



REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION
SECRETARY OF STATE
 (See SFN 02580)

Received: 05/30/2024

Request #: 2132

Requestor Information

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 Department number: 110
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No
 Purpose of request: Intra-agency line item transfer

From Line Item	To Line Item	Amount
11051 Capital Carryover	11030 Operating	\$468,770

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? Yes
 Provide explanation:
 Funds in the amount of \$451,000 were requested in the 2023-25 executive budget to tear down the State Office Building. The request was approved by the Senate but removed by the House Approps Subcommittee. The full legislative assembly did not vote on these funds.

Is the request for a new program? No
 Does the request require an FTE increase? No
 Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes
 Provide explanation:
 The request was approved by the Senate but removed by the House Approps Subcommittee.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:
 54-16-04.2 States that the Emergency Commission may authorize a state officer to receive and expend moneys from other sources for new or existing programs if the legislative assembly has not indicated an intent to reject the moneys of the program. The full legislative assembly has not voted on the removal of the State Office Building.

Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:
 The State Office Building was built in 1955 and has had issues related to water infiltration and mold. The Capitol Grounds Planning Commission (CGPC) adopted the 2000 Capitol Master Plan which said that the State Office Building had reached the end of its useful life and was recommended for removal by 2020. The building has been vacant since 2022 and is overrun with mold. The CGPC is coming forward with this ask now, as there would be approximately \$250,000 in savings to the state by using the dirt from the state lab to fill the hole left by the demolition of the State Office Building.

Provide any other relevant information:
 The estimated cost for removal of the building is now \$750,000. OMB would use the \$468,770 in carryover funds before using the \$250,000 appropriation for the CGPC. The additional funds would need to come from OMB's budget if necessary, after receiving the engineered cost to demolish the building. Any savings after receiving the engineered cost would be used to make progress on the purchase and installation of signs.

Signature



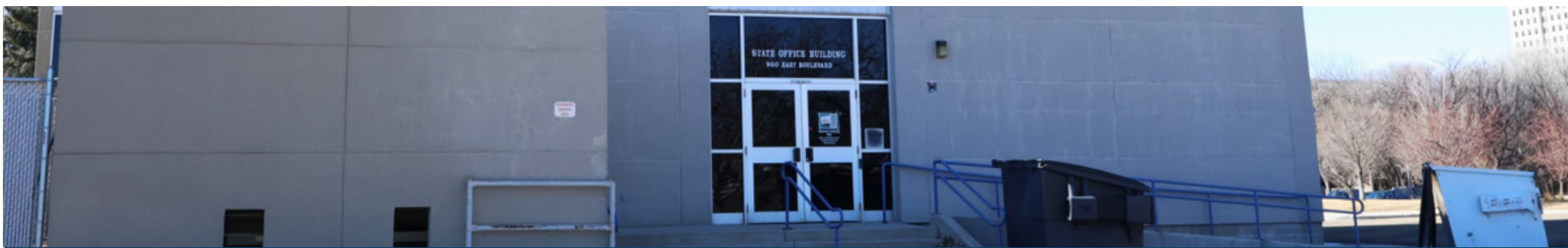
I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

Susan Sisk

05/29/2024

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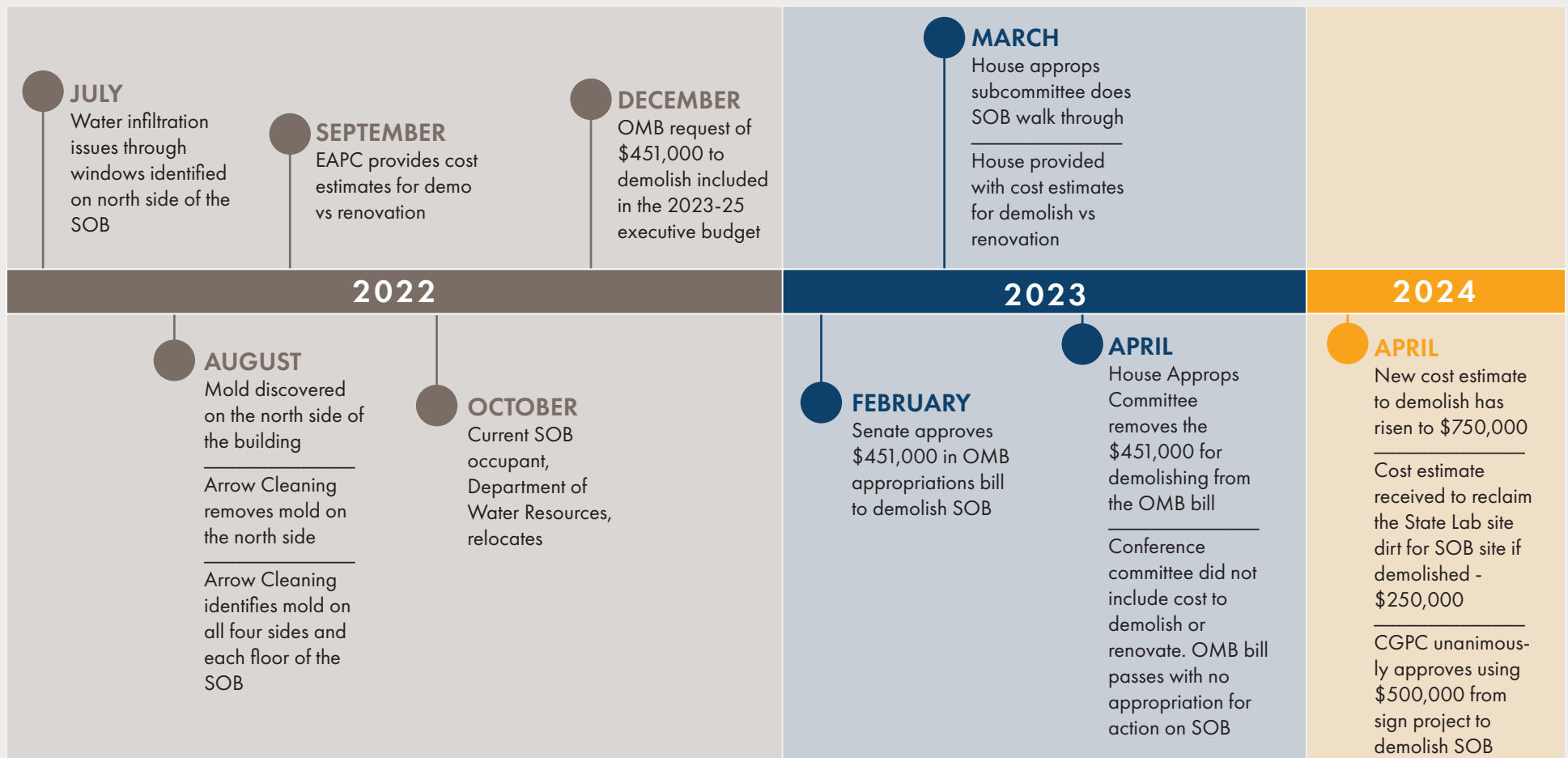
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STATE OFFICE BUILDING

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Since the 1990s, water infiltration through basement floor and walls of the State Office Building (SOB) was identified due to underground stream running directly under the building. In 2000, the Capitol Grounds Planning Commission (CGPC) approved the 2000 Capitol Grounds Master Plan. This plan included a recommendation to demolish and remove the SOB. A recent SOB timeline of events is below.



STATE OFFICE BUILDING

HISTORY

The State Office Building was constructed in the southeast corner of the Capitol grounds in 1955 to accommodate Bismarck Junior College. As stated in the 2000 Capitol Master Plan, "it may simply have been an expedient and economical consideration. The unfortunate location resulted in a building that bears little relationship to the Capitol Complex and detracts from the natural beauty and sense of arrival that could otherwise have grace that important corner."

Bismarck Junior College relocated, and the department of transportation occupied the building until 1967. Many divisions within state agencies have occupied the building over the years. All have requested to be relocated due to water infiltration issues and the smells of mold.

In 1991, \$1,059,000 was allocated from the Capitol Building Fund to remodel the entire building to resolve the issues of water infiltration through the basement floor, walls throughout the building and roof.

The architectural characteristics of the building do not conform with the other buildings on the Capitol grounds and as quoted in the 2000 Capitol Master Plan, "the State Office Building is a much less dignified, adaptively reused building in the far southeast corner of the Complex. This building is reaching the end of its useful life and is recommended for removal by 2020."

MASTER PLAN

Existing Buildings

- 1 Legislative Wing
- 2 Capitol Tower
- 3 Judicial Wing
- 4 DOT Building
- 5 Liberty Memorial Library
- 6 Heritage Center
- 7 Governor's Residence

Proposed Buildings

- 8 Maintenance / Motor Pool
- 9 Proposed Building
- 10 Heritage Center Expansion
- 11 Historic Gardens / Pavilion

Site Features/Amenities

- 12 Capitol Mall
- 13 Capitol Plaza
- 14 Legislative Mall
- 15 Amphitheater
- 16 Myron Atkinson Park
- 17 Judicial Grove

CURRENT COST ESTIMATES



\$750,000
CGPC Recommendation
 Demolish & Remove SOB

Due to the mold, continual water issues, and the 2020 Capitol Master Plan, this option is recommended promptly, with unanimous approval by the CGPC.*

If demolition begins by fall 2024, \$250,000+ will be saved by repurposing the State Lab dirt.

*Funds originally approved by the CGPC cannot be used. Rather, a request would be made to the Emergency Commission and Budget Section to use OMB contingency funds.



\$7,500,000
Not CGPC Recommended
 Rebuild & Renovate SOB

At more than 10 times the cost of demolition, and with continual water issues, this option is not recommended.

