

Agency Purpose

M.S. 15.50 provides for the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB) to preserve and enhance the Capitol Area's unique aesthetic and historic character, and to plan and guide its future development by maintaining a framework for its physical growth. CAAPB was established by the 1967 Legislature to ensure the architectural integrity of the Capitol, the buildings immediately adjacent to it, the Capitol grounds, and the Capitol Area.

Core Functions

As the planning and regulatory agency responsible for architectural design and long-range planning for the Capitol Area, the CAAPB has exclusive zoning jurisdiction and design review over both the state government complex and the surrounding commercial and residential neighborhoods.

Key Service Strategies:

- ⇒ Initiate funding requests, promoting timely design, restoration, and maintenance of the Capitol Building.
- ⇒ Provide framework for the development and maintenance of the Capitol Mall and its memorials.
- ⇒ Manage internal agency operations, human resources, planning, and projects.
- ⇒ Provide planning tools and guidelines for future Capitol Area development.
- ⇒ Coordinate all historical documents for the Capitol Area.
- ⇒ Provide open communication and coordination with all clientele.
- ⇒ Support executive order initiatives as they relate to the Capitol Building or Capitol Area.

Operations

As overseer of Capitol Area development, the CAAPB's responsibility for public projects covers all phases of design and construction. Individual project planning occurs within a long-range framework for the area's physical development. The board's *1998 Comprehensive Plan* and the *Specific Actions for Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan* are the framework for its daily agenda, along with the *Zoning and Design Rules for the Capitol Area*, published in January 2000.

The CAAPB works closely with many state agencies, especially the Department of Administration, the city of Saint Paul, neighborhood planning district councils and development groups, and with private sector architects, engineers, and developers.

Board performance focuses on good design, long-range planning, and efficient use of the public dollar. Composed of gubernatorial, legislative, and city appointees, the board often is in a position to coordinate and leverage public improvements in a cost-effective and result-orientated manner. An advisory committee of three professional architects serves the board, along with four staff.

Key Measures

The board meets every two to three months to review or approve issues directly affecting zoning/planning development or design within the 60-block area of the board's jurisdiction.

At A Glance

- ◆ The Capitol, built in 1905, will celebrate its centennial in 2005.
- ◆ Approximately 300,000 people visit the Minnesota State Capitol each year and approximately 9,000 work within the Capitol Complex on a daily basis.
- ◆ Since 1986, capital budget appropriations totaling \$25.9 million have been dedicated to Capitol Building renovations and restoration.
- ◆ The Capitol Complex is comprised of a 60-block area that contains 15 state office buildings (two million gross square feet of office, ceremonial, and public spaces), six blocks of commercial/retail space, 12 residential blocks, and one primary care hospital campus.
- ◆ The board is comprised of 10 members, chaired by the lieutenant governor, with both house and senate representation as well as gubernatorial and city appointees.
- ◆ The board assists the chair and 14-member Capitol 2005 Commission in planning the 100-year birthday of the Capitol, and ensuring its endowment for the next 100 years.

Based on solid planning tools and guidelines developed in concert with the *Comprehensive Plan* and the *Zoning and Design Rules*, the board has a positive impact on the overall appearance of the Capitol Area and beyond. In recent years, the agency led the ongoing restoration of the Capitol Building, including the "Rathskeller" cafeteria, the exterior and immediate grounds, and the completion of the *Predesign Study* for interior restoration of the building. As well, the Board participated in the review of recent design work for the new Agriculture/Health lab and office buildings, the Department of Human Services building, and a continuing number of memorials, honoring World War II, Hubert H. Humphrey, Minnesota Workers, and Minnesota Firefighters.

Based on the board's success in implementing a higher design standard, the advice of the Advisory Committee and staff is sought after by:

- ◆ other state capitols in their approaches to planning and development;
- ◆ the Saint Paul Design Center;
- ◆ surrounding district councils and citizen action groups;
- ◆ professional planning and architectural organizations interests; and
- ◆ nonprofit and community based initiatives, such as: Public Art Saint Paul, Summit Park redevelopment effort, Riverfront Corporation, the Capital City Partnership, and Saint Paul Farmers Market.

Budget

The CAAPB base budget is appropriated from the General Fund. The budget covers 80-90% of salaries for four permanent employees, plus limited per diems for the three-member advisory committee and the 10-member board. Beginning in FY 2003-04, a specific legislative appropriation provided some additional funding for technology costs. Since April 2001, CAAPB staff has administratively supported the chair and a 14-member Capitol 2005 Commission in their meetings and planning of the 100-year birthday of the Capitol Building. This responsibility is scheduled to end January 2006, when the activity ends.

The agency's level of activity, outside CAAPB control, is contingent upon others who need CAAPB review or approval for development projects. Legislative language passed in 2001, and renewed in 2003, allows the CAAPB to charge for board, advisors, and staff time when the projects are pursuant to the Capitol Area and require board review or approval, but these costs are only reimbursable through FY 2005.

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Dollars in Thousands

	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium 2006-07
	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	262	262	262	262	524
Forecast Base	262	262	262	262	524
Change		0	0	0	0
% Biennial Change from 2004-05					0%
 <u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Carry Forward					
General	0	0	73	5	78
Direct Appropriations					
General	263	332	262	262	524
Statutory Appropriations					
Special Revenue	3	12	0	0	0
Gift	0	3	0	0	0
Total	266	347	335	267	602
 <u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	220	238	228	221	449
Other Operating Expenses	46	106	107	46	153
Capital Outlay & Real Property	0	3	0	0	0
Total	266	347	335	267	602
 <u>Expenditures by Program</u>					
Capitol Area Arch Planning Bd	266	347	335	267	602
Total	266	347	335	267	602
 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	 3.3	 4.1	 3.4	 3.3	