



# Agency Climate Implementation Plan

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Maryland Department of Budget and Management Climate Implementation Plan required by Executive Order, “Leadership by State Government: Implementing Maryland's Climate Pollution Reduction Plan”

In accordance with Governor Moore’s [Executive Order 01.01.2024.19](#), “Leadership by State Government: Implementing Maryland's Climate Pollution Reduction Plan,” the Maryland Department of Budget and Management affirms its commitment to:

- Work to address climate change and ensure a just transition to a clean economy;
- Advance environmental justice by working to address the disproportionate impacts of climate change for underserved and overburdened communities, including the application of Justice40 goals, initiatives, and funding;
- Equitably implement all existing laws, regulations, and policies related to climate change, incorporating robust community and stakeholder engagement; and
- Continue to maximize federal funding opportunities on climate.

The Department of Budget and Management hereby submits its own Climate Implementation Plan (CIP) to demonstrate its commitment to a whole-of-government approach to addressing climate change and fully implementing Maryland’s Climate Pollution Reduction Plan.

## Part 1: Agency Actions Under the Climate Pollution Reduction Plan

Maryland's Climate Pollution Reduction Plan calls on the Department of Budget and Management to:

To continue to support the Governor's Office and state agencies in their efforts to implement their climate action plans through sound fiscal processes. During the budget process - and throughout the year - DBM will work with agencies to ensure the goals of the agency's climate action plan are being met while adhering to established agency budgets and encourage agencies to maximize existing resources.

## Part 2: Recommending Actions to Address Climate Change

In compliance with the law, the Department of Budget and Management is taking or recommending the following actions to more fully integrate the consideration of Maryland's greenhouse gas reduction goal and the impacts of climate change.

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) helps the Governor, State agencies, and their employees provide effective, efficient, and fiscally sound government to the citizens of Maryland. We support agency efforts to achieve results by helping them obtain the fiscal, capital, and personnel resources needed to provide services to Maryland citizens.

Through a variety of budgetary requirements and policies, DBM supports state agencies in their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to obtain energy efficiency in state owned, operated, and funded buildings.

The Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022 requires that the State reduce GHG emissions to net zero by 2045. It requires that agencies transition to no- or low-carbon energy sources, convert their fleets to zero emission vehicles, and consider climate impacts in their long-term planning. Maryland has also adopted California's Advanced Clean Cars II regulation, which bans the sale of new gasoline powered cars in 2035. Over the next several years, DBM will be working with the Departments of General Services and the Maryland Department of the Environment to better understand impacts of the Climate Solutions Now Act on projects and programs in the CIP. Agencies should continue to factor the requirements of the legislation into their capital projects and programs, consistent with DBM's prior year capital budget guidance. Facility Master Plans and part

I/II facility programs should include discussion of how proposed projects will reduce GHG emissions, expand the infrastructure needed to support zero emission vehicles, and mitigate the climate impacts associated with capital improvements.

All new and renovated State of Maryland facilities larger than 7,500 gross square feet which are fully funded by the state, kindergarten through 12th grade (K -12) public schools and new community college buildings are required to comply with the Maryland High Performance Green Building Program. A High Performance Building is one which achieves either a Silver rating or better under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, a two Green Globes rating or better under the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system, or which complies with the Maryland Green Building Council's supplement to the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) enacted in November 2014.

DBM also works with agencies to reduce the number of gasoline powered vehicles and transition to electric vehicles in the state's fleet. In FY 2026, 25% of vehicles purchased for the State Fleet must be electric vehicles (zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) equivalent). This requirement will increase to 50% of vehicles purchased in FY 2026.

## **Part 3: Considering Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions and Impacts on Disproportionately Affected Communities**

DBM will continue to support agencies with sound fiscal guidance, policies, and operating and/or capital support when agency location or construction decisions occur in disproportionately impacted communities.

## **Part 4: Resources for Implementation**

### **Implementing Maryland's Climate Pollution Reduction Plan**

DBM will continue to support the Governor's Office and state agencies in their efforts to implement their climate action plans through sound fiscal processes, budgetary guidance, and/or operating or capital support. DBM will coordinate with state agencies to ensure the state is leveraging all federal investment opportunities. DBM will not need additional resources to assist agencies in implementing their climate action plans.

As a support agency, DBM can provide guidance and direct agencies to capital planning resources. DBM will continue to review project proposals, including emissions reduction components, to help ensure proposed projects will comply with the goals of CSN. DBM

will help to implement agencies' climate plans through its capital budget process by reviewing funding requests for capital components and recommending them for funding in the capital budget and five-year Capital Improvement Program.

## **Part 5: Outcomes from Implementation**

As agencies work to implement their individual climate action plans, it is anticipated the state will reap benefits by maximizing state resources and taxpayer dollars to achieve cost savings, along with environmental benefits.