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AT A GLANCE

- Zoning jurisdiction, design review, and planning authority in a 60-block area around the Capitol Building.
- Three full-time staff and three professional advisors serve the Board, which meets six times a year.
- 12-member non-partisan Board appointed by Governor, City of Saint Paul, and Legislature, and chaired by the Lieutenant Governor.

PURPOSE

The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB) is a small state agency with responsibilities unique to the state. Our mission is:

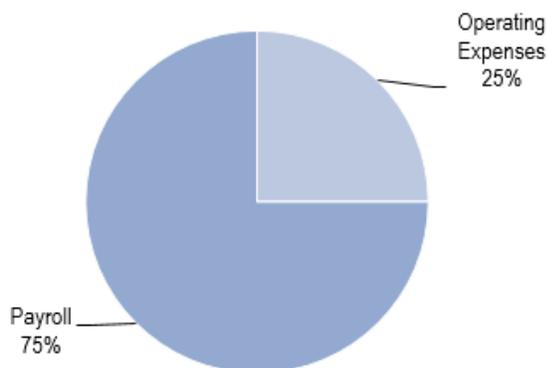
- To preserve and enhance the architectural integrity of the Capitol Building and area.
- To improve and protect open areas for public enjoyment.

- To develop accessible approaches to the Capitol Area for pedestrians, roadways, and mass transit systems.
- To establish a framework for growth in keeping with the original Cass Gilbert design.

Our framework of operations is a comprehensive plan and codified zoning and design rules, developed with input from stakeholders and maintained by staff. We coordinate our responsibilities with other state agencies, the City of Saint Paul, neighborhood planning bodies, and private sector professionals. We contribute to the statewide outcome of: **Efficient and accountable government services.**

BUDGET

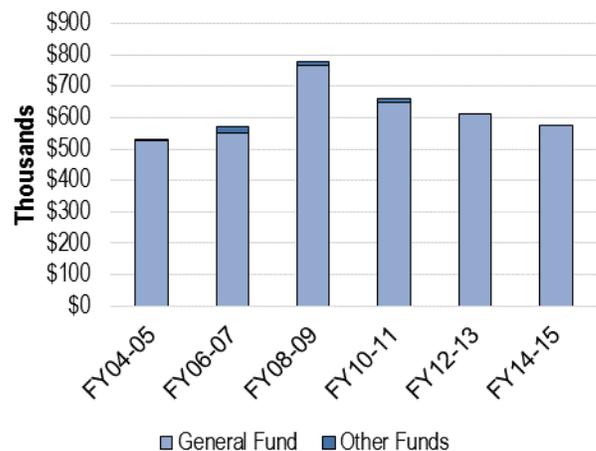
**Spending by Category
FY 15 Actual**



The CAAPB's operations are funded through a general fund appropriation.

Source: SWIFT

Historical Spending



The FY08-09 appropriation was increased to fund the required 10-year updating of our comprehensive plan and re-write of our zoning and design guidelines. Budgets between FY10-11 and FY12-13 reflect one FTE retiring.

Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

STRATEGIES

Regulation:

- The CAAPB acts on requests for zoning permits or design review approvals for projects within the Capitol Area.
- The CAAPB completes reviews and approvals of zoning requests within 60 days of request filing.

- A Saint Paul building permit is only issued after the CAAPB has reviewed and approved zoning request and issued a permit for projects within the Board’s jurisdiction. If necessary, a Certificate of Design Compliance is also required, if changes occur at the City level.

Development and Planning:

- We provide project-specific guidelines for Capitol Area work and encourage post construction analysis.
- We have a development framework and maintenance standards for the Capitol mall and its memorials.
- We conduct open, fair, and timely competitions for state buildings and memorials in the Capitol Area;
- We provide open consultation and collaboration with other state agencies, the City of Saint Paul, immediate neighborhoods, and state and national communities.
- We initiate funding requests, promote design integrity, restoration, and maintenance of the Capitol Building in cooperation with the Department of Administration and the Minnesota Historical Society.

Policy – the CAAPB’s work is guided by the following:

- Rules Governing Zoning and Design for the MN State Capitol Area, 2009.
- 1998 Comprehensive Plan for the MN State Capitol Area, amended in 2009. Next revision underway for 2017-18.
- Policy for Works of Art in the MN State Capitol, 1998.
- Policy for Commemorative Works in the MN State Capitol Area, 2012.
- Mall memorials only constructed if 20% of construction budget is set aside for future maintenance.

RESULTS

We are proud of our performance of the following measurable outcomes and successes over the past two years:

- Advocate with others in the Capitol Building’s need for restoration and successful funding.
- Provided design guidelines for plan reviews of three new state parking ramps (two of which were approved, funded and are now complete).
- Processed a zoning variance, developed design guidelines and plans for a new legislative office building and parking ramp.
- Successfully advocated for legislative funding of two new memorials on the Capitol mall.
- Actively participated and helped complete the state’s newest military memorial on the lower Capitol mall.
- Active participant on the Capitol Preservation Commission.
- Transitioned to full participation with Administration’s SmART program for more efficient coordination with state systems.
- Used 2013-14 funds to support long needed electronic backup to critical file systems as part of response to COOP Planning.
- Initiated efforts to convert to State’s Tridion for website in effort to serve the public more efficiently.

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quality	Enforcing zoning regulations: Action within 60 days.	100% achieved.	100% achieved.	August, 2014 August, 2016
Quantity	Project design document review and commentary (buildings and memorials).	10	16	2006 and 2016
Quality	Timely management of new memorials (competition through construction).	6-10 years to complete.	4-5 years to complete.	2014 -2016

The legal authority for the CAAPB is MN Statute 15B. (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=15B>).