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Re: November 2022 Revenue & Caseload Estimating Conferences
Historic Preservation Investment Tax Credit Program reporting

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission has one program upon which the Revenue and Caseload Estimating Conference requests information semiannually – the Historic Preservation Investment Tax Credit Program.

The program is administered jointly by the Commission and the Division of Taxation. Attached to this testimony are two reports regarding that program, each in pdf and Microsoft Excel formats. Each report is current as of 21 October 2022 and is formatted in a manner that is consistent with past submissions provided by the Commission.

The first of these reports, the **Active Projects Report**, lists two types of projects:

- Projects (and phases of projects) that have not been completed but for which a Part 1 Application was filed before January 1, 2008, and for which the proponent(s) entered into a contract with the Division of Taxation in July 2008 for Historic Preservation Investment Tax Credits. The Commission has updated some of the information in our database based on information provided by developers about changes to their projects.
- Projects for which 2013 applications have been filed with the Commission. Only 2013 projects for which an application has been filed with the Commission are included in this category; projects for which an application may have been filed with the Division of Taxation but for which an application has not been filed with the Commission are not included.

The Active Projects Report lists projects as either “In Progress” or “Pending.” Projects are listed as “In Progress” based on Commission staff reports of project activity. Projects for which no recent project activity has been reported are listed as “Pending.”

The **Completed Projects Report** lists projects (and phases of projects) for which historic rehabilitation construction intended to qualify for Historic Preservation Investment Tax Credits has been completed, and the Commission has certified that the work complies with the program regulations. The values used in the Completed Projects Reports come from the Commission's files and information supplied by developers.

Some Program Highlights:

Completed Projects

The 316 projects and phases of projects completed to date represent:

- Total Investment of \$2.137 billion since 2001, and a
- Total of \$437.3 million of state historic tax credits over that period.

Active projects

- Active Projects represent an estimated investment of \$261.1 million
- The number of Active Projects has decreased from 22 to 21 since May 2022. It has not rebounded to the pre-COVID number of 24
- The amount of outstanding tax credits has increased from \$37.68 million to \$49.62 million since May 2022.

Two of the 2013 Active Projects are already also partially to substantially complete, though final completion reports have not yet been filed and processed. These include:

- Exchange Bank – National Exchange Building, Providence
- Woolworth Building, Providence.

These two projects have a combined total project cost of \$15 million and a total estimated state historic tax credit value of \$2.5 million.

Finally, the historic preservation community in Rhode Island is extremely thankful to the State Legislature for its addition of \$28 million to the fund for State Investment Tax Credit projects during the last session. This investment in historic preservation in the state is a welcome sign of support to the preservation community and the construction industries and acknowledgement that historic preservation is valued by the citizens of Rhode Island.