

CONSTRUCTION (TRUST FUND)

Appropriation Summary Statement

The prior year appropriations in this parkway construction account were authorized by section 104(a)(8) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1978, title I of Public Law 95-599, as amended, in amounts totalling \$180 million for parkways, to be derived from the Highway Trust Fund. These parkway authorizations have been regarded as contract authority in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 203. All of the \$180 million authorized have been made available as appropriations to liquidate contract authority in separate amounts for several fiscal years ending with the appropriation in FY 1991. Appropriation language has made the contract authority and the appropriations available until expended.

Funds are being allocated and used within the amounts stated in appropriation acts for three projects: the reconstruction and relocation of Route 25E through the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (authorized by section 160 of Public Law 93-87), and improvements to the George Washington Memorial Parkway and to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (authorized by the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Acts, 1987, Public Law 95-591, and 1991, Public Law 101-512).

The total remaining unobligated balance estimated to be available in FY 2000 is \$3,900,000, all of which is estimated for the Cumberland Gap project. This balance will be used for final site work and utilities relocation. The Intermodal Surface Transportation Act of 1991, Public Law 102-240, provided authorizations and specific appropriations for the Foothills Parkway project and for continued construction of the Cumberland Gap Tunnel and reconstruction of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Appropriations for these projects are made directly to the Department of Transportation rather than the Department of the Interior. Additional future year funding will be required to complete each of these projects.