

~~Department of Transportation's (MDOT) operating budget. Additionally, the General Assembly does not support the use of MdTA toll revenues to support operating budgets at the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). The MdTA may transfer unencumbered reserves solely to support the transit initiative in the MTA and WMATA capital programs. MDOT must reimburse the MdTA, with interest, for any MdTA funds appropriated directly in support of the department's transit capital programs. MDOT should provide the budget committees with a repayment schedule with the January 2003 Transportation Trust Fund forecast.~~

~~Further provided that any funds transferred to MDOT may be used to support projects benefitting MdTA owned facilities. Such projects could include Port, Airport, or Highway Administration projects as they relate to MdTA owned facilities. If funds transferred from MdTA to MDOT are used for projects relating to MdTA owned facilities, funds would not be required to be reimbursed with interest.~~

Provided that the General Assembly does not support the use of Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) toll revenues to support the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) operating budget. The MdTA may transfer unencumbered reserves solely to support the transit initiative in the MTA and WMATA capital programs. In fiscal 2003 MDOT must reimburse the MdTA, without interest, for any MdTA funds appropriated directly in support of the department's transit capital programs. Beginning in fiscal 2004, it is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds transferred by the MdTA to MDOT for any purpose must be repaid to the