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The Commission's response to recommended action

1. Defer projects with initial design funding

   The Commission does not concur with the analyst's recommendation to defer design projects proposed for fiscal 2006. The current student population at Maryland's community colleges is projected to increase by 20,671 students or 17 percent over the next decade. These capital projects are critical to accommodating this anticipated growth of students. Furthermore, these projects will address deficiencies in laboratory space, which is space most in need at the community colleges. By deferring these projects, the unmet needs of the community colleges will continue to increase.

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