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SB 2012 OVERVIEW TESTIMONY

House Appropriations Committee



March 5, 2025

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NORTH Dakota | Transportation
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MISSION

Safely move people and goods.

VISION

North Dakota's transportation leader promoting safe ways, superior service & economic growth.

VALUES | P.R.I.D.E.

Professionalism | Respect | Integrity | Dedication | Excellence

CULTURAL ASPIRATIONS

Take care of yourself and your family
Invest in yourself and the team | Work as a team
Be helpful, inclusive, and appreciative

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EXECUTIVE TEAM

NORTH Dakota | Transportation
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Director



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Deputy Director
for Driver Safety



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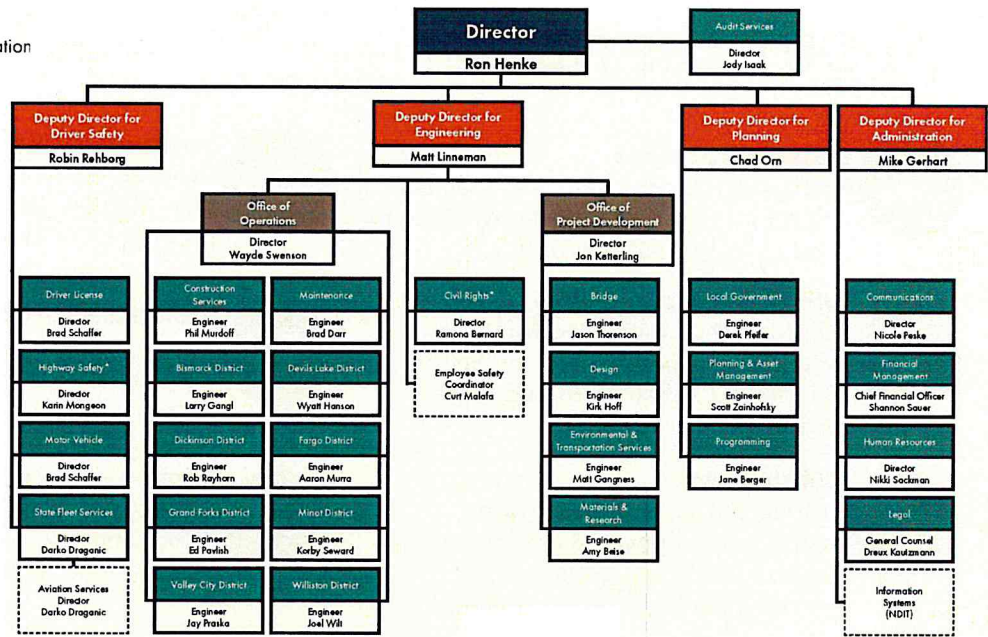


Mike Gerhart
Deputy Director
for Administration



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TEAM NDDOT



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HOW WE SERVE NORTH DAKOTA

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ABOUT THE NDDOT



State Fleet Services

Purchases, manages, operates, maintains and disposes of the state's licensed motor vehicles (over 3,500 vehicles).



Driver & Vehicle Services

Provides ID validation, licensing & driver record management, as well as vehicle title, registrations and license plates.



Collaboration

The NDDOT partners with state agencies, local governments, tribal nations, townships, public, etc. to ensure efficiency and effectiveness.



Transportation Programs

Maintain the long-range transportation plan, manage grants, various funding programs, and transit programs.



Project Delivery & Operations

Design, construction, maintenance, operations and snow removal of the state highway system.



Highway Safety

Designated State Highway Safety Office and Vision Zero lead, manages the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

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STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS



SAFETY - Provide a safe and secure transportation system and workplace.



INNOVATION - Promote a culture of innovation.



ASSETS - Preserve and enhance assets managed by the NDDOT.



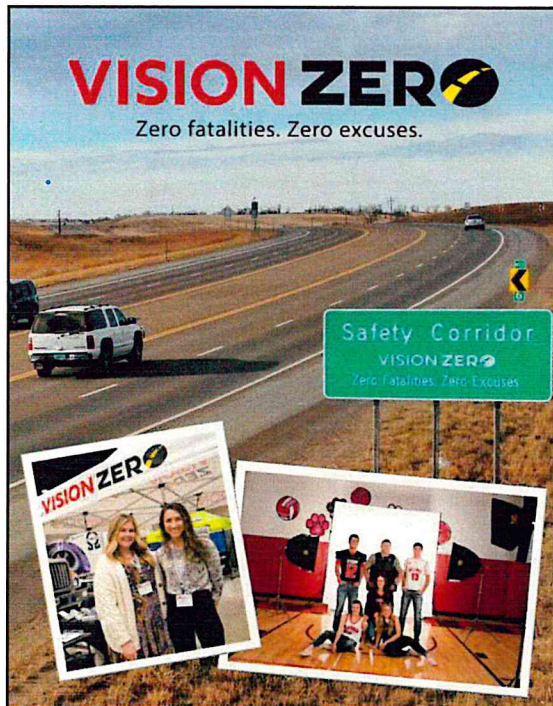
MOBILITY - Improve access to our transportation systems through multi-modal solutions.



LEADERSHIP - Be a local, state, and nationally trusted leader.

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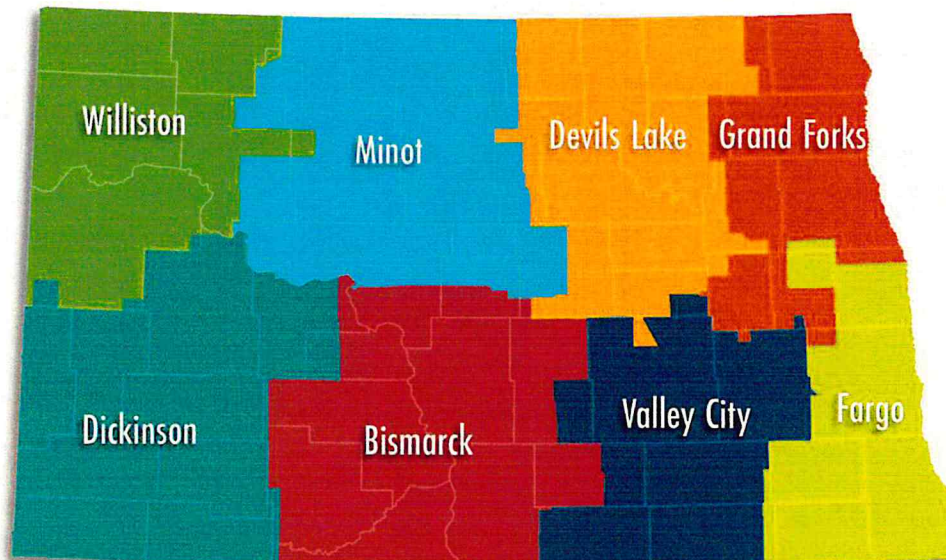
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- **Mission:** Eliminate motor vehicle crash fatalities and serious injuries in ND.
- **2025: 8 (as of Feb. 25)**
2024: 90 fatalities (*preliminary*)
2023: 106 fatalities
- Motor vehicle crashes are largely preventable if everyone takes personal responsibility.
- **Vision Zero Schools** – 14 schools engaged (Kidder County, Flasher, Wing, Oakes, Killdeer, Des Lacs-Burlington, LaMoure, Carrington, Standing Rock, Nedrose, Watford City, Sheyenne, Northern Cass and Larimore).
- **Regional Coordinators** – Five across the state - extends the work of Vision Zero into the heart of the community.

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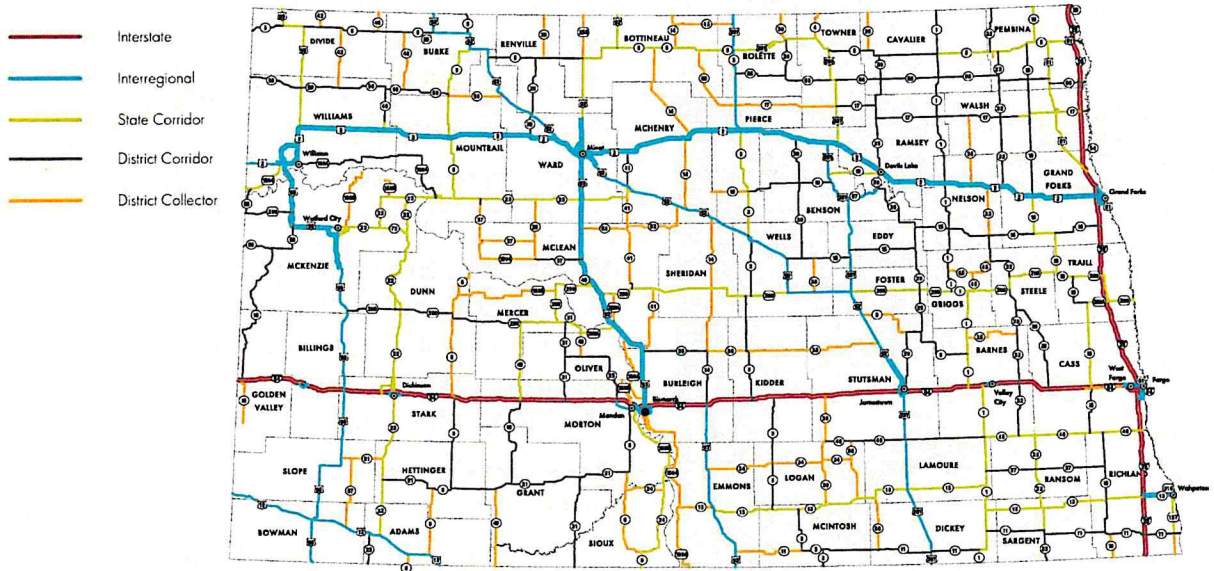
NDDOT DISTRICTS



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HIGHWAY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

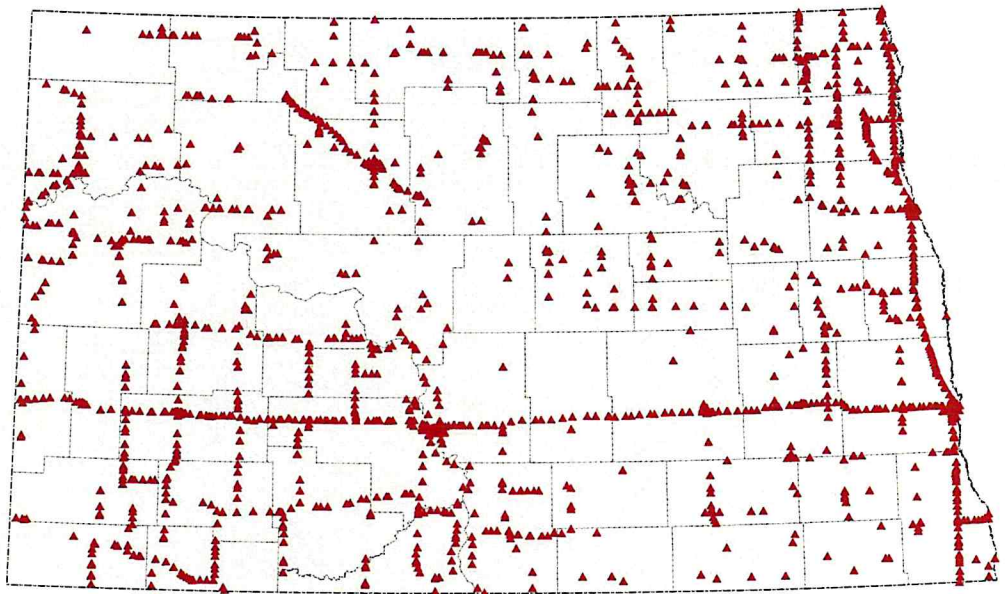


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STATE BRIDGE INFRASTRUCTURE

▲ State Bridges
1,734

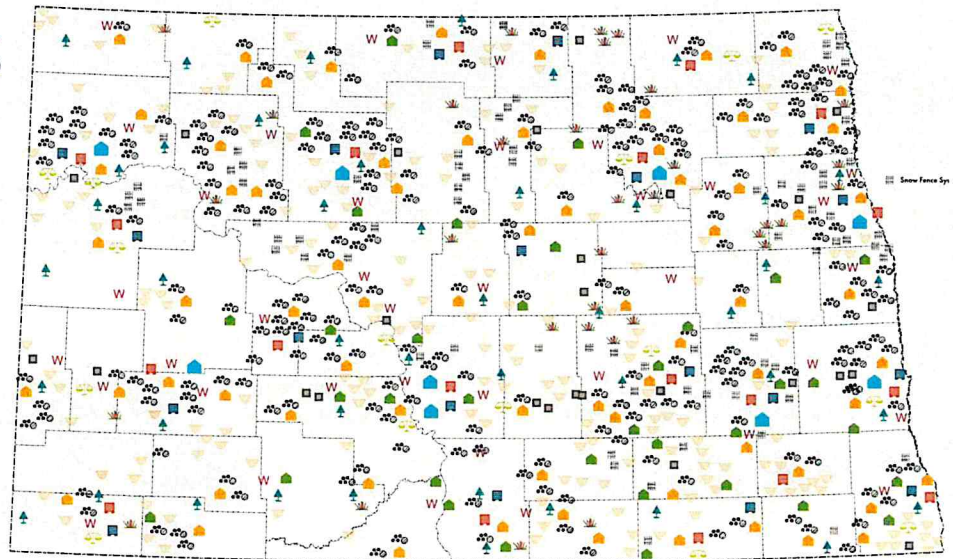
Total Bridges
(state, county,
city, etc.)
4,814



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SUPPORT FACILITIES & ASSETS

-  DOT Offices
-  MV Offices
-  Drivers License Offices
-  Maintenance Sections
-  Satellite Buildings
-  Vehicle Weighing Facilities
-  Road Weather Stations
-  DOT Communication Towers
-  Rest Areas
-  Storage Tanks
-  Quarries/Pits
-  Wetland Mitigation Sites
-  Snow Fence Systems



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EQUIPMENT & FLEET

1,500+ TOTAL
PIECES OF EQUIPMENT

- Equipment is located across all eight districts.
- Additional equipment includes items like mowers, skid steers, patching equipment, etc.

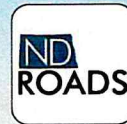


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SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

- Cost - \$27.1M per year
- Statewide operations
5 a.m. – 11 p.m. in urban areas
- Lane miles – 17,286
- State funded – not eligible for federal reimbursement

Know before you go.
Download the ND
Roads app!

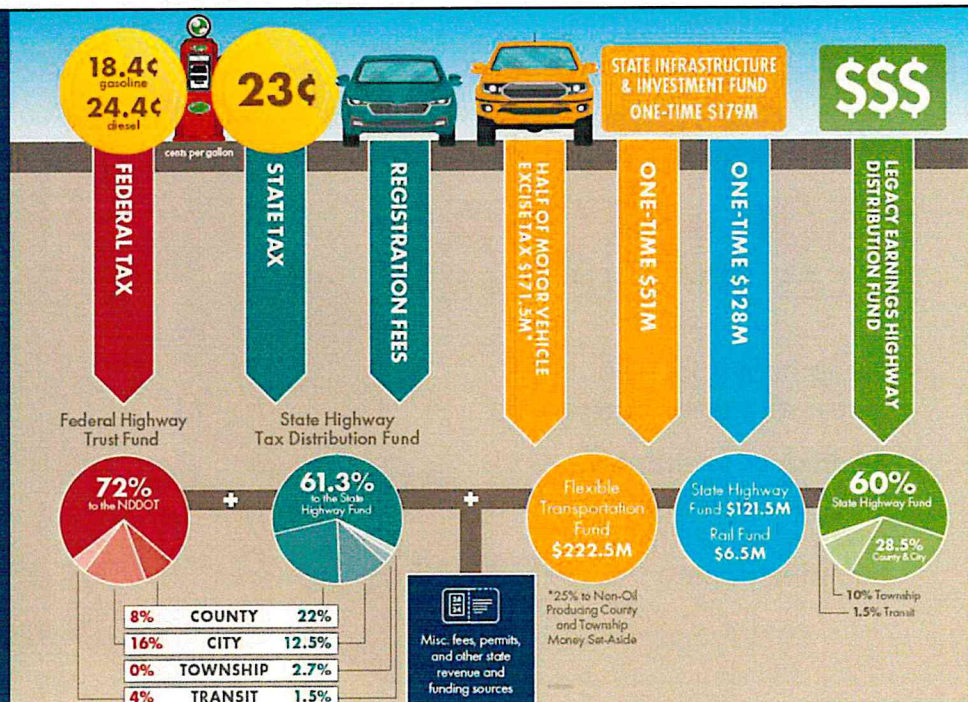


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2023/2025 FUNDING

BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE DOLLARS FUND THE NDDOT.

\$2.3 BILLION



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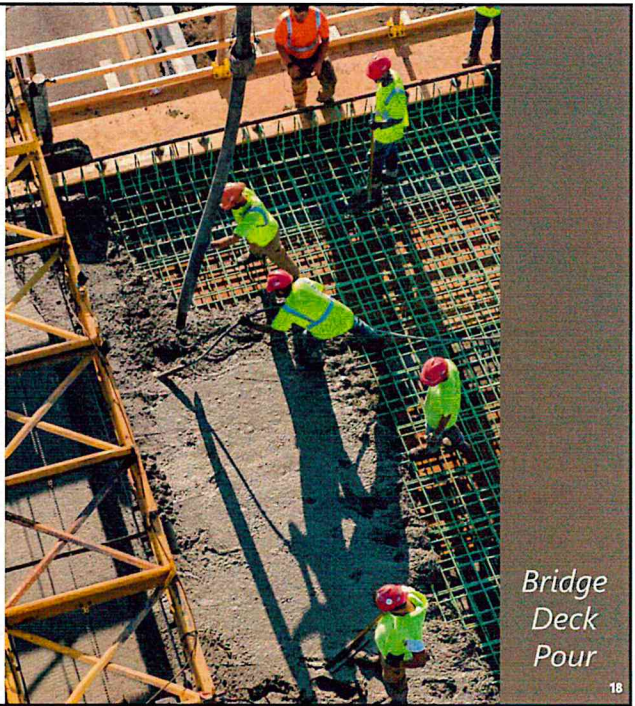


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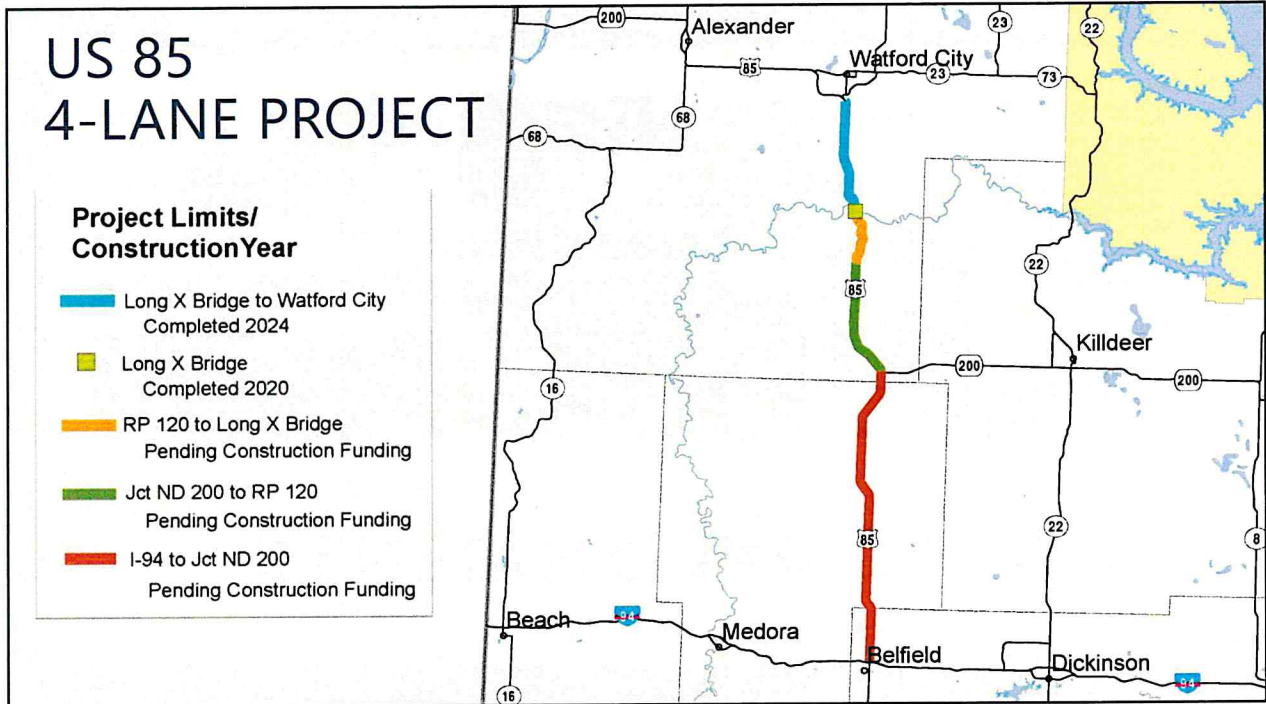
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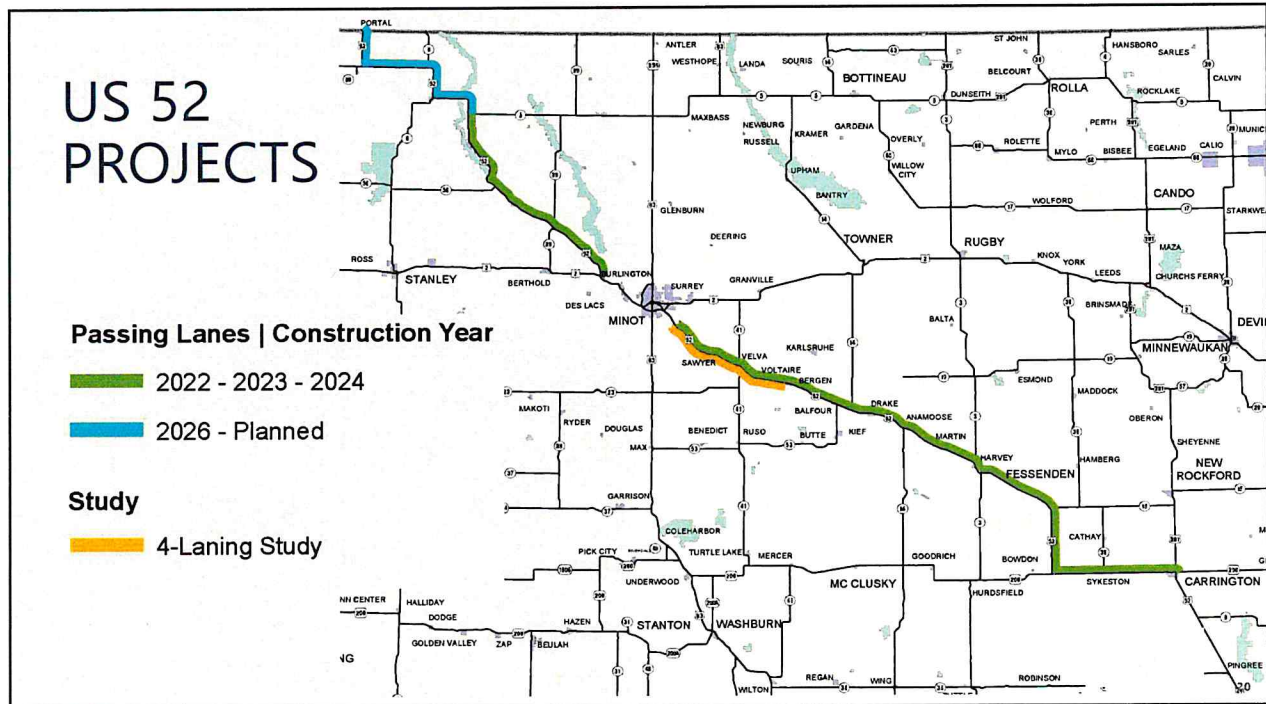
- Completed construction contracts totaling \$1.2B (2023/2024).
- Extended hours of service for snow and ice control.
- Added 6 new CDL testing sites.
- Implemented a new driver license for enhanced ID safety and security.
- 4-laned a 10-mile segment of US 85.
- Launched *Buckle Up Phone Down*
- Administered the Flexible Transportation Fund to provide \$222.5M on and off the state highway system.



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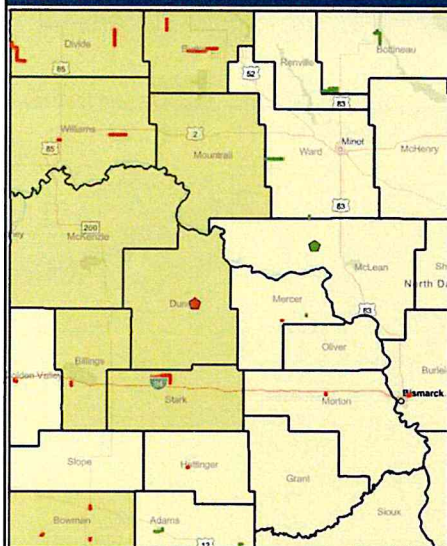


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FLEXIBLE TRANSPORTATION FUND | \$222.5M



- Improve transportation infrastructure off the state highway system, including within townships, cities & counties
- Provide match for federal funding
- Provide for support costs including staffing, facilities, and operational expenditures
- Provide sustainable flexibility to augment traditional funding and deliver projects of significance in a timely manner
- **Find results at dot.nd.gov/flexfund**

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NORTHERN RED RIVER VALLEY FLOOD STUDY



- \$2.5M to partner with MnDOT and the US Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a study to identify projects that reduce the frequency and duration of transportation infrastructure closures due to flooding of the Red River.
- Signed Agreements: Spring 2024
- First Public Input Meeting: Oct. 21, 2024
- Estimated Completion: May 2027

Find more info at
dot.nd.gov/RedRiverFloodStudy

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EXTENDED HOURS OF SERVICE

SNOW & ICE CONTROL

24 Hours Coverage

Fargo Metro

5 a.m. -11 p.m. Coverage

- Bismarck
- Jamestown
- Minot
- Valley City
- Dickinson
- Williston
- Grand Forks



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FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING *THIS BIENNIUM*

- **Awarded** \$236.8M
- **Applied for** \$805.6M
- **Awaiting** award announcement \$75.8M

(As of Mar. 5)

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FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

- **Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AIM) Demonstration Program – Oversize Vehicle Detection** (*Awarded Aug. 2023*) This project will provide active warning to oversize trucks to reduce bridge strikes.
(US 2 in Minot and I-29 nr. RP 25) **\$500K**
- **Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant – US 85 4-Lane (ND 200 North to RP 120.3)** (*Awarded Dec. 2023*) Improves safety and travel efficiency.
\$55M
- **End of Federal Fiscal Year Redistribution** – (*Awarded Sept. 2023*) Various projects. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) distributes unobligated funds to States based on ability to obligate. **\$55M**
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FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

- **Bridge Investment Program (BIP) ND 1806 Bridge Replacements** (*Awarded Oct. 2024*) This project will replace two deteriorated State System bridges and provide bicycle/pedestrian facilities in of support the Standing Rock WOZU development. **\$9.4M**
- **BIP – Valley City Viking Bridge Replacement** (*Awarded Oct. 2024*).
\$2.7M



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FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

- **INFRA Grant – US 52 Freight Reliability** (*Awarded Oct. 2024*) **\$20M**

This project will:

- Install acceleration/deceleration lanes at up to 6 rail crossings;
- Reconstruct US 52/ND 3 intersection at Harvey;
- Add turn lanes at 4 intersections between Velva & Anamoose;
- Mill and overlay from reference point 141-185 (approx. Fessenden to Drake)

- **Low-Carbon Transportation Materials (LCTM) Program** (*Awarded Nov. 2024*)
100% federal grant to investigate and test construction materials requiring less energy to produce and install, while ensuring equal or better performance.
Materials will be tested on regularly planned projects. **\$31.9M**

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FEDERAL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING

- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant – I-94 Reconstruction** (*Awarded Jan. 2025*) This project will reconstruct 20 miles of I-94 east of Bismarck (RP 162-172 WB and 172-182 EB). **\$24.5M**

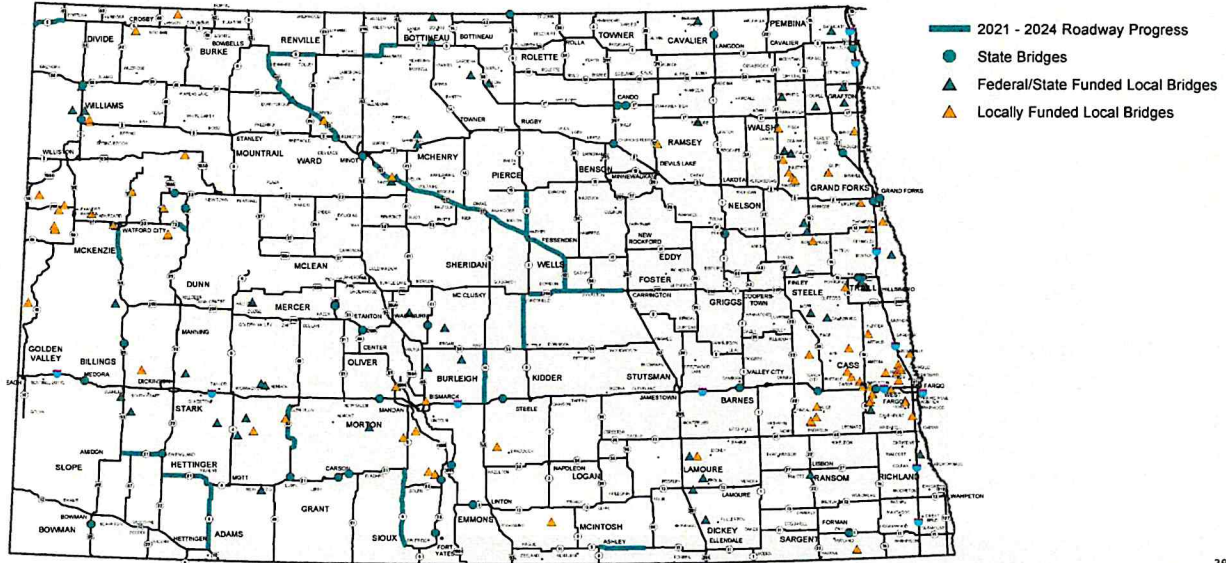
- **RAISE Grant – Marley Crossing Planning** (*Awarded Jan. 2025*) This project will develop the environmental and preliminary-design documents necessary to apply for a construction grant to install a rail-highway grade separation on ND 1804 south of Trenton near recent industrial developments. **\$1.9M**

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INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

2021-2024 PROGRESS



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AWARDS & ACCOLADES THIS BIENNIUM

- **BISMARCK STATE STREET PROJECT** – America's Transportation Award for Safety, Medium Project
- **1804 TEST SECTION PROJECT** – American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Committee on Materials & Pavement Innovation Award
- **NDDOT TRAINING ACADEMY** – AASHTO President's Award
- **MOTOR VEHICLE & DRIVER LICENSE** – American Assoc. of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) Reinventing Customer Experience Award
- **VISION ZERO** – AAMVA Communications Awards for the Vision Zero Impaired Driving Campaign and ND Sober Ride Campaign.

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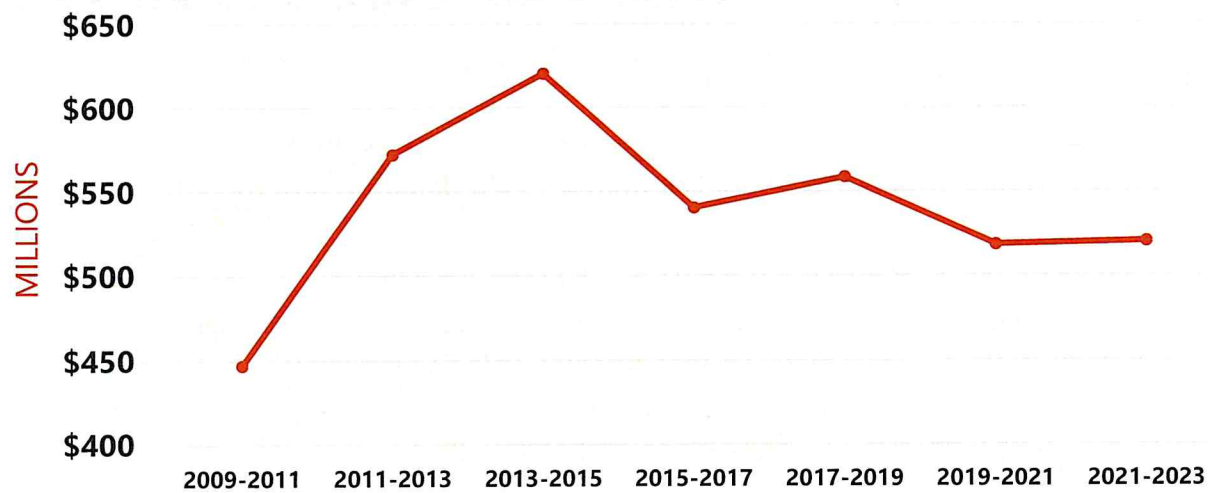
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CHALLENGES & NEEDS



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STATE TRANSPORTATION REVENUES



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TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM COSTS

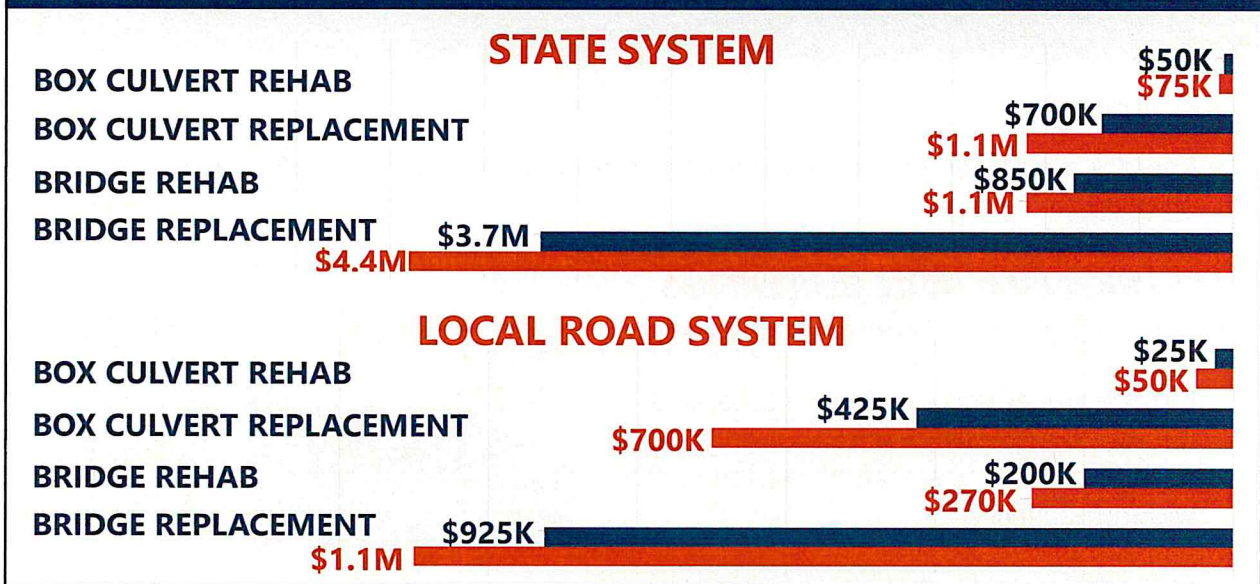
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STRUCTURE COSTS

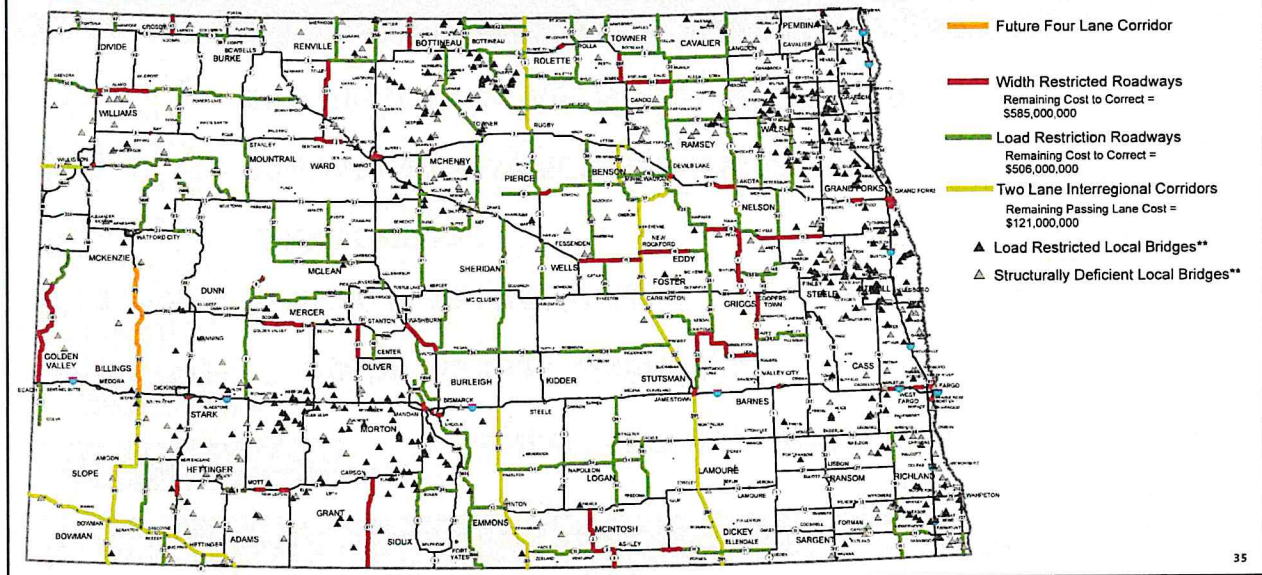
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INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

REMAINING NEEDS | BASED ON BRIDGE & ROADWAY RESTRICTIONS



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EQUIPMENT & BUILDING NEEDS

EQUIPMENT

- There is a replacement schedule for all equipment and a base fleet inventory for all districts.

DISTRICT/SECTION BUILDINGS

Capital Projects and Deferred Maintenance

Capital Improvement Plan – proactive approach that identifies capital projects based on needs, necessities, and priorities within the NDDOT.



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MEET THE NEEDS OF NORTH DAKOTANS & TEAM NDDOT

NDDOT STRATEGIC GOALS

- Reduce Roadway Fatalities
- Promote an Interconnected Transportation Network
- Develop and Integrate Technology into Everyday Work
- Recruit and Retain the Workforce of the Future
- Provide a Better Physical Workplace and Provide the Tools Needed to do our Work
- Provide a Resilient and Sustainable Roadway and Bridge Network
- Deliver Reliable Service and Communication to the Public

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2025-27 EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

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Operating Expenses	80130	332,881,474	316,256,474	76,588,648	392,845,122
Capital Improvements	80150	1,556,395,065	1,101,395,065	619,794,552	1,721,189,617
Grants	80160	120,571,458	112,821,458	(3,681,000)	109,140,458
Contingent Loan Authorization	80175	78,500,000	-	-	-
TOTAL BY OBJECT SERIES		2,306,094,393	1,749,752,645	728,506,743	2,478,259,388
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Special	SPEC	1,076,416,948	820,450,200	330,024,277	1,150,474,477
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Full Time Equivalent Positions		1,001	1,001	4	1,005

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SB 2012 EXISTING SECTION

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS.

Notwithstanding section 54-16-04, the director of the department of transportation may transfer between the salaries and wages, operating, capital assets, and grants line items in section 1 of this Act when it is cost-effective for construction and maintenance of highways. The department of transportation shall notify the office of management and budget of any transfers made pursuant to this section.

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SB 2012 REQUESTED AMENDMENTS

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS FUND.

The estimated income and the capital assets line items in section 1 of this Act include the sum of \$257,400,000 from the strategic investment and improvements fund for the following purposes:

1. The sum of \$171,300,000 for matching federal highway formula funding for transportation infrastructure projects;
2. The sum of \$85,000,000 for matching federal highway discretionary funding for transportation infrastructure projects;
3. The sum of \$1,100,000 for replacement of the pavement management van.

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REQUESTED AMENDMENTS CONT.

UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS.

The following sections are not subject to the provisions of section 54-44.1-11 and may continue into the 2025 – 2027 biennium:

1. The remaining \$14,147,246 of the \$100,000,000 appropriated from special funds for the purpose of road and bridge construction projects in section 13, subsections 2 of chapter 15 of the 2021 Session Laws.
2. The remaining \$11,697,962 of the \$317,000,000 appropriated from federal funds for state, county, and township road and bridge projects in section 7 of chapter 548 of the 2021 Session Laws.*
3. The remaining \$4,478,557 of the \$61,700,060 appropriated from federal funds for surface transportation grants in subdivision 10 of section 1 of chapter 27 of the 2021 Session Laws.

** Will be expended by Dec. 2026.*

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REQUESTED AMENDMENTS - UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS CONT.

4. The remaining \$12,080,513 of the \$13,660,000 appropriated from special funds for information technology projects in section 1 of chapter 40 of the 2021 Session Laws and the remaining \$8,448,243 of the additional \$9,125,000 appropriated from the general fund in the operating expenses line item relating to information technology projects in section 1 of chapter 12 of the 2023 Session Laws.
5. The remaining \$2,151,245 of the \$2,500,000 appropriated from special funds to match funding from the state of Minnesota and other sources for studies, preliminary engineering, and environmental studies to address northern Red River valley infrastructure affected by flooding; and the remaining \$2,368,407 of the \$5,000,000 appropriated from special funds for an environmental study of a portion of United States Highway 52, in section 1 of chapter 12 of the 2023 Session Laws.
6. The sum of \$757,000 included in the deferred maintenance funding pool line item and transferred to the department of transportation pursuant to chapter 47, section 15 of the 2023 session laws.
7. The sum of \$162,000,000 appropriated from special funds for Flexible Transportation Fund projects in section 1 of chapter 12 of the 2023 Session Laws.

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REQUESTED AMENDMENTS CONT.

AMENDMENT. 49-17.1-05. of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

49-17.1-05. SUBSIDY OF RAILWAY LINES – CONTINUING APPROPRIATION. The department, with the approval of the commission, may provide financial assistance, ~~within the limits of funds appropriated by the legislative assembly,~~ for the continuation of operations and maintenance of any railroad within the state, as provided for in the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 [Pub. L. 94-210; 90 Stat. 149; 49 U.S.C. 1651 et seq.], or other relevant federal legislation. Moneys in the state rail fund are appropriated to the department of transportation on a continuing basis for distributions authorized under this section. The department or the commission may act as the agent in cooperation with the federal government, any local or regional transportation authority, local governmental units, any group of rail users, or any person in any rail service assistance program.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES FOR NDDOT FACILITIES. The NDDOT may expend funds for basic workspace appliances limited to coffee makers, microwaves and refrigerators.

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REQUESTED AMENDMENTS CONT.

SB 2012 ADDITIONAL REQUEST ABOVE EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

LOAN AUTHORIZATION - HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

The department of transportation may borrow from the Bank of North Dakota, \$55,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, which is hereby appropriated to the department of transportation in the capital assets line item in section 1 of this Act for matching a federal grant that has been awarded to the department of transportation for construction on US Highway 85, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027. The department of transportation shall request from the seventieth legislative assembly an appropriation to repay any outstanding loans authorized in this section.

If approved, capital improvements line item should be increased by \$55M.

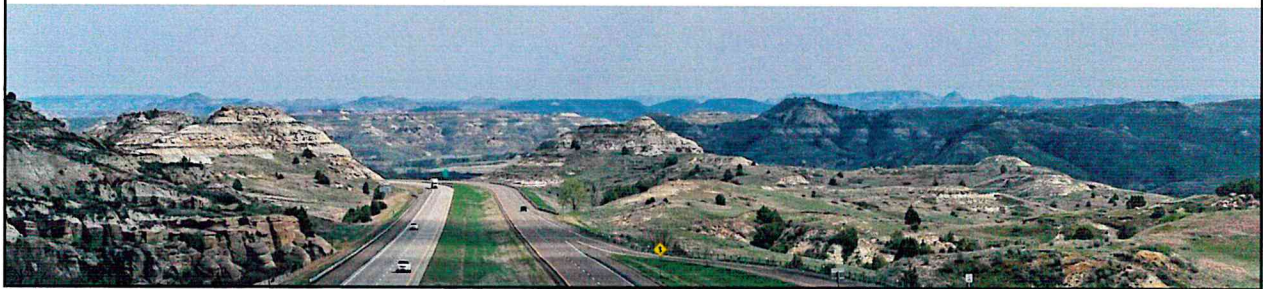
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REQUESTED AMENDMENTS CONT.

CONSTRUCTION OF REST AREA AND VISITOR CENTER.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the director of the department of transportation may expend moneys from the state highway fund or any moneys within the limits of the legislative appropriations for the purpose of constructing a rest area and visitor center in western North Dakota, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.



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AGENCY BILLS

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

SB 2062 | Request for Bids

Eliminate the requirement to advertise for bids in the official county newspaper.

HB 1056 | Ownership of Lake Oahe Bridge and Roadway

If a bridge is constructed over Lake Oahe on tribal land, NDDOT will need ownership of the bridge and adjacent roadways to provide maintenance to support Standing Rock.



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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

SB 2063 | Delayed Bid Opening

NDDOT is requesting flexibility with the solicitation in publication requirements when there is a change delaying a bid opening. This change would allow NDDOT to continue with the original 21-day solicitation requirements when bids are delayed.

HB 1051 | Tribal Access to Special Road Funds

This change would provide tribes access to Special Road Funds by including them in NDCC 24-02-37 #3.

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

HB 1053 | State Highway System Regulated Size Limit

Repeal NDCC 24-01-01.2. The state highway system may not exceed seven percent of the entire road mileage of the state, whether such roads are township, county, or state roads, which may be functionally classified as to service, and in no case may such highway system exceed seven thousand seven hundred miles [12391.95 kilometers] in length.

HB 1054 | Highway Sponsorship

This bill would allow the NDDOT to enter into sponsorship agreements with entities to provide services that benefit the traveling public. The NDDOT may then acknowledge sponsors with a sign in the highway right of way.

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

HB 1055 | Regulation of Hydraulic Brake Fluid

Repeal NDCC 39-21-35. The NDDOT has been provided authority under NDCC 39-21-30 to approve safety equipment. The NDDOT doesn't regulate the distribution, sale, or service of vehicles utilizing hydraulic brake fluid set forth in section NDCC 39-21-35.

HB 1052 | Tourist-Oriented Direction Signs

This change will align language in the century code clarifying where tourism-oriented direction signs are allowed with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SB 2061 | Align NDCC with Federal Regulations Regarding Railroad Crossings

This change would allow NDDOT to mark crossings as exempt eliminating the requirement for buses and CMV's hauling hazmat to stop when there is no train.

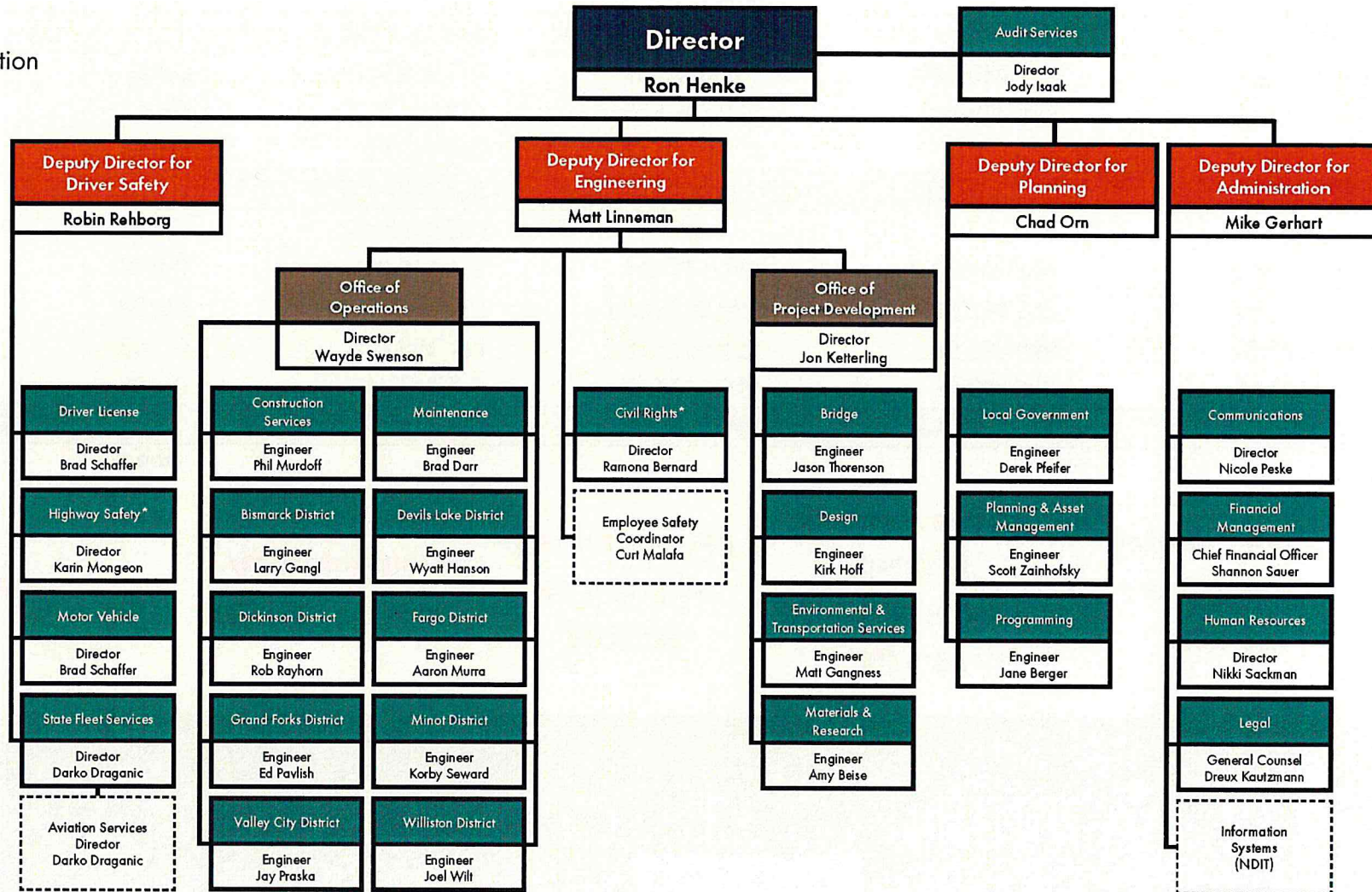
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