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## COMPTROLLER'S MEMORANDUM NO. 2023 – 17 – AMENDED

TO: Department Heads

FROM: Keith A. Regan, Comptroller

SUBJECT: Increase in Flat Monthly Automobile Allowance

This memorandum supersedes Comptroller's Memorandum No. 1991-19 dated May 21, 1991.

Due to the increasing cost to own and operate a vehicle, effective <u>September 1, 2023</u>, the flat monthly automobile allowance (FMAA) per month for department heads and deputies will be increased as follows:

	From	То
Director	\$326.00	\$655.00
Deputy Director	\$276.00	\$554.54

The last time this allowance was modified was on July 1, 1991. For reference, the GSA's mileage reimbursement rate was \$0.275 per mile in 1991. In 2023, the GSA's mileage reimbursement rate was set at \$0.655 per mile. This equates to a 138% increase in the per mile reimbursement rate from 1991 to 2023. The FMAA has not been adjusted in more than 30 years, and, given the increase in operating costs (gas, insurance, maintenance, etc.) plus the impact of inflation, we have determined that an adjustment is warranted.

The FMAA is provided for department heads and their deputies for the use of their personal vehicles to conduct official state business during and after normal working hours. Section 3-10-13 of our Travel Rules provides that the flat monthly allowance may be secured by direct request to the comptroller. This allowance, which will be taxed in accordance with applicable laws, will be approved for these officials in lieu of an assigned state-owned vehicle.