

Office of Fiscal Analysis

FY 25 BUDGET PROJECTIONS

May 1, 2025

\$1.7 BILLION PENSIONS DEPOSIT PROJECTED

Projections of the two revenue categories governed by the volatility cap are revised upward by \$500 million in total (+\$350 million in the estimates and finals¹ portion of the personal income tax and +\$150 million in the pass-through entities tax), which increases the volatility adjustment transfer to the Budget Reserve Fund and pensions from \$1,403.5 million to \$1,903.5 million. It is anticipated that roughly \$200 million of this total would be required to maintain the Budget Reserve Fund at the maximum statutory level of 18% in FY 26, making \$1,703.5 million available to reduce unfunded pensions debt.

The Office of Fiscal Analysis projects operating surpluses within the General and Special Transportation funds of \$393.7 million and \$141.3 million, respectively. Relative to <u>last month's projection</u>, the projected operating surplus in the General Fund has increased by \$39.6 million and the projected operating surplus in the Special Transportation Fund (STF) has decreased by \$1 million.

General Fund

General Fund revenue projections are revised upward by \$77.2 million (net) in total due to several changes, primarily: 1) a positive, \$110 million adjustment to the withholding portion of the personal income tax recognizing a record-breaking, recently concluded bonus season which is tied to strong financial market performance in 2024; 2) a negative, \$85 million adjustment to the corporation tax category reflecting a recent (March - April) softening in collections, which are down approximately 17% from the same period last calendar year; and 3) a positive, \$50 million update to the projection for escheats necessary to reflect recent activity.

Overview In Millions of Dollars

| General Fund | Budget | April Estimate | Difference from Budget | |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Revenues | 23,103.7 | 23,712.5 | 608.8 | |
| Expenditures | 22,805.9 | 23,318.8 | 513.0 | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | 297.9 | 393.7 | 95.8 | |
| Budget Reserve Deposit | 957.5 | 2,297.2 | 1,339.7 | |
| Special Transportation Fund | | | | |
| Revenues | 2,354.5 | 2,341.2 | (13.3) | |
| Expenditures | 2,286.4 | 2,199.9 | (86.5) | |
| Surplus/(Deficit) | 68.1 | 141.3 | 73.2 | |
| Fund Balance | 509.1 | 582.3 | 73.2 | |

General Fund expenditure projections are revised upward by \$37.6 million (net) in total to reflect various updates, with the largest adjustments being increases of \$20.4 million to the Adjudicated Claims line item and \$20 million to the Medicaid line item within the Department of Social Services.

Special Transportation Fund

The Special Transportation Fund estimated surplus has been revised downward by \$1 million (net) in total relative to last month's projection. Revenues decreased by \$2.2 million, driven by a \$12.5 million reduction to Oil Companies due to lower oil prices stemming from recent trade disputes. This is partially offset by

¹ April is a pivotal month in collections for this revenue stream, as roughly 50% of the total annual amount is received.

eliminating an \$8 million budgeted transfer-out (funds are now projected to remain in the STF), which had been contingent on the Connecticut Airport Authority entering into a management agreement for Sikorsky Airport. All other revenue changes are minor or technical and net to a positive \$2.3 million adjustment. Expenditure projections decreased by \$1.2 million due to ongoing trends in Department of Transportation vacancies, partially offset by an increase in fringe benefit costs.

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| General Fund Summary | |
| In Millions of Dollars | |
| Summary | FY 25 |
| Budgeted Balance | 297.9 |
| Revenue Adjustments | 25.8 |
| as of April 2024 Consensus | |
| Revenue Changes | |
| + Investment Income | 318.7 |
| + Withholding | 240.0 |
| + Federal Grants | 13.2 |
| + Health Provider Tax | (60.9) |
| + Net Revenue | (120.9) |
| Revenue Subtotal | 415.9 |
| Expenditure Changes | |
| +Agency Deficiencies | (571.7) |
| +Net Lapses | 58.7 |
| Expenditure Subtotal | (513.0) |
| = Surplus/(Deficit) | 393.7 |
| Budget Reserve Fund Starting Balance | 4,105.1 |
| + Surplus/(Deficit) | 393.7 |
| + Volatility Adjustment | 1,903.5 |
| = Budget Reserve Transfer Subtotal | 2,297.2 |
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| = Budget Reserve Fund Balance | 6,402.3 |

Special Transportation Fund Summary In Millions of Dollars

| Summary | FY 25 |
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| Budgeted Balance | 68.1 |
| Revenue Adjustments as of April 2024 Consensus | 56.0 |
| Revenue Changes | |
| + Oil Companies | (67.1) |
| + Licenses, Permits and Fees | (10.0) |
| + Sales Tax - DMV | 4.4 |
| + Federal Grants | (2.9) |
| + Net Revenue | 6.3 |
| Revenue Subtotal | (13.3) |
| Expenditure Changes | |
| +Agency Deficiencies | 0.0 |
| +Net Lapses | 86.5 |
| Expenditure Subtotal | 86.5 |
| = Surplus/(Deficit) | 141.3 |
| STF Starting Balance | 441.0 |
| + Surplus/(Deficit) | 141.3 |
| = Fund Balance | 582.3 |

For further information, please see the links below: <u>Revenue Details Table</u> <u>Expenditure Details Table</u> <u>Budget Status Page</u>