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HEARING NOTES

Legislative Oversight: LO25-0001

Budget Briefing Bureau of Budget and Management Research and Capital Budget Only

Committee: Budget and Appropriations
Chaired by: Councilwoman Danielle McCray

Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Time (Beginning): 10:40 AM

Time (Ending): 12:00 PM

Location: Council Chambers

Total Attendance: Approximately 80 In-Person
Approximately 10 Virtually

Committee Members in Attendance:

Danielle McCray Sharon Green Middleton
Paris Gray

Bill Synopsis in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Attendance sheet in the file?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a
Agency reports read.	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a
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Final vote taken at this hearing?	<input type="checkbox"/> yes	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> n/a

This legislative oversight will remain open throughout the legislative term; no vote will be taken; quarterly budget hearings.

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Laura Larsen, Bureau of Budget and Management Research – BBMR
- Sara Paranilam, Department of Planning
- Veronica McBeth, Department of Transportation (DOT)



- Sean Burnett, Department of Transportation (DOT)
- Alice Kennedy, Department of Housing and Community Development

Major Issues Discussed

1. The representative from **BBMR** gave a PowerPoint Presentation. **A copy is on file.**
 - Topic: Second Quarter Projection; through December 31, 2024
 - Revenue and expenditure overview
 - Handout – By Agency and Service
 - FY25 Budget, YTD Actuals, FY25 Q2 Projection and FY25 Q2 Surplus/Deficit Projection - **A copy is on file.**
2. The representative from the **Planning Department** gave a PowerPoint Presentation: **A copy is on file.**
 - Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 Capital Improvement Program
 - Handout - Capital Projects – Appropriations & Expenditures through FY25Q2 - **A copy is on file.**
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3. **Baltimore City Public Schools** - **WAS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND THIS BRIEFING**
4. Committee/council members asked questions, stated concerns, and made comments. Some highlighted topics of discussion, comments and/or concern were:
 - **BBMR**
 - **Fleet Costs**
 - Talk a little more about your projection for these costs
 - **Requested by Chairwoman McCray – Please submit an update for the fleet costs for both the Sheriff's and Fire Departments.**
 - **Vacancies**
 - The 19% reduction for vacancies – what was this related too?
 - **Expenditures/Mis-Payments/Spending**
 - What procedures do you have in place to address wasteful spending and/or mis-payments?
 - What are some of the repercussions from overspending and how does it affect other agencies?
 - **Capital Budget**
 - **Traffic Safety Improvements**
 - The number of improvements for traffic safety decreased; why?
 - **Page 4 – Impacts on Capital Spending**
 - What is being done to reduce these impacts?
 - Can you talk about some of the solutions to address impacts on spending?
 - **Agency Partnerships**
 - **Concerns**
 - Safety problems, illegal dumping, constituent perspectives, crosswalk upgrades, traffic moving, unclean areas, and etc.
 - What are you doing in partnerships to address these issues?
 - Do agencies talk to each other? Are these conversations happening? It appears to be a void here!
 - Graffiti – How are you addressing and/or tackling this?

- **Funding Projects**

- Can you talk about how you fund projects time over time?

- **Economy and/or Uncertainty**

- With the possibility of new tariffs and with uncertainty of costs for products and/or materials, what is your communication plan for us and the public; especially when products become undeliverable?

- Requested by Councilman Gray – Please submit a list of all Capital Projects by district for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 – to be submitted by April 22, 2025

5. Hearing called to recess.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe.

1. See all requests above highlighted in both "red and yellow" above.
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Marguerite M. Currin

Marguerite M. Currin, Committee Staff
cc: Bill File

Date: April 15, 2025



Baltimore City Council
Committee Hearing Attendance Record

Subject: Legislative Oversight – Quarterly Budget Briefings - 2nd Quarter (BBMR and Planning/Capital Only)	LO#: LO25-0001
Committee: Budget and Appropriations	Chair: Danielle McCray
Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2025	Time: 9:01 AM
Location: Council Chambers	

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			What is your position on this bill?		Lobbyist: Are you registered in the City?*		
First Name	Last Name	Address / Organization / Email	Testify	For	Against	Yes	No
John	Doe	400 N. Holliday St. Johndoenbmore@yahoo.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lama Larsen	Finance						
Sarah Paraniyam	DOP						
C. Blumhoffer							
Veronica McBeth	DOT						
Alice Kennedy	DHCD						
Sean Burnett	DOT						

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Budget & Appropriations Committee

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:01 AM William Du Burns Council Chamber, 4th floor, City Hall, Phone:
1-408-418-9388 Password: Public Access code: 2349 041
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LO25-0001 - Quarterly Budget Briefings (BBMR and Capital Budget)

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

ATTENDANCE

Present 3 - Danielle N. McCray, Sharon Green Middleton, and Paris Gray

Absent 2 - Isaac "Yitzy" Schleifer, and Antonio "Tony" Glover

ITEM SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

LO25-0001 Quarterly Budget Briefings

For the purpose of calling on representatives from the Finance Department's Bureau of Budget and Management Research (BBMR), the Department of Planning (Capital Budget), and Baltimore City Public Schools (BCPS) to provide a briefing to the City Council on the financial performance and level of spending against the approved budgets.

Hearing was recessed.

ADJOURNMENT