennium. Members discussed the tentative budget and made no recommendation at this initial meeting.

The subcommittee met again three more times on April 23rd, May 7th and finally on May 27th to discuss specific budget items that included the dues for the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Council of State Governments (CSG), the Citizen Trade Policy Commission and potential new funding for the Commission on Uniform State Laws. Some alternative proposals were discussed to fund these items without increasing the overall legislative budget. The subcommittee also considered potential savings from limitations on legislator mailings.

At the final meeting, May 27th, the subcommittee further discussed savings ideas related to legislator mailings, but ultimately decided not to adopt any of the ideas. The subcommittee concluded its meeting with a recommendation for the Legislative Council to accept the consolidated Legislative Budget as included in the Governor's proposed 2016-2017 biennial budget with the following adjustments:

- Deappropriate \$10,000 annually in each year of the upcoming biennium from the Commission on Interstate Cooperation that provides funding for dues to the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments, a \$5,000 reduction in funding from each organization, and appropriate \$10,000 annually to provide funding for the Commission on Uniform State Laws; and
- Require the Citizen Trade Policy Commission to seek approval from the Legislative Council to meet more than 5 times annually.

The subcommittee's recommendations were approved by the Legislative Council by ballot.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1: Legislative Council Actions Taken by Ballot Since the March 26, 2015 Meeting

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

- LR 1943 An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue for Maine's Community Colleges
- Submitted by: Representative Kenneth Fredette
 Approved: April 1, 2015 Vote: 9-1 in favor (with Rep. Espling opposed)
- LR 1999 An Act Concerning Eligibility for Membership on the Auburn Sewerage District Board of Trustees
- Submitted by: Senator Eric Brakey
 Approved: April 14, 2015 Vote: 10-0 in favor
- LR 2000 Joint Resolution Memorializing the President of the United States and the United States Congress to Require Expansion of Fish Hatchery Operations
- Submitted by: Representative Walter Kumiega
 Approved: April 21, 2015 Vote: 7-3 in favor (with Sen. Thibodeau, Sen. Mason and Rep. Fredette opposed)
- LR 2001 Joint Resolution Memorializing the United States Congress to Recognize the Need for Federal Reform in the Asylum Application Process
- Submitted by: Representative Peter Stuckey
 Approved: April 21, 2015 Vote: 7-3 in favor (with Sen. Thibodeau, Sen. Mason and Rep. Fredette opposed)
- LR 1955 An Act to Allow a Student Who Resides in a Municipality without a High School and Attends a Private School that Does Not Offer Athletics to Participate in Athletics at a Public School
- Submitted by: Senator David Miramant
 Approved: May 6, 2015 Vote: 8-2 in favor (with Rep. Fredette and Rep. Espling opposed)
- LR 1997 An Act to Expand Access to Workforce Development at Base Redevelopment Locations
- Submitted by: Senator Stanley Gerzofsky
 Approved: May 6, 2015 Vote: 8-2 in favor (with Rep. Fredette and Rep. Espling opposed)
- LR 2005 An Act to Allow a Victim of a Crime to be Represented by an Attorney at a Sentencing Hearing
- Submitted by: Representative Erin Herbig
 Approved: May 6, 2015 Vote: 9-1 in favor (with Rep. Espling opposed)
- LR 2024 An Act to Allow Interstate Shellfish Depuration
- Submitted by: Representative Roberta Beavers
 Approved: May 6, 2015 Vote: 10-0 in favor

LR 2013 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 21: Statewide Standards for Timber Harvesting and Related Activities in Shoreland Areas, a Late-filed Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Forestry

Submitted by: Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry
Approved: May 6, 2015 Vote: 10-0 in favor

LR 2041 An Act to Allow Hunters Whose Religion Prohibits Wearing Orange Clothing to Instead Wear Red

Submitted by: Senator Michael Thibodeau
Approved: May 12, 2015 Vote: 10-0 in favor

LR 2078 Resolve, Reauthorizing the Balance of the 2009 Bond Issue for an Off-shore Wind Energy Demonstration Project

Submitted by: Senator James Hamper
Approved: June 11, 2015 Vote: 9-1 in favor (with Rep. Espling opposed)

Legislative Council Decision:

That the Legislative Council accept the legislative budget proposed in Part A of LD 1019 (Governor’s proposed 2016-2017 biennial budget) and LD 1080 (Governor’s proposed 2016-2017 Highway Fund biennial budget) with the following adjustments:

- Deappropriate \$10,000 annually in each year of the upcoming biennium from the Commission on Interstate Cooperation that provides funding for dues to the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments, a \$5,000 reduction in funding from each organization, and appropriate \$10,000 annually to provide funding for the Commission on Uniform State Laws; and
- Require the Citizen Trade Policy Commission to seek approval from the Legislative Council to meet more than 5 times annually.

And further, that the Legislative Council direct the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting this decision of the Legislative Council to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on behalf of the Legislative Council for inclusion in the committee amendment to the Governor’s budget bill, LD 1019.

Motion by: President Thibodeau Second by: Speaker Eves
Approved: May 29, 2015 Vote: 10-0 in favor

NEW BUSINESS

Item #1: Consideration of After Deadline Bill Requests / Addendum

The Legislative Council considered and voted on the bill requests in accordance with the established protocol. Of the 13 bill requests, the council authorized 1 request for introduction in the 1st Regular Session of the 127th Legislature, and the council took no action on 8 requests and on 4 previously tabled requests. Of the 3 joint resolutions, the council took no action on them. The Legislative Council’s actions on the requests are included on the attached list.

Item #2: Acceptance of the amended *Legislative Council Policy on Security Screening Protocols for the Maine State House*

Senator Mason previously addressed this item during the State House Facilities Committee report.

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the *Legislative Council Policy on Security Screening Protocols for the Maine State House* as revised, with the revisions taking effect for the purpose of receiving applications beginning September 1, 2015 for the 2nd Regular Session. Motion by Senator Mason. Second by Representative McCabe. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #3: Acceptance of the *Legislative Council Policy on the Maine State House Portrait Collection*

Senator Mason previously addressed this item during the State House Facilities Committee report.

Motion: That the Legislative Council adopt the proposed *Legislative Council Policy on the Maine State House Portrait Collection*. Motion by Senator Mason. Second by Senator Alfond. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #4: Relocation of the Robert Indiana Painting, *First State*

Senator Mason previously addressed this item during the State House Facilities Committee report.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorize and direct the relocation of the Robert Indiana Painting, *First State*, from the Cross Building Legislative floor to the State House to be placed on permanent exhibit to the public and located in the hallway above the door of room 228, the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee room. The relocation of the painting has received the approval from the artist's representative in accordance with the terms of deed of gift between the artist and the State of Maine. Motion by Senator Mason. Second by Representative McCabe. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

Item #5: Consideration of Legislative Study Requests

The Legislative Council voted to approve the suggested protocol found in the council packet (Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by Representative McCabe. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0)**) and proceeded to consider and decide the requests for studies.

Fourteen (14) legislative study requests were reviewed and decided by the Legislative Council. The decisions of the Legislative Council are attached.

Item #6: Consideration of the Legislative carrying balance to offset the appropriations for the OPEGA Tax Expenditure Review included in LD 941

Speaker Eves proposed the following motion.

Motion: That the Legislative Council authorize legislative budget adjustments that total \$406,164 to be implemented by lapsing unspent balances in legislative accounts to the General Fund with \$168,884 lapsing no later than June 30, 2016 from OPEGA and \$237,280 no later than June 30, 2017 from various accounts of the Legislature to be

determined, and further, that the Legislative Council direct the Executive Director to prepare and submit implementing language reflecting this decision of the Legislative Council to the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs on behalf of the Legislative Council for inclusion as an offset to the appropriations in LD 941, An Act To Improve Tax Expenditure Transparency and Accountability. Motion by Speaker Eves. Second by Representative Gideon. **Motion passed unanimous (10-0).**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMARKS

President Thibodeau announced that the next meeting of the Legislative Council is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2015.

With no other business to consider or further announcements, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

**127th Maine State Legislature
Legislative Council Action Taken on
Requests to Introduce Legislation
First Regular Session
As of: 6/24/2015**

AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

SPONSOR: Rep. Lydia Blume

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2058	An Act To Prohibit Activities That Cause Irreparable Damage in the Shoreland Zone until Final Resolution of Appeal Process	No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Benjamin M. Chipman

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2070	An Act To Avoid the Loss of Revenue to the State	No Action Taken
2073	An Act To Allow a Municipality To Restrict How Close to a Daycare Facility a Convicted Sex Offender May Live	No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Sen. David E. Dutremble

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2048	An Act To Permit Law Enforcement Personnel To Acknowledge an Ongoing Criminal Investigation	No Action Taken
2049	An Act To Establish Residency Restrictions for Sex Offenders	No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Stacey K. Guerin

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2046	An Act Regarding the Qualifications for a Military Law Enforcement Officer To Serve as a Law Enforcement Officer in This State	No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Sen. Earle L. McCormick

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2086	An Act To Make Technical Changes to Recently Enacted Legislation	PASSED

SPONSOR: Rep. Catherine M. Nadeau

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2034	An Act To Include Law Enforcement in the Bureau of Motor Vehicles in the Special Plan for Retirement	No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Diane M. Russell

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2044	Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study the Scientific Evidence and Best Practices Regarding Drivers Impaired by Opiates, Prescription Drugs and Marijuana	No Action Taken

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

SPONSOR: Sen. Amy F. Volk

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
2074	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE TRADE ACT OF 2015 AND THE NEED FOR GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY, TRANSPARENCY AND CONSULTATION IN THE PROCESS USED TO NEGOTIATE AND APPROVE INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENTS	No Action Taken

TABLED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AFTER DEADLINE BILL REQUESTS

SPONSOR: Sen. Scott W. Cyrway

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1971	An Act To Prohibit the Sale of Powdered Alcohol	Tabled 03/26/15 No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Kenneth W. Fredette

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1939	An Act To Create Fairness with Regard to Pay for State Employees	Tabled 03/26/15 No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Sen. Christopher K. Johnson

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1958	An Act To Ensure the Proportional Offset against Social Security Retirement Benefits of Workers' Compensation Awards	Tabled 03/26/15 No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Heather W. Sirocki

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1929	An Act To Require Lobbyists To Be Sworn in When Registering as Lobbyists	Tabled 02/26/15 No Action Taken

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

SPONSOR: Rep. Justin Mark Chenette

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
162	JOINT RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO RECONSIDER ITS LIFETIME DEFERRAL ON BLOOD DONATION BY GAY MEN	Tabled 01/29/15 No Action Taken

SPONSOR: Rep. Stanley Byron Short, Jr.

<u>LR #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Action</u>
1935	JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RATIFY TRADE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND ARE FAIR	Tabled 03/26/15 No Action Taken

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACTION ON
REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 127th LEGISLATURE
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		Action:
SP 533	Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee	PASSED
LD 144	Task Force to Study State and Federal Laws Regarding Online Privacy and Data Security to Develop Ways to Further Protect Consumers from Identity Theft and Fraud	FAILED
LD 155	Commission to Study Difficult-to-place Patients	PASSED
LD 500	Working Group to Develop Solutions to Meet the Needs for Municipal Volunteer Personnel	PASSED
LD 665	Commission to Study Services Available on the Long-term Care Continuum	FAILED HHS Committee – Interim Mtg. Review
LD 721	Commission to Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine's Veterans	PASSED
LD 902	Commission to Study Parking for Persons with Physical Disabilities	FAILED TRA Committee – Interim Mtg. Review
LD 1019 Pt HHHH	Commission to Study the Public Reserved Lands Management Fund	PASSED
LD 1042	Task Force on School Leadership	PASSED
LD 1061	Commission to Study a Stable Continuum of Care for Persons With Intellectual Disabilities and Autism	FAILED HHS Committee – Interim Mtg. Review
LD 1019 Pt A-46, Pt DDD	Commission to End Student Hunger (Title 5 permanent commission)	PASSED
LD 905	Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services Study of Allocations of the Fund for a Healthy Maine	PASSED
LD 706	Commission to Study Transportation Funding Reform	FAILED

LD 1406

Task Force to Study College Attainment and Degree
Completion Goals

FAILED
EDU Committee
– Interim Mtg.
Review

Fiscal Briefing

Legislative Council Meeting – August 27, 2015

Prepared by the Office of Fiscal & Program Review

1. General Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total General Fund Revenue - FY2016 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
July	\$233.1	\$246.3	\$13.2	5.7%	\$218.2	12.9%
FYTD	\$233.1	\$246.3	\$13.2	5.7%	\$218.2	12.9%

General Fund revenue was over budget by \$13.2 million (5.7%) for the first month of fiscal year 2016. Individual income tax revenue was \$2.9 million under budget for the month of July. Sales and use tax revenue was over budget by \$3.0 million, indicating strong sales for June. Corporate income taxes were \$1.2 million over budget continuing their strong performance from June. Cigarette and tobacco taxes were \$3.4 million over budget for July. Various revenue transfer lines from the General Fund to other funds were under budget for July, contributing to the positive General Fund July variance. These transfer line variances are most likely timing issues within the fiscal year.

2. Highway Fund Revenue Update (see attached)

Total Highway Fund Revenue - FY2016 (\$'s in Millions)						
	Budget	Actual	Var.	% Var.	Prior Year	% Growth
July	\$29.4	\$29.1	(\$0.3)	-1.0%	\$28.5	2.2%
FYTD	\$29.4	\$29.1	(\$0.3)	-1.0%	\$28.5	2.2%

Highway Fund revenue was under budget by \$0.3 million (1.0%) in July. Most of the variance occurred within Fuel tax revenues, which were under budget by \$0.5 million for the month. This could be a timing issue between months as the last day of July (the date special fuel taxes are due) was a Friday. Motor vehicle registration and fees revenue was over budget for the month of July by \$0.4 million led by registration and title fees.

3. Cash Balances Update

The average total cash pool balance for July was \$818.5 million, an increase from June's average balance and significantly higher than both last July and the 10-year average balance for July. There was no General Fund internal borrowing from other funds in July – the first time in the nine years that the State has been doing internal borrowing that it was not necessary. The average Highway Fund balance for July increased over June's average and was higher than last July's balance.

4. FY 2015 Year-End Cascade Transfers

The FY 2015 closing General Fund balance totaled \$59.1 million, \$33.5 million of which was unbudgeted. The \$33.5 million not budgeted included the \$30.4 million General Fund revenue surplus and \$3.7 in unbudgeted lapsed program balances that were partially offset by \$0.5 million in other accounting adjustments. Under PL 2015 c. 267 (the 2016-2017 Biennial Budget), Section L-8 amended the distribution rules for the year-end "cascade" of funds from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund, so that after all fixed dollar transfers were distributed; 80% (\$23.9 million) was distributed to the Maine Budget Stabilization Fund and 20% (\$6.0 million) was distributed to the Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents. The table below summarizes the sources and uses of FY 2015 uncommitted funds.

FY 2015 General Fund Year-End Summary

Sources of General Fund Year-end Surplus:		
General Fund Revenue Variance		\$30,413,101
Unbudgeted Lapsed Balances		\$3,671,098
Other Accounting Adjustments Increasing (Decreasing) Balance		(\$536,371)
Total Increase in Uncommitted Unappropriated Surplus		<u>\$33,547,828</u>
Uses of General Fund Year-end Surplus:		
Fixed Dollar Transfers		
Replenish Contingent Account up to \$350,000 (5 MRSA §1507)		(\$230,129)
Transfer to Loan Insurance Reserve up to \$1,000,000 (5 MRSA §1511)		(\$1,000,000)
Transfer to General Fund Operating Capital (5 MRSA §1536)		(\$2,500,000)
Percentage Transfers of Remaining Surplus after Fixed Dollar Transfers		
Maine Budget Stabilization Fund	80.0%	(\$23,854,159)
Tax Relief Fund for Maine Residents	20.0%	(\$5,963,540)
Total Closing Transfers		<u>(\$33,547,828)</u>

The Highway Fund also has a statutory year-end transfer provision that transfers all but \$100,000 of the increase in the unallocated surplus above the budgeted amount to the Department of Transportation for highway and bridge improvement projects in the next fiscal year. The amounts that transferred and are available in FY 2016 are \$10.9 million. In addition to a \$6.8 million revenue surplus, unexpended Highway Fund allocations that lapsed back to the unallocated surplus totaled \$4.5 million and other net accounting adjustments equaled \$0.4 million.

FY 2015 Highway Fund Year-End Summary

Sources of Highway Fund Year-end Surplus:		
Highway Fund Revenue Variance		\$6,845,817
Unbudgeted Lapsed Balances		\$4,538,623
Other Accounting Adjustments Increasing (Decreasing) Balance		\$378,378
Total Increase in Uncommitted Unallocated Surplus		<u>\$11,762,818</u>
Uses of Highway Fund Year-end Surplus:		
Budgeted Balance Forward		\$715,038
Required Increase to Budgeted Balance		\$100,000
Net Unallocated Transferred to Transportation		<u>\$10,947,780</u>

**General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 (FY 2016)**

July 2015 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	July '15		July '15		Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2016 Budgeted Totals	
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance		Variance %
Sales and Use Tax	118,144,628	121,092,106	2,947,478		118,144,628	121,092,106	2,947,478	2.5%	-89.1%
Service Provider Tax	5,137,495	3,798,787	(1,338,708)		5,137,495	3,798,787	(1,338,708)	-26.1%	-92.4%
Individual Income Tax	105,450,000	102,575,979	(2,874,021)		105,450,000	102,575,979	(2,874,021)	-2.7%	-92.7%
Corporate Income Tax	(10,500,000)	(9,270,079)	1,229,921		(10,500,000)	(9,270,079)	1,229,921	11.7%	-105.1%
Cigarette and Tobacco Tax	13,018,509	16,397,430	3,378,921		13,018,509	16,397,430	3,378,921	26.0%	-88.0%
Insurance Companies Tax	214,510	151,826	(62,684)		214,510	151,826	(62,684)	-29.2%	-99.8%
Estate Tax	2,363,908	1,656,990	(706,918)		2,363,908	1,656,990	(706,918)	-29.9%	-93.1%
Other Taxes and Fees *	10,118,040	10,597,724	479,684		10,118,040	10,597,724	479,684	4.7%	-91.9%
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	1,996,575	1,683,191	(313,384)		1,996,575	1,683,191	(313,384)	-15.7%	-92.8%
Income from Investments	0	0	0		0	0	0	N/A	-100.0%
Transfer from Lottery Commission	4,787,368	3,956,155	(831,213)		4,787,368	3,956,155	(831,213)	-17.4%	-92.4%
Transfers to Tax Relief Programs *	(39,933)	361,189	401,122		(39,933)	361,189	401,122	1004.5%	100.6%
Transfers for Municipal Revenue Sharing	(9,227,469)	(9,227,468)	1		(9,227,469)	(9,227,468)	1	0.0%	86.0%
Other Revenue *	(8,376,061)	2,533,679	10,909,740		(8,376,061)	2,533,679	10,909,740	130.2%	-95.0%
Totals	233,087,570	246,307,509	13,219,939		233,087,570	246,307,509	13,219,939	5.7%	-92.1%

* Additional detail by subcategory for these categories is presented on the following page.

**General Fund Revenue
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 (FY 2016)**

July 2015 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	July '15		July '15		Fiscal Year-To-Date			% Change		FY 2016 Budgeted Totals
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance	%	Year	
Detail of Other Taxes and Fees:										
- Property Tax - Unorganized Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	-100.0%	14,225,984
- Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,368,503	1,468,853	1,468,853	100,350	1,368,503	1,468,853	100,350	7.3%	-86.3%	15,697,389
- Liquor Taxes and Fees	1,730,780	2,332,844	2,332,844	602,064	1,730,780	2,332,844	602,064	34.8%	-89.2%	21,214,918
- Corporation Fees and Licenses	523,798	466,253	466,253	(57,546)	523,798	466,253	(57,546)	-11.0%	-95.0%	9,088,649
- Telecommunication Excise Tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	-100.0%	7,500,000
- Finance Industry Fees	2,195,991	2,225,350	2,225,350	29,359	2,195,991	2,225,350	29,359	1.3%	-91.8%	26,851,990
- Milk Handling Fee	253,451	326,639	326,639	73,188	253,451	326,639	73,188	28.9%	-70.3%	3,041,412
- Racino Revenue	856,917	910,586	910,586	53,669	856,917	910,586	53,669	6.3%	-89.5%	9,119,142
- Boat, ATV and Snowmobile Fees	543,909	543,444	543,444	(465)	543,909	543,444	(465)	-0.1%	-87.4%	4,523,561
- Hunting and Fishing License Fees	1,911,498	1,689,246	1,689,246	(222,252)	1,911,498	1,689,246	(222,252)	-11.6%	-89.4%	15,817,842
- Other Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	733,193	634,510	634,510	(98,683)	733,193	634,510	(98,683)	-13.5%	-94.7%	11,157,825
Subtotal - Other Taxes and Fees	10,118,040	10,597,724	10,597,724	479,684	10,118,040	10,597,724	479,684	4.7%	-91.9%	138,238,712
Detail of Other Revenue:										
- Liquor Sales and Operations	2,988	1,800	1,800	(1,188)	2,988	1,800	(1,188)	-39.8%	-100.0%	9,667,500
- Targeted Case Management (DHHS)	328,503	188,345	188,345	(140,158)	328,503	188,345	(140,158)	-42.7%	-90.6%	2,560,000
- State Cost Allocation Program	1,543,220	1,653,258	1,653,258	110,038	1,543,220	1,653,258	110,038	7.1%	-91.2%	18,296,832
- Unclaimed Property Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	-100.0%	7,000,000
- Tourism Transfer	(8,147,985)	0	8,147,985	(8,147,985)	(8,147,985)	0	8,147,985	100.0%	100.0%	(12,854,128)
- Transfer to Maine Milk Pool	0	(1,554,113)	(1,554,113)	(1,554,113)	0	(1,554,113)	(1,554,113)	N/A	N/A	(8,608,828)
- Transfer to STAR Transportation Fund	(4,608,262)	0	4,608,262	(4,608,262)	(4,608,262)	0	4,608,262	100.0%	100.0%	(6,800,000)
- Other Miscellaneous Revenue	2,505,475	2,244,389	2,244,389	(261,086)	2,505,475	2,244,389	(261,086)	-10.4%	-91.2%	22,068,372
Subtotal - Other Revenue	(8,376,061)	2,533,679	10,909,740	10,909,740	(8,376,061)	2,533,679	10,909,740	130.2%	-95.0%	31,329,748
Detail of Transfers to Tax Relief Programs:										
- Me. Resident Prop. Tax Program (Circuitbreaker)	0	379	379	379	0	379	379	N/A	100.1%	0
- BETR - Business Equipment Tax Reimb.	0	360,810	360,810	360,810	0	360,810	360,810	N/A	100.9%	(35,000,000)
- BETE - Municipal Bus. Equip. Tax Reimb.	(39,933)	0	39,933	(39,933)	(39,933)	0	39,933	100.0%	100.0%	(31,771,938)
Subtotal - Tax Relief Transfers	(39,933)	361,189	401,122	401,122	(39,933)	361,189	401,122	1004.5%	100.6%	(66,771,938)
Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Revenue - Total	2,529,223	2,302,502	2,302,502	(226,721)	2,529,223	2,302,502	(226,721)	-9.0%	-89.3%	21,415,407

Highway Fund Revenue Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 (FY 2016)

July 2015 Revenue Variance Report

Revenue Category	July '15			Fiscal Year-To-Date			FY 2016 Budgeted Totals	
	Budget	July '15 Actual	July '15 Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance		% Variance
Fuel Taxes:								
- Gasoline Tax	17,107,370	16,841,832	(265,538)	17,107,370	16,841,832	(265,538)	-1.6%	-0.5%
- Special Fuel and Road Use Taxes	4,361,225	4,036,326	(324,899)	4,361,225	4,036,326	(324,899)	-7.4%	0.5%
- Transcap Transfers - Fuel Taxes	(1,578,059)	(1,534,292)	43,767	(1,578,059)	(1,534,292)	43,767	2.8%	0.7%
- Other Fund Gasoline Tax Distributions	(427,803)	(420,938)	6,865	(427,803)	(420,938)	6,865	1.6%	1.1%
Subtotal - Fuel Taxes	19,462,733	18,922,929	(539,804)	19,462,733	18,922,929	(539,804)	-2.8%	-0.2%
Motor Vehicle Registration and Fees:								
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	6,203,469	6,360,680	157,211	6,203,469	6,360,680	157,211	2.5%	-0.8%
- License Plate Fees	339,717	393,861	54,144	339,717	393,861	54,144	15.9%	4.8%
- Long-term Trailer Registration Fees	614,603	543,505	(71,098)	614,603	543,505	(71,098)	-11.6%	255.0%
- Title Fees	1,137,650	1,338,045	200,395	1,137,650	1,338,045	200,395	17.6%	18.4%
- Motor Vehicle Operator License Fees	704,481	740,737	36,256	704,481	740,737	36,256	5.1%	1.6%
- Transcap Transfers - Motor Vehicle Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Subtotal - Motor Vehicle Reg. & Fees	8,999,920	9,376,828	376,908	8,999,920	9,376,828	376,908	4.2%	6.5%
Motor Vehicle Inspection Fees	143,266	154,940	11,674	143,266	154,940	11,674	8.1%	-7.8%
Other Highway Fund Taxes and Fees	143,696	144,733	1,037	143,696	144,733	1,037	0.7%	37.6%
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	59,274	65,155	5,881	59,274	65,155	5,881	9.9%	-24.3%
Interest Earnings	28,104	0	(28,104)	28,104	0	(28,104)	-100.0%	N/A
Other Highway Fund Revenue	551,849	429,587	(122,262)	551,849	429,587	(122,262)	-22.2%	23.1%
Totals	29,388,842	29,094,172	(294,670)	29,388,842	29,094,172	(294,670)	-1.0%	2.2%

**Legislative Council Actions
Taken by Ballot Since the
June 24, 2015 Council Meeting**

Requests for Introduction of Legislation:

**LR 2087 An Act to Fund the Agreement with Certain Judicial Department
Employees**

Submitted by: Senator James Hamper

Approved: June 30, 2015

Vote: 9-1 in favor (with Rep. Espling opposed)

LR 2101 An Act to Make Certain Technical Corrections to Recently Enacted Laws

Submitted by: Senator David Burns

Approved: July 16, 2015

Vote: 10-0 in favor

Legislative Council Decisions:

That the Legislative Council establishes the Cloture Date as September 25, 2015 and the Related Schedule as listed on the enclosed memo, as recommended by the Revisor of Statutes.

Motion by: President Thibodeau

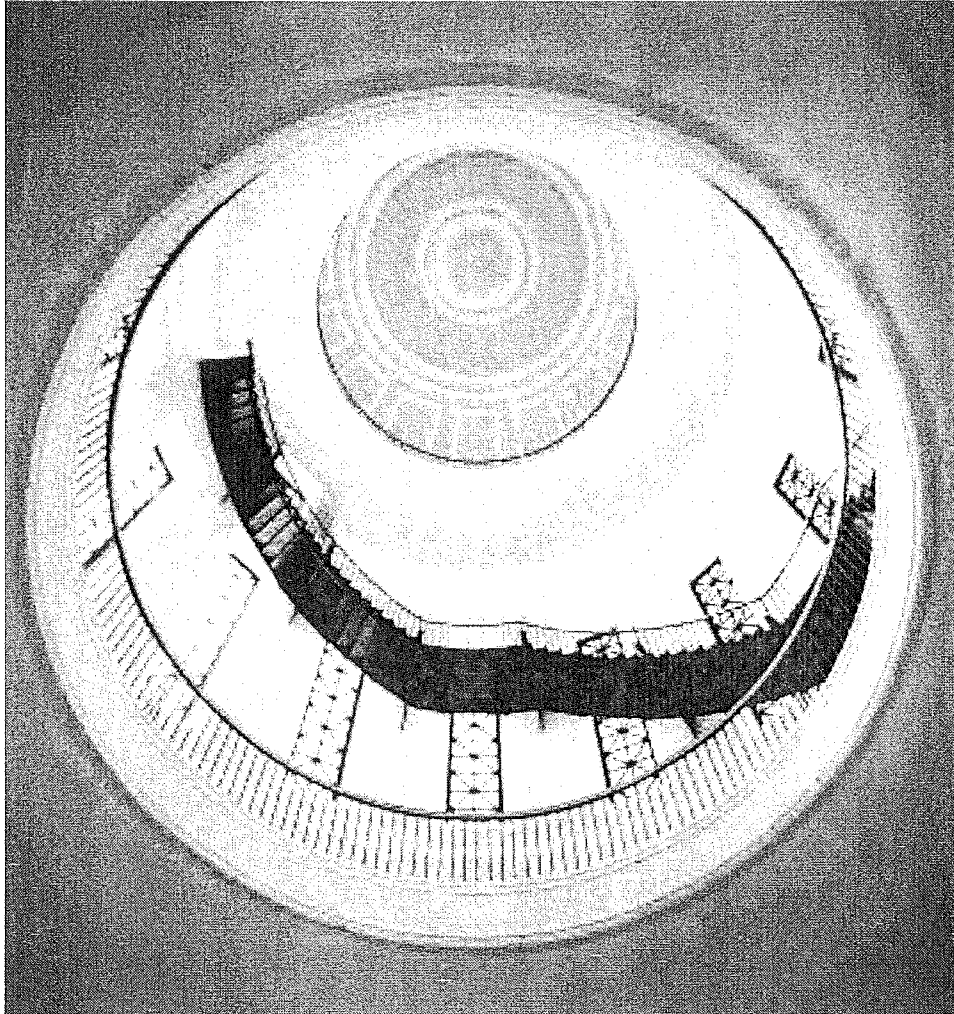
Second by: Speaker Eves

Approved: July 30, 2015

Vote: 8-2 in favor (with Rep. Fredette and
Espling opposed)

MAINE STATE HOUSE & GROUNDS

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Multi-Year Plan For Maintenance & Improvements 2015 Revision

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For the Office of the Executive
Director of the Legislative
Council

August 11, 2015

PLAN FOR MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS 2015 Revision

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MAINE STATE HOUSE 5-YEAR PLAN

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Introduction

With the completion of a full interior facility renovation, the Maine State House stands today in the highest condition of maintenance and repair since its original construction. As the most public structure in Maine, the ceremonial and functional demands placed on the State House as both seat of government and state-of-the-art office building are significant and constant. The substantial public investment made in its preservation and restoration beginning in 1998 is testimony to the importance of the State House to the citizens of Maine. As magnificent as they are, the State House and grounds require ongoing attention to prevent deterioration. In addition, substantial exterior work, deferred until completion of the interior renovations, was essential. The first phase of the exterior work was completed in 2004. Both ongoing maintenance and necessary improvements require a planned approach for scheduling and cost reasons. This Multi-Year Plan for Maintenance and Improvements is intended to preserve and extend the investment in the State House and provide an overall plan for facility improvement projects. Working with the Office of the Executive Director of the Legislative Council, Richard Burt, AIA has developed a planning document that describes a series of necessary projects that combine to provide:

1. A structured program of annual inspection and maintenance for those components of the building most susceptible to deterioration from intensive public use or from the forces of weathering or aging, and
2. A program of continued improvement to the State House, including both improvements to the physical structure with projects such as roofing replacement and exterior granite restoration, improved safety, access, and use by the Legislature, staff, and public with projects such as redesigned parking and pedestrian walks, selected landscaping, and access by disabled individuals.

This planning document includes a chronological organization of projects over a five-year period. Projects have been scheduled in a manner which matches expected project duration with the 4 month and 6 month "construction window" available between Legislative Sessions.

In selected cases, projects of more significant cost or duration may be phased over several years. Phasing has been developed in order to maximize construction efficiency and manage costs by combining projects of a similar nature or which are planned for a similar location within the State House or grounds.

Included with this document are preliminary project budgets including both construction costs and associated professional services fees. Due to the preliminary nature of planning at this time, budgets included herein are planning level projections. As for past work, a contingency not to exceed 15% should be added to the estimates recorded herein. Prior to actual construction, projects will be bid or project costs recalculated and verified by the Legislature's construction manager.

Construction Schedule

<u>Legislative Session</u>	<u>Construction Period</u>	<u>Duration</u>
127 th Session: Jan. '15 thru June '15	July 1, '15 – Oct. 15, '15	3.5 mos.
Jan. '16 thru April '16	May 1, '16 – Oct. 15, '16	5.5 mos.
128 th Session: Jan. '17 thru June '17	July 1, '17 – Oct. 15, '17	3.5 mos.
Jan. '18 thru April '18	May 1, '18 – Oct. 15, '18	5.5 mos.

Prequalified Subcontractors

The following subcontractors have participated in prior phases of State House renovations. Working with Consigli Construction Co., Inc. as construction manager, they will provide for the continuity of construction warranties and familiarity with technical building systems required to complete applicable five-year projects.

Electrical Systems: E.S. Boulos Company, Westbrook, Maine

Mechanical Systems: Johnson & Jordan, Inc., Scarborough, Maine

Fire Suppression (Sprinkler) Systems: Dean and Allyn, Inc., Gray, Maine
and Sprinkler Systems, Inc., Lewiston, Maine

Granite Repointing and Masonry: Joseph Gnazzo Co., Inc., Vernon, Connecticut

Roofing Inspections: Independent Roof Services, Inc., Pownal, Maine

Landscaping Services: Jorgensen Landscaping, Bath, Maine

Painting Subcontractor: Theodore Logan & Son, Inc., Portland, Maine

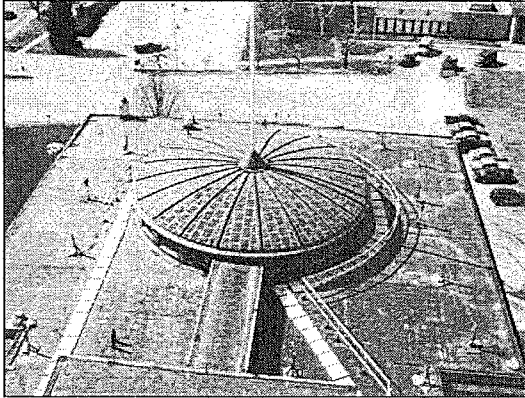
Irrigation System: Environmental Solutions, Yarmouth, Maine

Copper Roofing: The Heritage Company, East Waterboro, Maine

Architectural Finish Consultants: Evergreen Architectural Arts, New York, New York

Consulting Engineers

Gorrill Palmer: Transportation and Municipal Engineering, Gray, Maine



ANNUAL PROJECT #1 Roofing – EPDM/Copper Inspection

What Needs To Be Done?

Due to a variety of roof forms, the State House is protected by two types of roofing; copper at the high and two low domes and east/west sloped roofs, and EPDM at the north/south low pitched roofs. The existing roofing on the entire west wing and east porch roofs was removed and copper roofing was installed in 2004 and 2005. The high dome copper was replaced and existing white painted copper repainted in 2014. EPDM roofing at the main north/south roofs is scheduled for replacement in 2016.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents

Complete: May, 2015

Construction Schedule

Start of Project: Nov. 13, 2015

Duration: one week

Complete Project: Nov. 20, 2015

This project involves the regular review and maintenance of all roofing systems. A yearly review of all roofing areas will be completed by a qualified independent roofing consultant. Areas requiring maintenance will be identified and assessments made whether required repairs are covered under roofing warranties. Repairs will be completed by a roofing subcontractor.

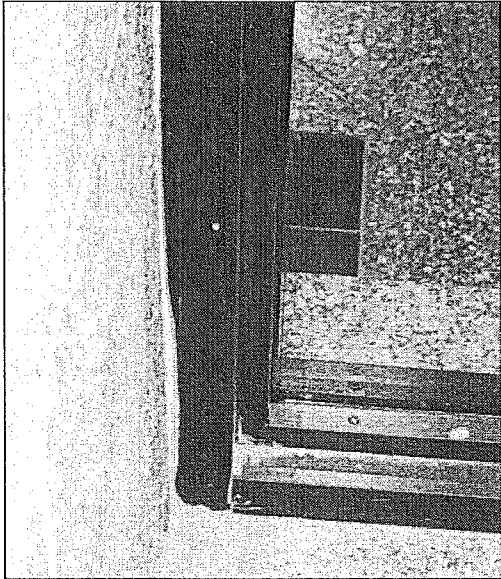
High dome copper was replaced in 2014. Accordingly, new high dome copper will not require inspection. Inspections at this area will recommence in 2016.

Annual Budget

\$10,000

Why?

A program of regular roofing maintenance is necessary to prevent deterioration and damage to interior areas of the State House. Under this yearly project, potential leak points will be identified and repaired before interior building finish or structural deterioration can occur.



ANNUAL PROJECT #2
Building-Wide Interior Cleaning

What Needs To Be Done?

This project involves a complete building-wide cleaning, including all public spaces throughout the State House as well as the State House café and public restrooms.

Why?

It is the intent of this project that, at the completion of each Legislative Session, a more thorough building-wide cleaning effort be completed than is normally possible during the active legislative session.

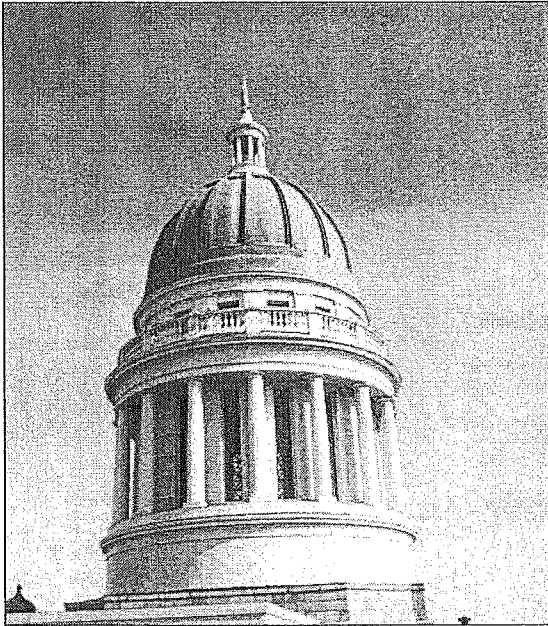
Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Scope of Work Descriptions

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: August 16, 2015
Duration: three weeks
Complete Project: Sept. 6, 2015

Annual Budget

\$21,000



ANNUAL PROJECT #3 Painting & Cosmetic Upgrade at Public Spaces – Selected Locations on All Floors

What Needs to be Done?

During each year's session recess, portions of the State House will be provided with a cosmetic and paint upgrade at public and major ceremonial spaces.

With this project, a survey of all wall surfaces will be completed and plaster preparation and painting will be provided in all locations requiring maintenance. Selected other areas including the main stairwells will be completed as required.

In 2004, floors two and four, and in 2005, floors one and three received extensive review and upgrades. In 2006 and 2007, an overall survey of all floors was completed and required touch-ups provided. This has served to stabilize these floors. The focus now, as in 2008 through 2014 is on less substantial cosmetic improvements, allowing a building-wide review in 2015. Areas receiving special attention include the high use first floor, Hall of Flags, and the third floor public corridors. At locations where roof or mechanical system pipe leaks have caused interior damage, root causes of the water leaks will be isolated and fixed and damaged plaster and other interior finishes will be repaired.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: July, 2015

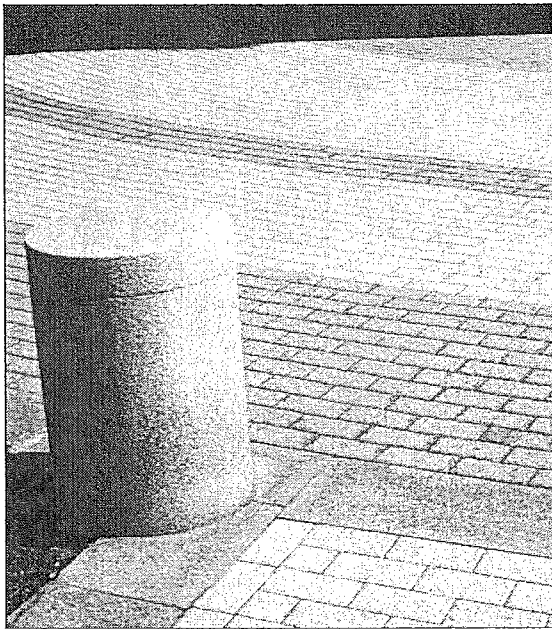
Construction Schedule
Start of Project: July 7, 2015
Duration: eight weeks
Complete Project: Aug. 31, 2015

Annual Budget

Plaster repair and
painting budget:
\$46,000

Why?

As the state's most important public landmark facility and seat of government, the State House receives sustained and substantial use by the public, staff, and legislators. As a result, significant stress is placed on the appearance of the building, most particularly in the public corridors and major public spaces. This project will provide for regular scheduled maintenance that will prevent more costly repairs later on.



ANNUAL PROJECT #4 Saltguard Protection at Landscape Pavers

What Needs to be Done?

In many areas on the State House grounds, rectangular precast concrete pavers have been used for walkway surfacing. This material provides both a uniform, fully accessible walking surface and, through the use of color selection and patterning, also provides a general visual as well as safety enhancement for pedestrians at the State House.

This project will provide the exterior precast pavers and concrete sidewalks with seasonal protection against salt corrosion in locations on the State House grounds.

Why?

Although less expensive than granite pavers, the concrete pavers still provide an acceptable appearance and function; however on-going maintenance is required to prevent their deterioration. The same is true for the recently installed concrete sidewalks. As with all ground surface materials available today, they do suffer deterioration from exposure to the application of salt and other ice melt chemicals. Use of salt as an ice preventer is on the increase among public works departments. Without this protection, significant and rapid paver and concrete sidewalk deterioration will result from the use of standard salt and ice melt chemicals. As evidenced in other areas of the State House complex, without saltguard protection, pavers and sidewalks can deteriorate to the point of needing replacement within 5 to 7 years.

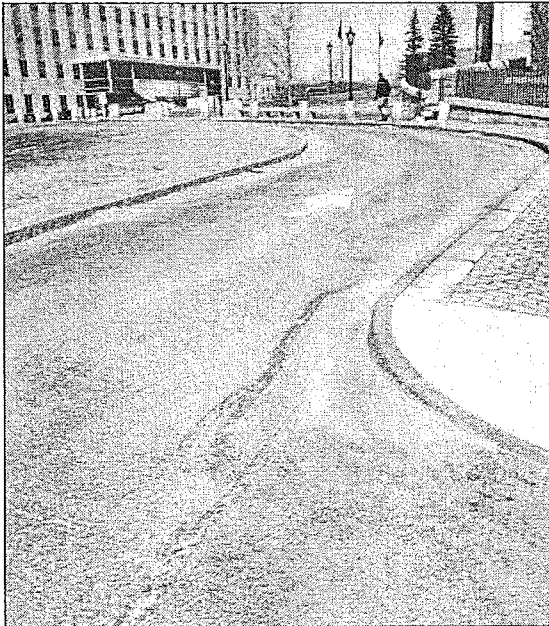
Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: NA

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: July 7, 2015
Duration: ten weeks
Complete Project:
Sept. 15, 2015

Annual Budget

\$11,900



Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Inspection Report

Construction Schedule

Start of Project: Sept. 16, 2015

Duration: one week

Complete Project:
Sept. 24, 2015

Annual Budget

Pavement Inspection
and Repairs \$6,000

ANNUAL PROJECT #5 Pavement Inspection/ Minor Repairs

What Needs to be Done?

In 2006 and 2007, the State House parking lots, sidewalks, and south access and traffic improvement projects were completed. This two-year, phased project was undertaken with the primary goal of redesigning the pedestrian and vehicular access to the main entrance to the State House in a manner that enhances the West entrance as the main entrance and provides safe and convenient access for everyone visiting the State House and grounds.

With the 2006-07 projects, and subsequent north parking lot layout and pavement projects completed in 2010 and 2011, a significant number of traffic lanes and parking spaces were created. This inspection and maintenance project will be completed with an express goal of maintaining and preserving the long-term integrity of this new pavement.

On an annual basis, the inspection services of a qualified pavement technician will be provided. All portions of the pavement will be inspected for general wear and durability. Areas of pavement demonstrating unusual wear will be noted and repairs completed. Restriping will be conducted as needed.

Why?

This annual inspection and repair program will provide the means to monitor the maintenance status of the new pavement and provide for repairs as required. This on going program will serve to maximize the life of the new pavement, maintain safe travel ways, and thereby protect this investment in traffic and parking areas on the State House grounds.



ANNUAL PROJECT #6 Safety Equipment Annual Certification

What Needs to be Done?

There are a wide variety of life safety and maintenance safety systems serving the State House. Ranging from the very visible exterior fire escapes to the less obvious security lifelines and access ladder at the exterior and interior surfaces of the high dome, these systems serve the public and State House maintenance staff in important ways. While the fire escapes are provided for enhanced life safety of all building occupants, maintenance staff safety systems have been installed in compliance with OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) requirements. With this project, these important safety systems will be annually inspected by appropriate technicians and certified to an acceptable level of maintenance and performance.

Why?

The safety systems that serve the State House occupants and maintenance staff are an important component in the goal of providing a safe, secure, and well-maintained building. This on going program of annual systems inspections will assure that this goal will be achieved.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Inspection Report

Construction Schedule

Start of Project: Nov. 16, 2015

Duration: one week

Complete Project:

Nov. 19, 2015

Annual Budget

Systems Inspection
and Repairs \$1,000



ANNUAL PROJECT #7 Sealant/Mortar Inspection at Exterior Stairs

What Needs to Be Done?

Over the past few years, many of the exterior granite stairs serving the State House and surrounding grounds experienced significant tread movement and deterioration. This deterioration was due to water infiltrating through open joints between stair treads resulting in freeze thaw action. In 2011, the last of the repair projects aimed at aligning offset treads and arresting ongoing deterioration was completed. Today, these stairs stand in good repair and provide safe access to the State House and grounds.

This project will involve the annual inspection of all exterior granite stairs. Places where mortar or sealant show any signs of deterioration will be located and repaired in order to keep all stairs in good repair.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: July, 2015

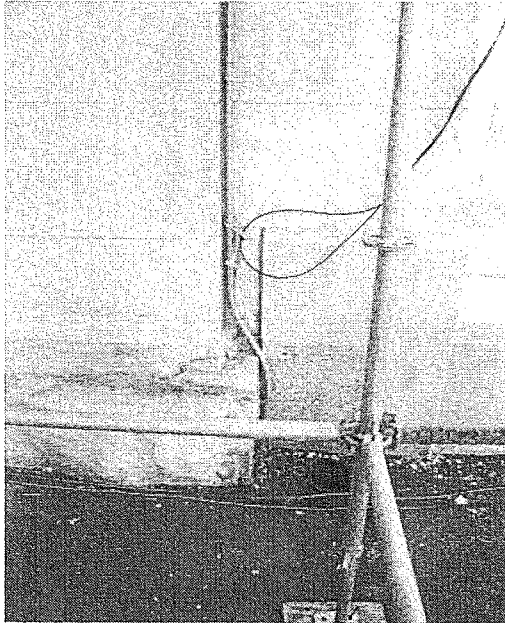
Construction Schedule
Start of Project: July 7, 2015
Duration: two weeks
Complete Project: July 20, 2015

Annual Budget

\$3,000

Why?

The proper repair and ongoing inspection of the stairs serving the State House and grounds are important for safety and long term maintenance considerations. Any water infiltration through open joints will result in freeze/thaw action and will quickly destroy tread alignment and granite materials. This project will provide timely and economical remedial action as required and will preserve these important building elements by maintaining mortar and sealant in good condition.



ANNUAL PROJECT #8 Exterior Building Granite Inspection And Repair

What Needs to Be Done?

The summer of 2004 marked the end of a three year phased restoration of the State House exterior granite walls. This was the first full scale granite inspection, restoration, and repointing campaign undertaken in over 50 years. The project scope included selected stone repairs and/or replacement and the repointing (existing mortar removal and replacement) of every mortar joint on the building.

While the exterior walls of the State House appear robust and fully capable of standing the test of time, the original Hallowell granite is actually relatively soft and is subject to weathering deterioration. The mortar used at the joints between stones is likewise subject to weathering failure once the mortar has aged and cracked.

If water is allowed to enter the exterior walls of the building, whether through a cracked stone or more likely through deteriorated mortar, it is only a matter of time until it migrates through the thick walls and damages the interior of the State House. In winter, this water may freeze in the wall itself, creating significant additional freeze/thaw damage to the stone and mortar joints. Once a water route into the building is started, it will grow until arrested by an active maintenance program.

This project will provide for the annual inspection of the exterior granite walls and the repair of any stone damage or loose/cracked mortar. In addition, wood windows will be inspected for general condition and upkeep. Work will be inspected by ground observation and repairs made via on site crane access.

Why?

The State House exterior granite is original and the mortar matches the original in its material properties and color. Both seemingly robust materials are nevertheless subject to normal weathering and eventual failure. This annual program of inspection and repairs will provide early detection of any deterioration and provide necessary repairs, thereby preserving the exterior granite and the interior surfaces of the building.

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Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: July, 2015

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: July 21, 2015
Duration: two weeks
Complete Project: Aug 3, 2015

Annual Budget

\$8,500



ANNUAL PROJECT #9 State House Mechanical System Repairs

What Needs to Be Done?

In October of 2013 a study was commissioned for the purpose of investigating the numerous and on-going water leaks occurring in pipes and fittings serving various mechanical system components throughout the State House. With an original focus on the water sourced fan coil units that provide seasonal hot or cold air to occupied spaces, the building wide study quickly uncovered a number of significant systemic problems requiring short and long term correction. This project is intended to provide annual funds to repair system leaks and to complete cosmetic finish repairs to damaged areas.

Early in the study it was determined that the recurring leaks were the result of a failure of many of the fittings used to connect the various large, small, flexible, and rigid pipes installed throughout the building. Further research determined that the failures being experienced were typical to the pipe fittings used in the renovations of 1999-2001 and indeed are today the focus of a nation wide class action lawsuit. This project will replace these defective fittings. Additional study findings include the discovery of severe pipe corrosion determined to be due to highly alkaline water employed throughout the system thereby creating a corrosive environment leading to failed pipes and weakened joints. Currently, the water being used in the system is not monitored or tested and therefore not adjusted to maintain proper water chemistry. Further, in some locations it was discovered that piping was not installed correctly with areas of inadequate or incorrect insulation, missing support hangers and isolation valves, and with incompatible piping metals installed in close proximity or in direct contact thus lacking the separation zones or dielectric barriers necessary to prevent chemical reactions and resultant pipe corrosion.

Why?

It has been determined though a building wide study that many components of the existing mechanical system are failing due to a variety of factors including faulty manufacture, improper or incomplete installation, or the failure to properly maintain and operate the system. This project will address the system's deficiencies by completing on an annual basis a series of recommended repairs with the goal of completing all required repairs in four years.

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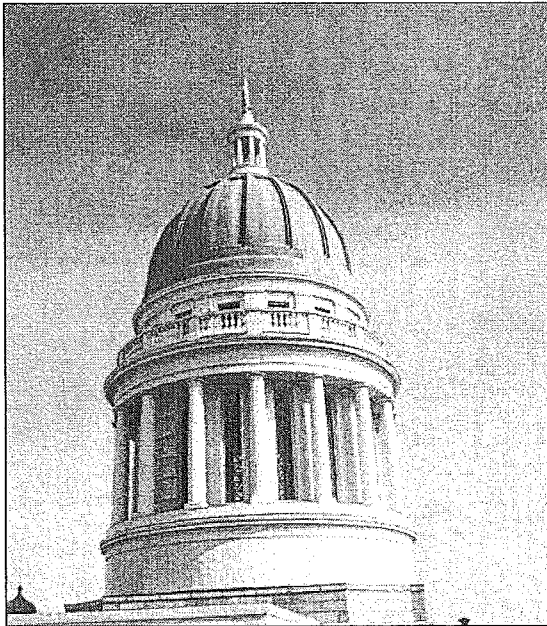
Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: 2014

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: July 28, 2015
Duration: five weeks
Complete Project: Aug 31, 2015

Annual Budget

\$20,000



ANNUAL PROJECT #10 Selected Carpet Replacement

What Needs to be Done?

Although the State House is to most outside observers a ceremonial building housing our seat of government in our most important historic building, day to day users of the building understand that as the most public structure in Maine the ceremonial and functional demands placed on the State House as both seat of government and state-of-the-art office building are significant and constant. In a building of granite and marble, one of the most heavily used materials is the carpet installed throughout the many office areas of the building as well as in the House and Senate chambers. In a time when carpet is better designed, longer lasting, and easier to maintain than ever before, it nevertheless remains that the life expectancy of high quality commercial carpet is typically no more than seven years and significantly less in heavily used public buildings. In many areas of the State House the carpet has been in place well past its useful life, a fact readily apparent to both observers and users.

This annual project will quantify, select, and schedule the timely replacement of selected carpet throughout the building. In addition to those locations where carpet replacement is scheduled, whenever office or modular furnishings are removed or relocated for any reason the opportunity will be taken to also replace the carpet as required. Carpet removed with this project will be responsibly recycled.

Why?

As the most public building in the state, visitors, legislators, and support staff place significant demands on State House building finishes. One of the most heavily used and quickly worn finishes is the carpet used throughout many ceremonial and working areas of the building. This project will schedule and replace carpet on an annual basis and in a manner that maintains an appropriately high quality and hygienic State House environment.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: N/A

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: July 7, 2015
Duration: eighteen weeks
Complete Project: Nov. 15, 2015

Annual Budget

\$10,000



PROJECT 15.1

Replace Entry Doors and Provide Granite Repairs at West Wing, State House

What Needs to Be Done?

The main doors at the west wing entrance of the State House were originally planned as high quality and long lasting doors capable of withstanding the rigors of high frequency use and in keeping with their prominence at the main entrance to the State House. However, during the 2000 completion of the west wing renovations, the existing entrance doors were installed as a cost saving measure with the expectation of eventual replacement by doors of appropriate quality. This project will replace the four entrance doors including the provision of granite at each door head as replacement of the existing temporary plaster.

With this project, the existing aluminum doors will be replaced with bronze doors of similar design and improved function. These higher quality doors will reduce the force required to operate and eliminate the alignment and weather stripping issues that have plagued the existing doors from the date of their original installation. The quality of the replacement doors should have a fifty-year or more lifespan. With the doors' replacement, the existing plaster faced fascia and soffit above each door head will be replaced with granite to match the surrounding construction, thus improving the weather tight integrity and durability of this prominent visual element. Required construction access to the southernmost door will also allow for the repair of the cracked granite veneer block located immediately to the east of this door.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: June, 2014

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: July 28, 2015
Duration: five weeks
Complete Project: Aug. 31, 2015

Project Budget

\$270,977

Note: The Legislative Council previously authorized this project. No further Legislative Council action is needed.

Why?

This project will replace the four west wing entry doors with doors of appropriately high quality finish, long-term durability, and improved function and stature at this important location. Concurrent with door replacement, the temporary plaster faced fascia and soffit above each door will be replaced with long lasting granite. Replacement of the southernmost door will allow for repair of the cracked granite veneer block located immediately to the east of this door.



PROJECT #15.2
Mechanical Repairs at First Floor Elevator Machine Room

What Needs to Be Done?

This project isolates a specific mechanical system repair due to its significant potential for catastrophic failure and proximity to work already planned under project 15.3 “Replace Doors at West Wing Entry”. As noted in Annual project A.9 “State House Mechanical System Repairs” selected existing water pipes have not been properly insulated and dissimilar materials not properly isolated. A most significant example of this condition can be found in the first floor West Wing elevator machine room where chilled and hot water piping is improperly insulated. It is believed that the insulation was removed sometime during a repair of a leak in the hot water pipe. In addition, the copper pipe in this location is routed through steel pipe sleeves that are not sufficiently sized to allow insulation to run continuously through the sleeve. Without this insulation, there is significant opportunity for direct contact of dissimilar materials, steel and copper, with resultant chemical reaction, pipe corrosion, and eventual pipe failure. This project will repair this problem condition.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
 Complete: 2014

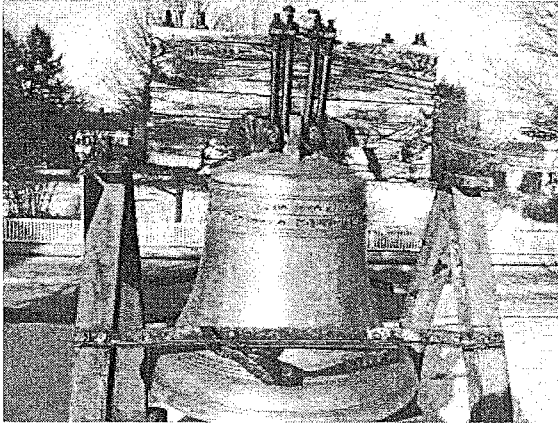
Construction Schedule
 Start of Project: July 28, 2015
 Duration: five weeks
 Complete Project: Aug. 31, 2015

Annual Budget

\$25,000

Why?

In the first floor elevator machine room hot and cold water pipes are un-insulated resulting in heat loss but more significantly the direct contact of dissimilar materials with resultant corrosion of the large water pipes. Due to the size of the pipes, any leak would create significant building damage at the main West Wing entry. This project will repair this condition.



PROJECT #15.3
Repairs to Liberty Bell Memorial

What Needs to Be Done?

In 1950, the US Treasury Department, in an effort to encourage the purchase of US Savings Bonds, determined that each of the fifty state capitols and all US Territories should receive an accurate reproduction of the Liberty Bell. In all, fifty-five bells were cast. From May 15 to July 3, 1950, Maine’s replica travelled around the state for all to see. Finally, on July 4, the bell was dedicated at its current location on the northwest lawn of the State House.

While Maine’s Liberty Bell has weathered sixty-five years of outside exposure remarkably well, the wood yoke, believed to match the elm of the original Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, is in critical need of replacement. Weighing approximately 2080 pounds, the bell relies completely on the strength of the yoke for vertical support. Today, obvious cracks in the yoke have resulted in a sagging of the bell, a clear indication that the bell is in danger of falling.

This project will replace the wood yoke of the Liberty Bell and restore the structural integrity of its support system.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
 Complete: May 2015

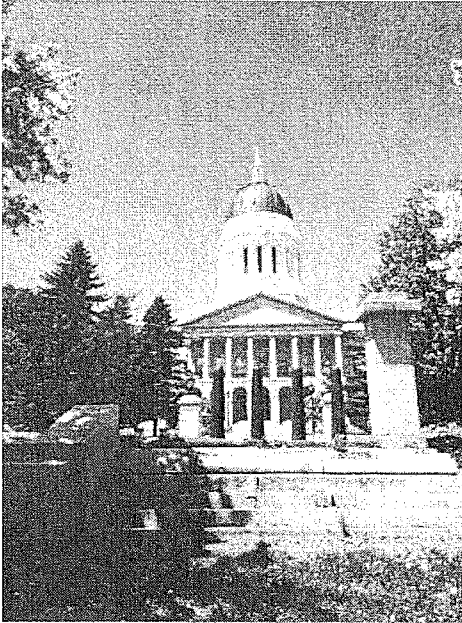
Construction Schedule
 Start of Project: July 27, 2015
 Duration: thirteen weeks
 Complete Project: Oct. 31, 2015

Annual Budget

\$7,500

Why?

Maine’s Liberty Bell Memorial is in danger of structural collapse. This project will replace the bell’s support yoke and fully restore the structural integrity of the memorial.



PROJECT #15.4

Repairs to Capitol Park State Street Entry

What Needs to Be Done?

Originally conceived in 1827, the same year that the Legislature approved Augusta as the permanent seat of state government, Capitol Park is the earliest known designed public ground in Maine. The intent of the original park concept was to create a dignified setting for the State House and to accommodate public functions. Throughout our state’s history, Capitol Park has performed many functions ranging from Civil War campsite and parade ground to leased farmland. In 1920, Frederick Law Olmstead, one of America’s foremost landscape planners, was commissioned to create a permanent plan for Capitol Park, the overall concept of which is in place today. Recent phased improvements to the park include the 9/11 Memorial Garden, the 2010 restoration of the Governor Lincoln Memorial, and new walkways and stone sitting wall completed in 2011-12.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: 2015

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: July 27, 2015
Duration: nine weeks
Complete Project: Sept. 30, 2015

Annual Budget

\$33,000

Over the winter of 2014-15, the original State Street park entrance suffered significant damage. Whether due to snowplow contact or simply the passage of time and earth settlement, an original cast iron bollard and, more significantly, the southernmost of the two granite piers demarking the park entrance were toppled. In addition, the granite steps extending into the park from State Street have been heavily impacted by freeze thaw conditions and are significantly out of alignment. Research indicates that these features were constructed in 1827 as part of original park construction. In the 1920s the Olmsted Brothers proposed replacing these features with a more elaborate entrance, but their plan was never carried out.

This project will stabilize the granite and cast iron features of this important historic landmark. In addition to restoring their historic integrity, public safety will be improved by assuring the structural integrity of the standing granite and stone steps

Why?

The State Street entrance to Capitol Park is an important element in the original park design of 1827. This project will restore the toppled granite pier and cast iron bollard, realign and reset the granite steps, and stabilize these design features against future structural failure.



PROJECT #15.5
Provide Card Access Security System at Senate Chamber Entry Door

What Needs to Be Done?

This project will provide a card access security system at the main entry door of the Senate Chamber. Currently, both entry doors to the Chamber are secured with deadbolt locks after regular business hours. Senators wishing to access the chamber must request security personnel to unlock the door by key. The intent of this project is to provide secure card access function for the main chamber door that will allow Senators to use their security cards for after-hours access to their desks in the Chamber without having to wait for security personnel to come unlock the door. This will afford an acknowledgement of users accessing the Chamber as well as improved control of the doors by Capitol Security.

Tasks required to install this system will include: trenching plaster walls and routing wires behind existing woodwork in order to extend required wiring to the fourth floor telecom closet and on to the third floor control panel; installation of magnetic locking hardware at the existing door header; and coring out the door (both sides of the main entrance swinging door) to accept the necessary hardware.

Why?

This project will provide for improved after-hours access for Senators while maintaining both security and accountable access to the Senate Chamber.

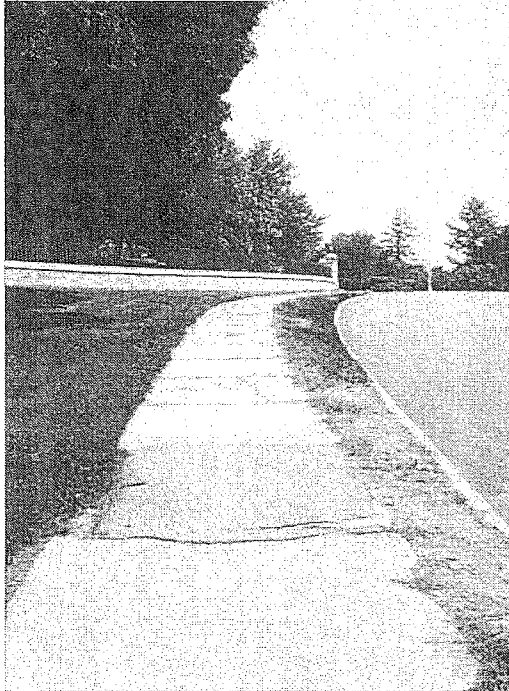
Project Schedule

Construction Documents
 Complete: 2015

Construction Schedule
 Start of Project: July 20, 2015
 Duration: three weeks
 Complete Project: Aug. 7, 2015

Annual Budget

\$6,500



PROJECT 15.6

Replace State Street Sidewalk

What Needs to Be Done?

Over the past number of years, projects have been completed on the Capitol grounds with the goal of improving pedestrian safety and access to the State House. Among these projects have been the realignment and reconstruction of new parking lots, a new access stair and sidewalk, street curb realignments, a new crosswalk at Capitol Street, and site lighting. In 2011 the Capitol Street sidewalk was replaced for its full length north of the State House.

This project will involve replacement and improvements to the sidewalk extending north-south along State Street and, along with the new Capitol Street sidewalk, will complete the safety upgrade program for the full perimeter of the State House grounds.

Beginning at the Capitol Street/State Street intersection and extending southward along State Street to the State House entrance opposite Union Street, the existing sidewalk is constructed of concrete with numerous bituminous patches and repairs. Over the years, repeated freeze thaw cycling has severely damaged the concrete and, perhaps more significantly, has caused substantial movement of the setting bed. As a result, the walking surface provided along this busy street is rough, uneven, out of alignment, and unsafe. This project will replace this sidewalk as concrete and eliminate this unsafe condition.

Why?

This sidewalk is in serious disrepair and presents a hazard to pedestrians using the sidewalk. This project will complete the campus perimeter safety improvement program.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents

Complete: August, 2015

Construction Schedule

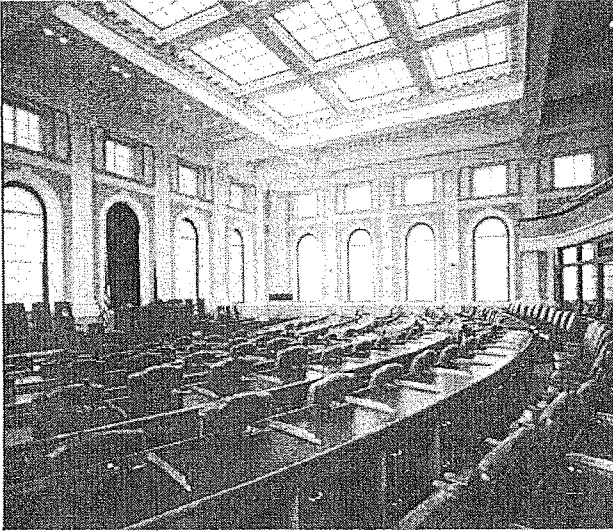
Start of Project: Sept. 1, 2015

Duration: two weeks

Complete Project: Sept. 15, 2015

Project Budget

\$99,900



PROJECT 16.1

House of Representatives Chamber Repairs

What Needs to Be Done?

In 1998 the House Chamber was fully renovated as the first phase of the building wide renovations eventually completed in 2001. In the nearly twenty years since, relatively minor repairs including selected carpet replacement, an accessible ramp to portions of the dais, the replacement of the first row of members' desks on the east side of the chamber, and plaster repairs required due to roof leaks is the extent of repair work that has been completed in this important and heavily used Chamber. This project will address some long-standing architectural, technological, and functional needs and improvements.

With this project significant plaster and floor repairs will be completed. With a new roof scheduled for completion early in the 2016 interim between sessions, plaster that has been repeatedly damaged from recurring roof leaks can be permanently repaired and walls painted throughout the Chamber. Selected water pipe leaks and deteriorating pipes as defined in the 2013 mechanical system study will be repaired and replaced and associated cosmetic finish damage repaired. Throughout the Chamber, carpet that has been in place well past its useful life will be replaced. At the time of carpet replacement, under floor cable serving the existing camera system can be readily accessed and upgraded in support of improved digital camera service. A new members' desk system will be installed at the west front row matching the east side desks installed in 2010. While the Chamber is undergoing renovation, the opportunity also exists for upgrading the existing roll call system. Installed in 1998, an improved system will eliminate the widening gap that currently exists between members' use of technology and this system's capabilities. Finally state-of-the-art LED displays could be installed at this same time.

Why?

Last renovated nearly twenty years ago, the House Chamber has received very little attention aside cosmetic repairs, accessibility modifications, and an increase in member desk count at the front row (east). This project will address long standing functional, technological, and architectural needs found throughout the Chamber and will include new carpet, plaster repairs, new members' desks at the west front row, pipe repairs, improved digital camera function, and possible roll call technology and energy upgrades.

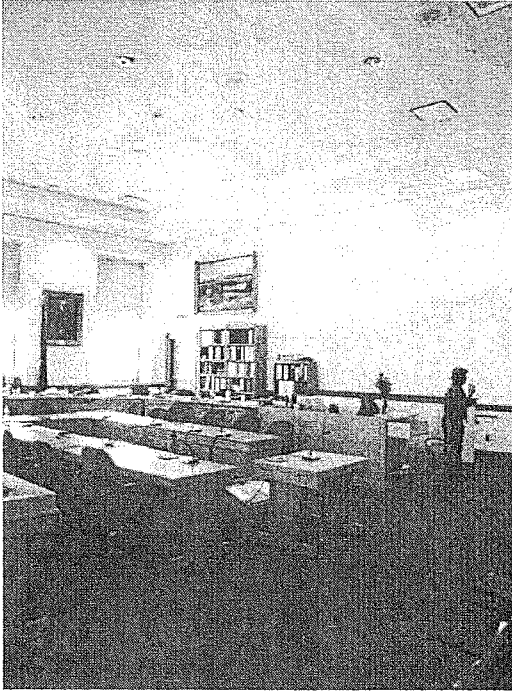
Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: TBD

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: TBD
Duration:
Complete Project:

Project Budget

\$ 300,000
Not including
technology
enhancements or
upgrades



PROJECT 16.2

Installation of Video Cameras in Appropriations Committee, Room 228 State House

What Needs to Be Done?

This project will provide for the installation and full operation of public access quality or, alternatively, broadcast quality video cameras in the Appropriations Committee room for Internet and other public broadcast of committee meetings.

During the 1999-2001 State House renovations, provisions were made for the future installation of cameras in each of the public committee rooms, including Appropriations. These provisions included the planned location of broadcast cameras and the extension of electrical conduit required to serve these locations. This project will complete the originally envisioned Appropriations Committee room video camera system with the provision and installation of the cameras and control components. The installed system will have the high quality broadcast capability and programming capacity equal to or better than the system currently in place in the Senate Chamber.

Why?

This project will complete the originally planned video camera system and allow public broadcast of committee proceedings from the Appropriations Committee room. This project will allow the public a significantly greater opportunity to observe legislative proceedings without having to travel to the capital to attend the committee meetings. Currently only audio broadcast of committee proceedings is available. This project will result in video as well as audio broadcast, thereby providing the public with an enhanced capability to observe the deliberations of the Appropriations committee.

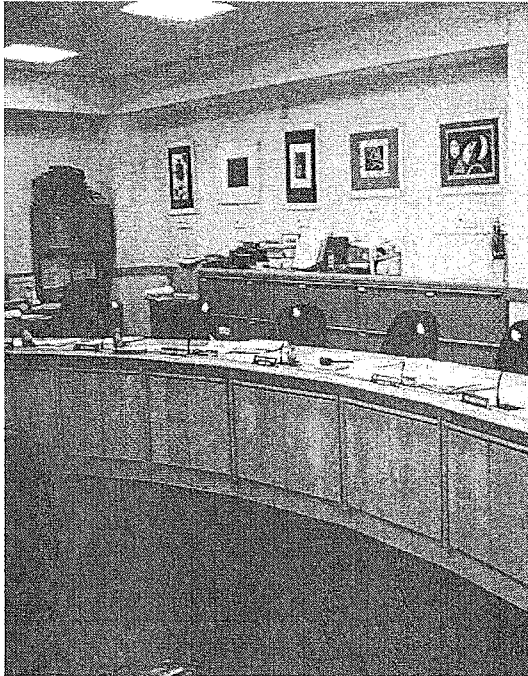
Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: TBD

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: TBD
Duration:
Complete Project:

Project Budget

<p>\$88,360</p>



PROJECT 16.3

Installation of Video Cameras in Two Legislative Committee Rooms, Cross Building

What Needs to Be Done?

This project will provide for the installation and operation of public access quality video cameras in rooms 208 and 209 in the Cross Building for Internet and other broadcast of legislative committee hearings and work sessions.

During the 1999-2001 renovations to the Cross Building, provisions were made for the future installation of cameras in each of the public committee rooms. These provisions included the planned location of broadcast cameras and the extension of electrical conduit required to serve these locations. This project will complete the originally envisioned video camera system in two of the public committee rooms with the provision and installation of the cameras and control components.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: TBD

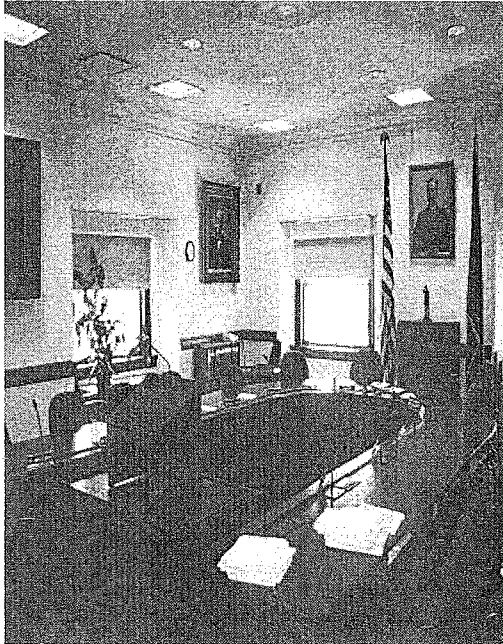
Construction Schedule
Start of Project: TBD
Duration:
Complete Project:

Project Budget

<p>\$82,430</p> <p>(@\$41,215 per room)</p>
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Why?

This project will complete the originally planned video camera system in the Cross Building committee hearing rooms 208 and 209 and allow public broadcast of committee proceedings. This project will allow the public a significantly greater opportunity to observe legislative proceedings without having to travel to the capital to attend the committee meetings. Currently only audio broadcast of committee proceedings is available. This project will result in video as well as audio broadcast, thereby providing the public with an enhanced capability to observe the deliberations of legislative committees.



PROJECT 16.4

Installation of Video Cameras in Five Legislative Committee Rooms, State House

What Needs to Be Done?

This project will provide for the installation and operation of public access quality video cameras in each of five committee rooms in the State House for Internet and other broadcast of legislative committee hearings and work sessions.

During the 1999-2001 State House renovations, provisions were made for the future installation of cameras in each of the public committee rooms. These provisions included the planned location of broadcast cameras and the extension of electrical conduit required to serve these locations. This project will complete the originally envisioned video camera system with the provision and installation of the cameras and control components.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: TBD

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: TBD
Duration:
Complete Project:

Project Budget

\$208,240
(@\$41,648 per room)

Why?

This project will complete the originally planned video camera system and allow public broadcast of committee proceedings from each of five State House committee rooms. This project will allow the public a significantly greater opportunity to observe legislative proceedings without having to travel to the capital to attend the committee meetings. Currently only audio broadcast of committee proceedings is available. This project will result in video as well as audio broadcast, thereby providing the public with an enhanced capability to observe the deliberations of legislative committees.



PROJECT 16.5
Improve Drainage at Capitol Park

What Needs to Be Done?

In 2011 and 2012 significant improvements were completed at Capitol Park.

Work in 2011 included the rebuilding of the main east west allees, improving the paths by installing 8 feet wide stone dust surfacing and redirecting surface water, installing benches with concrete pads, and installing granite entrance pillars at the southwest entrance to the park. 2012 improvements included the reconstruction and enhancement of two pedestrian park entrances and two maintenance vehicle entrances as well as extensions to the existing perimeter walkway system, a low sitting wall at the east end of the allee, significant tree planting, and access improvements to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

During the course of park investigations and construction, it has become apparent that there is a very high water table at Capitol Park, resulting in standing water and washouts throughout many areas of the park during much of the year. Indeed, portions of the newly installed walkways have been impacted by this high water table and significant standing water has been observed between the new allee walkways.

This project will address the high water table and standing water by the construction of a drainage system of appropriate size and location. While the exact definition of this system is dependent on the results of on going water table monitoring, the final system will be designed by geotechnical and civil engineers capable of understanding the results of the water table study and familiar with the park and its surrounding utility systems.

Why?

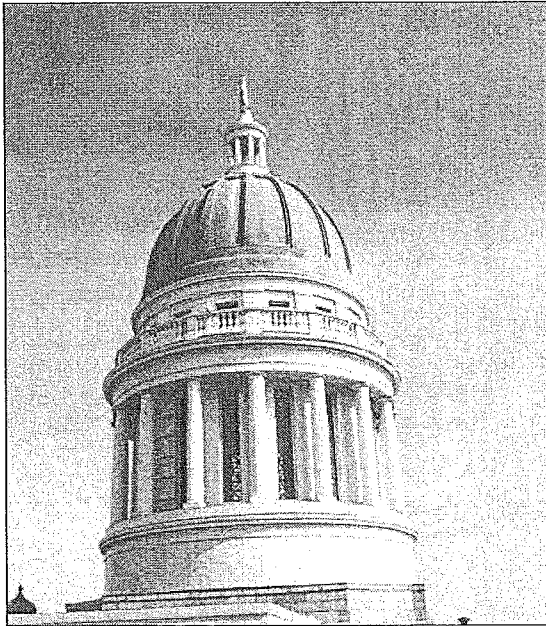
The significant improvements made at Capitol Park in 2011 and 2012 are threatened by the presence of a very high water table throughout major portions of the park. In addition, large areas of the park are unusable to the public during selected seasons due to the presence of standing water and soft ground. This project will provide the installation of a drainage system appropriate to the park and capable of lowering the water table and eliminating the standing water.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
 Complete: TBD

Construction Schedule
 Start of Project: TBD
 Duration:
 Complete Project:

Project Budget
 To Be Determined



PROJECT 16.6 Replacement of EPDM Roofing and Insulation at Main Roof, State House

What Needs to be Done?

In 1996 the main roof of the State House received a new roofing membrane and upgraded insulation system. This much needed and long overdue EPDM membrane system was nevertheless installed prior to the commencement of the major State House renovations completed between 1998 and 2002 and therefore was in place before the construction of the new mechanical penthouses and the completion of many additional construction projects requiring roof access, construction traffic, and disruptions. Because the EPDM roofing is the subject of an annual inspection and repairs program carried out under Annual Project A.1 “Roofing-EPDM/Copper Inspections,” required on-going maintenance has been completed on a timely basis. Nevertheless because of the major cutting and patching required by the numerous roof related construction projects completed subsequent to its installation and the simple passage of time the roofing has suffered deterioration and today the roof membrane has reached the end of its serviceable life. This project will involve the complete removal and replacement of this membrane system.

Along with the 2014 replacement of the high dome copper, these projects will combine to provide new roofing on the majority of the State House and under a continued annual review and maintenance program the roofing systems on the State House will maintain their waterproof integrity well into the future.

In addition to restoring the waterproofing integrity of the roof for years to come, this project will include an upgrade to the amount of thermal insulation provided for the State House. While the current insulation averages an R-20 thermal value, the new roof will be provided with R-30 thermal insulation, an increase of 50% over current values.

Why?

This project will provide for a new twenty year roofing life expectancy at the main State House roof while also providing a 50% increase in thermal insulation value.

Project Schedule

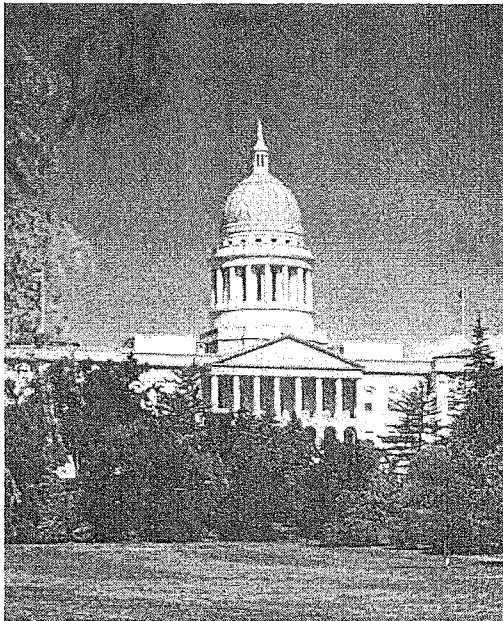
Construction Documents
Complete: March, 2015

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: May 2016
Duration: twenty weeks
Complete Project: Sept. 2016

Project Budget

\$845,000

Note: The Legislative Council authorized the planning and design work for this project in 2014 in anticipation of project implementation and completion in 2015, now deferred to 2016.



PROJECT 16.7 Replace Siding at Mechanical Penthouses at Main Roof, State House

What Needs to be Done?

The low rooftop mounted rectangular structures visible immediately north and south of the main dome are mechanical equipment penthouses housing much of the major mechanical equipment serving the State House. A major goal of the 1998-2001 State House wide renovation was the improvement of ventilation and air conditioning systems serving the building. At that time, ventilation was insufficient to adequately serve major portions of the building and air conditioning was non-existent. Because the space demands required to install a new state of the art mechanical system could not itself be fully accommodated within the historic building structure, the majority of the major equipment was located in these rooftop penthouses.

At the time of their construction, all efforts were taken to minimize their visibility. Designed to be as small as possible while still accommodating necessary equipment, access doors were located to minimize visibility from the ground plane. Enclosed in lightweight metal panels, a balance of budget limitations, panel quality, and color selection was required. Over the last number of years, substantial leaking has developed around the penthouses, resulting in damage to portions of the State House fourth floor. Numerous water tests and maintenance efforts have been attempted. The source of the leaks has been confirmed as metal panel related, but only short-term corrections have been possible. This project will replace the existing metal panels with metal panels of improved quality to assure no further water infiltration will take place at these highly exposed locations.

Why?

The mechanical penthouses constructed during the 1998-2001 building wide renovations have developed weather related leaks that have damaged portions of the State House fourth floor below. These leaks have been isolated as related to the metal panels on the penthouses. This project will replace the existing metal panels with new high quality panels capable of providing weather protection at this exposed location.

Project Schedule

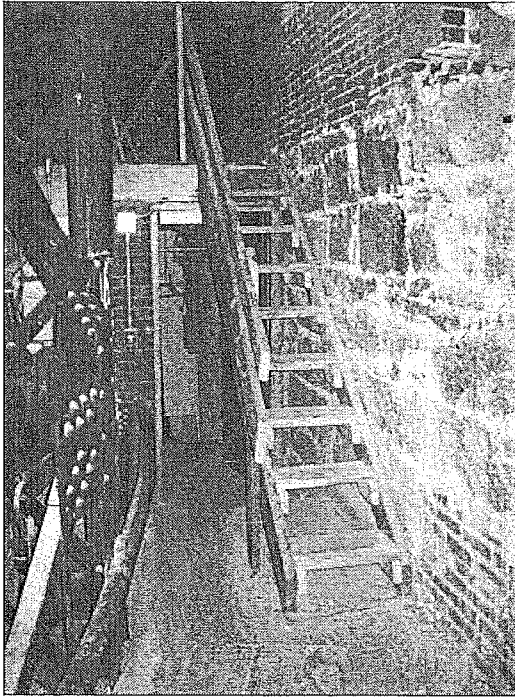
Construction Documents
Complete: March, 2015

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: May 2016
Duration: seven weeks
Complete Project: July 2016

Project Budget

\$155,000

Note: The Legislative Council authorized the planning and design work for this project in 2014 in anticipation of project implementation and completion in 2015, now deferred to 2016



PROJECT 17.1

Replace Combustible Floor Structure and Walkway Surfaces in the State House Dome, 5th and 6th Floor Areas

What Needs to Be Done?

This project involves the removal of old, combustible, and deteriorated floor framing and walking surfaces and replacement with noncombustible components. An important aspect of the building-wide renovations has been to remove, wherever possible, building components and systems which could contribute to unsafe or incendiary conditions. The inner dome fifth and sixth floors, originally constructed in 1890, while not accessible to the public nor of historic significance, exist as the greatest concentration of combustible structural materials remaining in the State House. This project will address this potentially hazardous condition.

Why?

Completion of this project will result in the removal of highly combustible materials in the State House and will improve access to maintenance areas.

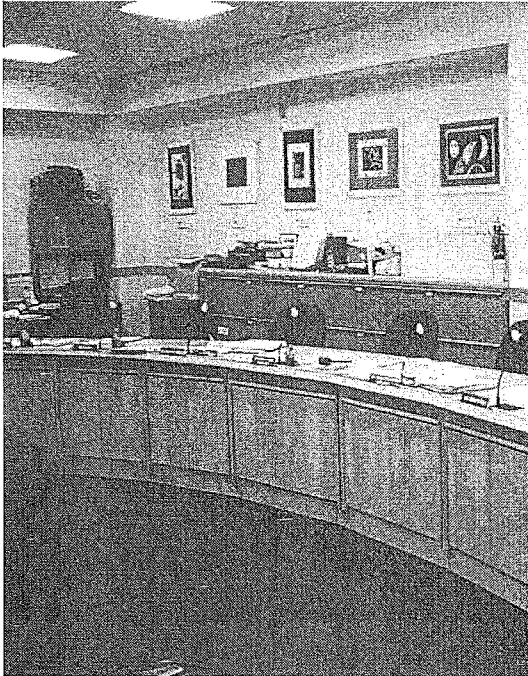
Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: TBD

Construction Schedule
Start of Project: TBD
Duration:
Complete Project:

Project Budget

\$211,315



PROJECT 17.2

Installation of Video Cameras in Six Legislative Committee Rooms, Cross Building

What Needs to Be Done?

This project will provide for the installation and operation of public access quality video cameras in each of six committee rooms in the Cross Building for Internet and other broadcast of legislative committee hearings and work sessions.

During the 1999-2001 renovations to the Cross Building, provisions were made for the future installation of cameras in each of the public committee rooms. These provisions included the planned location of broadcast cameras and the extension of electrical conduit required to serve these locations. This project will complete the originally envisioned video camera system with the provision and installation of the cameras and control components.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
Complete: TBD

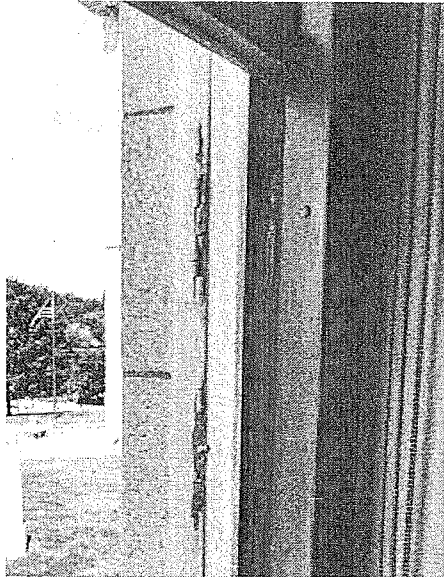
Construction Schedule
Start of Project: TBD
Duration:
Complete Project:

Project Budget

\$258,525
(@\$43,087 per room)

Why?

This project will complete the originally planned video camera system and allow public broadcast of committee proceedings from each of six Cross Building committee rooms. This project will allow the public a significantly greater opportunity to observe legislative proceedings without having to travel to the capital to attend the committee meetings. Currently only audio broadcast of committee proceedings is available. This project will result in video as well as audio broadcast, thereby providing the public with an enhanced capability to observe the deliberations of legislative committees.



PROJECT 17.3
Exterior Window Maintenance and Repairs

What Needs to Be Done?

In 1998, while planning for the then upcoming State House renovations, one of the most discussed and debated aspects of the renovations was the proper disposition of the exterior wood windows. Due to the significantly deteriorated condition of the operating sash it was understood that a complete replacement of that component of the windows was required. What was less clear was the condition of the supporting wood frames and whether similar replacement was necessary or if restoration was possible.

After considerable field work and research, it was determined that the majority of the window frames were in adequate condition to justify in place restoration.

During the three year renovations of the State House, all exterior window sash was replaced and the majority of existing frames and trim restored. New sash was constructed of mahogany obtained from certified sustainably grown forests and high quality paint was used on both the sash and frames. In an effort to improve air infiltration resistance, existing double hung sash operation was modified to single hung using existing weight pockets and new weather stripping and historically appropriate operating hardware was provided.

For nearly twenty years the windows have stood up well but recent field review has uncovered many locations where paint is wearing thin or is non-existent. If allowed to continue, the integrity of the windows will be compromised beyond the point where simple maintenance can restore overall functional integrity to where a full scale and expensive replacement project will be the only option. This project will include a complete assessment of the existing windows, the development and assignment of appropriate repair work scopes, and the implementation of same. In addition, efforts will be made to improve weather tightness and overall energy efficiency.

Why?

The exterior wood windows of the State House are a critical component of the building and their restoration in 1999-2001 represents a considerable financial investment. This project will be the first repair and painting effort completed since their original installation and will serve to extend their life well into the future.

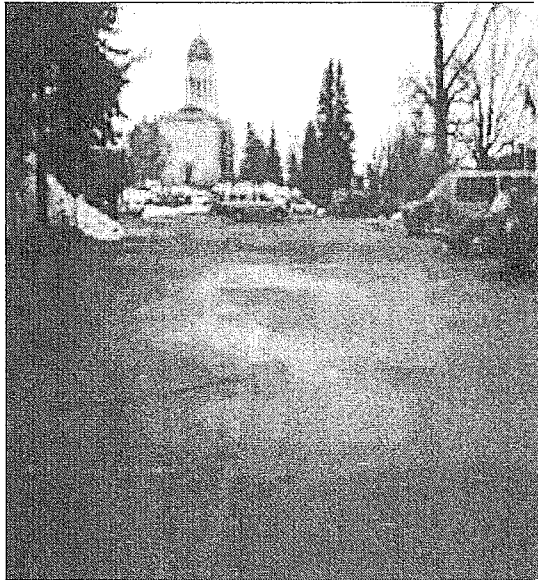
Project Schedule

Construction Documents
 Complete: TBD

Construction Schedule
 Start of Project: TBD
 Duration:
 Complete Project:

Project Budget

\$TBD



PROJECT 18.1
State House Parking Lot O
Improvements

What Needs to Be Done?

Completed in 2001, the West Wing entrance to the State House greatly improved pedestrian access and circulation in the immediate vicinity of the State House and Cross Building. Prior to major reconstruction completed in 2006 and 2007, the site layout of south parking lots, vehicular drives, and drop-off areas presented a confusing, unsightly, and unsafe condition for visitors, legislators, and State House employees. In addition to Legislators and employees who frequent the State House, many tens of thousands of people visit the State House annually, including school-age children on school tours. In 2006 and 2007 and extending to parking lot B immediately east of the Cultural Building, all aspects of this south access were improved. Sidewalks were provided for safe access to the State House Legislative and public parking lots and the Maine State Museum and State Library. Defined walkways and motor vehicle drop-off points for visitors were provided along with informational signage with directions for traffic flow and parking. Parking lot O is the last remaining parking area in the vicinity of the State House that is in serious disrepair.

This project will extend these improvements further to the south with work at parking lot O immediately south and east of the Cultural Building. Today, pavement at this parking lot is badly deteriorated and requires substantial annual maintenance. This project will provide new sub-base preparation and pavement surfacing to match the work completed in adjacent parking lots. As with prior redesign efforts, defined pedestrian walkways will allow for a separation between vehicular and pedestrian circulation thereby correcting the current unsafe condition. Directional and informational signage will be extended to this parking area.

The overall goal of this project is to redesign vehicular and pedestrian access and reconstruct the parking lot in a manner that is integrated with other parking areas and provides safe and convenient access for everyone visiting the State House and grounds.

Why?

Currently, the site layout and deteriorated pavement of parking lot O including vehicular drives and pedestrian access routes presents a confusing, unsightly, and unsafe context for visitors, legislators, and State House staff. This project will improve all aspects of this experience and connect this parking area to the completed parking lot B improvements. Currently, no sidewalks exist at this parking area to provide pedestrians safe access to the State House, Memorials, Maine State Museum, Archives, or State Library.

Project Schedule

Construction Documents
 Complete: TBD

Construction Schedule
 Start of Project: TBD
 Duration:
 Complete Project:

Project Budget
To Be Determined

Final List of Projects for 2015

		Budget
2015		
Annual Project A.1	Roofing – EPDM/Copper Inspection	\$10,000
Annual Project A.2	Building-Wide Interior Cleaning	\$21,000
Annual Project A.3	Painting & Cosmetic Upgrade at Public Spaces	\$46,000
Annual Project A.4	Saltguard Protection at Landscape Pavers	\$11,900
Annual Project A.5	Pavement inspection/ Minor Repairs	\$6,000
Annual Project A.6	Safety Equipment Annual Certification	\$1,000
Annual Project A.7	Sealant/Mortar Inspection at Exterior Stairs	\$3,000
Annual Project A.8	Exterior Building Granite Inspection and Repair	\$8,500
Annual Project A.9	State House Mechanical System Repairs	\$20,000
Annual Project A.10	Selected Carpet Replacement	\$10,000
Project 15.1	Replace Entry Doors and Provide Granite Repairs at West Wing, State House <i>(Previous Council approval and budgeted for 2014)</i>	\$270,977
Project 15.2	Mechanical Repairs at First Floor Elevator Machine Room	\$25,000
Project 15.3	Repairs to Liberty Bell Memorial	\$7,500
Project 15.4	Repairs to Capitol Park State Street Entry	\$33,000
Project 15.5	Provide Card Access Security System at Senate Chamber Entry Door	\$6,500
Project 15.6	Replace State Street Sidewalk	\$99,900
	PROJECT BUDGET	\$580,277
	Performance Bond/Insurance	\$12,185
	Preconstruction Services	\$15,000
	General Conditions	\$73,954
	Construction Manager Fee	\$31,915
	Professional Services Fees	\$125,400
	Total 2015 Budget	\$838,731

Final List of Projects for 2016-2019

		Budget
2016		
Project 16.1	House of Representatives Chamber Repairs	\$ 300,000 + technology
Project 16.2	Installation of Video Cameras in Appropriations Committee, Room 228, State House	\$88,360
Project 16.3	Installation of Video Cameras in Two Legislative Committee Rooms, Cross Building	\$82,430
Project 16.4	Installation of Video Cameras in Five Legislative Committee Rooms, State House	\$208,240
Project 16.5	Improve Drainage at Capitol Park	\$ TBD
Project 16.6	Replacement of EPDM Roofing and Insulation at Main Roof, State House	\$845,000
Project 16.7	Replace Siding at Mechanical Penthouses at Main Roof, State House	\$155,000
PROJECT BUDGET		\$ TBD
Future Projects 2017-2018		
Project 17.1	Replace Combustible Floor Structure and Walkway Surfaces at Dome	\$211,315
Project 17.2	Installation of Video Cameras in Six Legislative Committee Rooms, Cross Building	\$258,525
Project 17.3	Exterior Window Maintenance and Repairs	\$TBD
Project 18.1	State House Parking Lot O Improvements	\$ TBD