SECTION 1 – APPROPRIATION – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,500,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of transportation for rural transit providers operating in each county's rural areas. A rural area is defined as any area with a population of less than 50,000 based on the 2020 decennial census. This one-time distribution will be for contracts awarded to eligible transportation providers in the 2023-2025 biennium and will follow the formula per NDCC 39-04.2-04.

