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TO: Members, House and Senate Committees on Transportation and Joint Fiscal

Committee

FROM: Joe Flynn, Secretary of Transportation

DATE: August 25, 2020

SUBJECT: Central Garage Fund Status Report Section 35 of Act No. 109 of 2020

The following authority is established by Sec. 35 of Act No. 109 of 2020 which states:

Sec. 35. CENTRAL GARAGE FUND REPORT

(a) The Agency of Transportation shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee and to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation on September 1, 2020 on the status of the Central Garage Fund and the plan to address any negative projected balance in the Fund.

The Agency of Transportation Maintenance Bureau withheld payment of billed invoices from the Central Garage as a potential means of helping to balance the Transportation Fund at Fiscal Year 2020 year-end. The total amount of invoices withheld equals \$3,511,051.27. The Agency has included a proposed increase of \$3,500,000.00 of Transportation Fund in the Maintenance Fiscal Year 2021 appropriation in the recently submitted Governor's Restatement Budget. The intent is to pay these past due invoices with this additional funding, thereby fully restoring any negative fund balance in the Central Garage Fund that resulted from withholding FY2020 invoices. This would pay off in full during FY2021 the accounts receivable in the Central Garage Fund that resulted from withholding invoices.

Please feel free to contact me or the Agency's Chief Financial Officer Lenny LeBlanc (802-522-4839) if you have questions.

Thank you.

cc: Neil Schickner, Joint Fiscal Office

