Cuts not extensive

Transit and traffic budget changes not expected to disrupt traffic

Motorists will not have to worry about driving around Baltimore too much, according to the director of the Department of Transit and Traffic.

Hugo Liem, Jr., transit and traffic department head, said this week that although he expects his $5.7 million budget to be cut by about $22,000 he does not expect it to upset traffic in the city.

"The traffic flow will not be changed greatly," said Liem. "We expect to be able to maintain the traffic flow about at the same level it is now."

Liem made the prediction Wednesday just prior to his presentation to the Board of Estimates.

He told the AFRO the reason that traffic may be a problem because of budget cuts is a request for an extra crew to install parking meters in the city.

"Right now we have only one crew of three men construction parking meters," he said. "We needed that extra crew so we could install the extra parking meters so we could generate more revenue and perhaps bring the tax rate down."

Mayor Schaefer has told all city agency heads to cut budgets, not alter the city tax rate of $5.99.

Liem also said the overtime for parking meter attendant would also be deleted from the budget.

The elimination of the overtime for the attendant's position, according to Liem, would mean that the attendant could not cover or collect money from the meters in the early morning hours between 5:30 and 8:30 a.m. but would have to do it the night before.

"This means we lose several hours in revenues," said Liem, "if he had to cover the meter the night before some special event."

Liem explained that his budget cuts are not as severe as the other departments because the majority of his operating fund comes from gas tax.

Seventeen percent of the gas tax pays for the operating budget," he said.

He added the rest of his operating expenses are generated from the parking meters.

Income tax deadline is near!

The deadline for filing state and federal income tax is only a few days away and about 300,000 state residents haven't filed yet.

The state is offering free assistance for tax payers at 11 offices of the Income Tax Division.

In Baltimore the office is located at 301 W. Preston St. It is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 15 and from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, April 17. The phone number for information is 296-3981.

Local Internal Revenue offices and telephone lines are open Friday, April 14, 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Monday, April 17, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The city office is located on the first floor of the Fallon Federal Building, Hopkins Plaza and the phone number is 962-2590.

Federal and state officials caution taxpayers about hasty mistakes made by last - minut fillers.

State Comptroller Louis Goldstein said taxpayers should be sure to "check arithmetic and be sure to attach all W - 2 forms."

Ge ald Portney, IRS director for Maryland and the District Columbia, also said math errors occur on federal returns. Other mistakes include missing information and unallowable deductions.

Mistakes on tax forms can be costly: filers expecting refunds delay receipt of their money by several weeks if errors must be corrected.

State taxpayers can not itemize on the Maryland returns even if they were not allowed to itemize on their federal returns.

A completed Schedule A of federal form 1040 should be attached to the state tax return. Copies of Schedule A are available from all state Income Tax Offices and are part of the federal form 1040 packet.

People unable to file before the April 17 deadline may apply for an automatic 60 day extension.

Portney explained the procedure.

"Estimate the amount of any tax due and send that amount with a completed form 4868 to the IRS Service Center by April 17," he said.

When the return is actually filed, any additional amount due will also include interest at a rate of six percent per annum, Portney said.

Section of beltway to close

Two southbound lanes of the Baltimore Beltway bridge over the Patapsco River will be closed beginning Monday, April 17, the State Highway Administration announced. The two fast lanes will remain open.

Traffic will merge left north of the bridge at the Route 1 (Washington Boulevard) Interchange (Exit 10).

The two lanes will be closed for a total discance of approximately 2,000 feet. The closing will be in effect for from three to four days.

All northbound lanes will remain open.

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AFRO Q & A

Q: Why is it that Al Sanders of Baltimore's WJZ-TV does not anchor the 11 p.m. news in addition to the six o'clock news? Also, can you tell me what type of communications background he has? S. D., Division Street.

A: The folks on Channel 13's Television Hill say that Jerry Turner has been anchoring the 11 o'clock news for the past 10 years and he is the traditional one-man anchor for the late news.

Sanders, who has been with the station since 1972, was formerly a newsman with KTVI-TV in St. Louis and a program manager for KWK-TV also in St. Louis. He holds a degree in Liberal Arts from Harris Teachers College in (you guessed it) St. Louis.

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Divorces filed

Nellie L. Morris vs. Nolan K. Morris.

Christine A. Hamilton vs. Maurice E. Hamilton.

Barbara J. Fisher vs. Jerry B. Fisher.

William Bruce Cree vs. Audrey Lee Cree.

Pannie L. Watson vs. Albert Watson.

John J. Brocato, Sr. vs. Betty J. Brocato.

Charlotte Walker vs. Robert Walker, Jr.

Wanda Hall vs. Charles Hall.

Divorces granted

Frederick J. Miller from Mary E. Miller.

Catherine L. Hughes from F. Patrick Hughes.

Patricia O'Brocki from David O'Brocki.

Linda F. Stoughton from David T. Stoughton.

Roger Pleasant from Donna A. Pleasant.

Allen Sansbury Jr. from Marie A. Stansbury.

Vickie L. Willims from Edward P. Williams.

June C. Stafford from William J. Stafford.

Carolyn L. Smith from Lamont A. Smith.

Court docket

Robbery With A Deadly Weapon — Melvin Cummings, plea of guilty, sub curia; Gregory Harding, plea of guilty, 20 years imprisonment.

Narcotics Violation — Melvin Cummings, plea of guilty, sub curia.

Unauthorized Use — Harlee Campbell, plea of guilty, 6 months imprisonment.

Rape — Frederick Evans, plea of guilty, 3 years probation and fine $250.

Traffic Violation — Nathaniel Henry, plea of guilty, 1 year probation, fine $250; Calvin Henry Wilson, 60 days imprisonment, suspend 40 days, fine $250.

Traffic Violation — Dewey Lenell Lee, plea of guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation; Herman William Carty, Jr., plea of guilty, 6 months imprisonment, suspended, 1 year probation and fine $500; Robert William Mens, plea of guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation and fine $500; Lee Thornton Watkins, plea of guilty, 1 year imprisonment, suspended, 1½ years probation and fine $500.

Attempted Burglary — Joseph Ditzell; plea of guilty, 6 months, imprisonment.

Narcotics Violation — Walter Cullum St.; plea of guilty, 1½ years imprisonment, suspended, 2 years probation.

Breaking and Entering — Gregory Sheppard, plea of guilty, 1½ years imprisonment, suspended, 1 year probation.

Shoplifting — James A. Phillips, Jr., plea of guilty, 2 years probation.

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