Ratification of the Capital Outlay Plan for 2024-2030

JOINT FINANCE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

July 20, 2023

Background:

At the March 2023 meeting, the Board of Visitors reviewed a resolution requesting approval of the university's 2024-2030 Capital Outlay Plan (Plan). The Plan includes two attachments with lists of projects: i) Attachment A is a prioritized listing of projects requesting General Fund support that require review and approval by the General Assembly and ii) Attachment B is a listing of entirely nongeneral fund projects that may be authorized by the Board of Visitors. The resolution further requests authorization to submit Capital Budget Requests to the state, in accordance with future guidance from the state and based on the projects listed in Attachment A of the Plan. The resolution was approved, and the university has proceeded accordingly.

On May 25, 2023, the state issued instructions for the preparation and submission of Capital Budget Requests for the 2024-2026 Biennial Budget. The deadline for submission of the Capital Budget Requests to the state was June 22, 2023, and the university prepared and submitted its requests by the due date. The state instructions, consultation with the Department of Planning and Budget, and consultation with state budget policy makers resulted in adjustments to the Plan approved in March. The list below covers the main points of guidance provided by the state to the university:

- i. the submission to the state is limited to projects requesting some portion of General Fund resources in their budget and projects requesting to participate in the state's nongeneral fund bond pools.
- ii. each agency may submit only a subset of its highest priorities for General Fund support,
- iii. supplement funding for projects previously approved for construction will be considered top budget priorities,
- iv. agencies should include small, medium, and large size projects in their submission.
- v. agencies are encouraged to include maintenance reserve-like projects that are beyond the \$2 million capital budget threshold and extend the useful life of an asset, and

vi. for projects being submitted, the state provided prescribed unit construction cost values and escalation rates to estimate the total project costs to the mid-point of construction.

In response to the instructions and guidance, Virginia Tech made the following adjustments to Attachment A of the Plan. Attachment B of the Plan, the list of entirely nongeneral fund projects, has not changed.

Attachment A:

- i. retitled two projects to better align with state budget priorities: the Hahn Hall South Renovation and Expansion project (priority #2 in the University Division) and the System-wide Agricultural Research and Extension Centers Improvements, Phase I project (priority #2 in the Cooperative Extension / Agriculture Experiment Station Division),
- ii. inserted the Derring Hall Envelope Repair project to align with the state's funding priorities for Maintenance Reserve-like projects, and
- iii. revised the budget amounts for the six projects submitted to use the state's updated prescribed unit cost for construction and escalation rates, which made the amounts higher than the university's original estimates.

The instructions limited the number of budget requests for the 2024-2026 biennium to a subset of the institution's highest priorities in Attachment A. The table below summarizes the subset of six projects submitted for the 2024-2026 biennium.

	Dollars in Thousands						
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Nongeneral Debt	Total			
University Division							
Virginia Tech-Carilion School of Medicine and Fralin Biomedical Research Institute Expansion	\$ 153,700	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 183,700			
Chemistry/Physics Facilities Renovation & Expansion (Formerly titled Hahn Hall South)	100,500	-	40,900	141,400			
3. Life, Health, Safety, Code Compliance Package	8,000	-	-	8,000			
4. Derring Hall Envelope Repair (New Item)	16,800	-	-	16,800			
Total University Division Projects	\$ 279,000	-	\$ 70,900	\$ 349,900			
Cooperative Extension / Agriculture Experiment S	tation Divisior	1					
1. Center Woods Complex Improvements	\$ 14,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,700			
Agricultural Research and Extension Center Improvements (Formerly titled System-wide AREC							
Improvements, Phase I)	25,200	-	-	25,200			
Total CE/AES Division Projects	\$ 39,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,900			
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 318,900	\$ -	\$ 70,900	\$ 389,800			

State Capital Budget Review and Approval Process:

The next steps for the state's 2023 budget session include at least five major phases as summarized below:

- 1) A state appointed Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee (staffed by several central agencies and offices) will review all 2024-2030 capital plans submitted by agencies and institutions over the summer of 2023. This phase will include ongoing interactions by the university to best position its projects.
- 2) By November 1, 2023, the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan Advisory Committee will provide a set of recommendations to the Governor, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Chairman of House Appropriations Committee to update the state's capital outlay plan for the 2024-2030 period.
- 3) On December 20, 2023, the Governor is scheduled to present to the General Assembly a bill proposing the state's updated capital outlay plan and a budget bill including planning funds or full funding for high priority items in the plan.
- 4) The legislature may amend the proposed plan and the proposed funding program in the Executive Budget Bill during the 2024 General Assembly. Depending on the overall size of the capital program and the amount of General Fund support for its projects, the university may submit legislative amendments for projects. This phase includes ongoing interactions by the university until a budget bill is passed.
- 5) July 1, 2024, the state's updated 2024-2030 plan, capital funding program, and list of projects for the 2024-2026 biennium becomes effective.

In recognition of the adjustments in accordance with the instructions and guidance from state policy makers, the university is requesting ratification of an amended Attachment A of the Capital Outlay Plan for 2024-2030, attached. Attachment B of the Plan, the list of entirely nongeneral fund projects, remains as approved during the March 2023 meeting.

Recommendation:

That the Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan listing of projects shown on Attachment A for the period 2024 through 2030 be ratified for budget consideration with the state.

ATTACHMENT A

General Fund Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan for 2024-2030 as of July 20, 2023

		Dollars in Thousands Escalated to the Mid-point of Construction						
		General Fund	Nongeneral Fund		Debt		Total	
Univer	sity Division							
1	Virginia Tech-Carilion School of Medicine and Fralin Biomedical Research Institute Expansion	\$ 153,700	\$	-	\$ 3	30,000	\$	183,700
2	Chemistry/Physics Facilities Renovation and Expansion	100,500		-	4	10,900		141,400
3	Derring Hall Renovation	117,500		9,500		-		127,000
4	Newman Library Renovation	92,000		-		-		92,000
5	Robeson Hall Renovation	46,800		9,200		-		56,000
6	Classroom Renovations	25,000		-		-		25,000
7	Life, Health, Safety, Code Compliance Package	8,000		-		-		8,000
8	Derring Hall Envelope Repair	16,800						16,800
	Total University Division Projects	\$ 560,300	\$	18,700	\$ 7	70,900	\$ (649,900
Coope	rative Extension / Agriculture Experiment Station Division (CE/A	AES)						
1	Center Woods Complex Improvements	\$ 14,700	\$	-	\$	-	\$	14,700
2	Agricultural Research and Extension Center Improvements	25,200		-		-		25,200
3	Relocate Animal-Based Facilities from Glade Road	41,000		-		-		41,000
4	Plant and Environmental Sciences Research Facility (HABB-II)	91,000		-		-		91,000
5	Renew Animal and Livestock Facilities	34,000						34,000
	Total CE/AES Division Projects	\$ 205,900	\$		\$		\$ 2	205,900
Tota	l General Fund Capital Plan for 2024-2030	\$ 766,200	\$	18,700	\$ 7	70,900	\$ 8	855,800

ATTACHMENT B

Nongeneral Fund Six-Year Capital Outlay Plan for 2024-2030 as of Februrary 27, 2023

Dollars in Thousands Escalated to the Mid-point of Construction

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