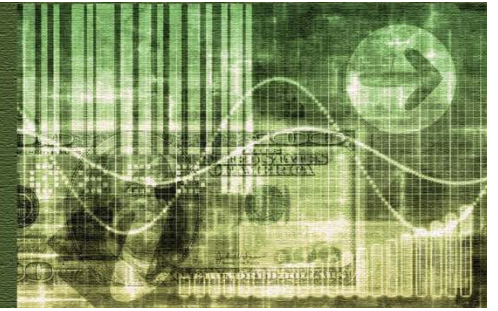


DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Roadway projects in areas affected by oil and gas development - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$370.6 million from the highway fund for state highway projects (\$228.6 million) and county and township roadway projects (\$142 million) in areas affected by oil and gas development. House Bill No. 1012 (2011) provides the funding may be used for engineering and design costs incurred on projects as of January 1, 2011. The bill also provides that the local funding is to be distributed based on an Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute report, and each county is to submit a plan detailing the projects to the Department of Transportation for approval. The funds for local projects may be used for up to 90 percent of the cost of the project.

The Department of Transportation used \$84.5 million of the \$228.6 million during the 2011 construction season for state highway projects. The department distributed \$19.5 million of the \$142 million during the 2011 construction season to counties for county and township road projects. The department anticipates using all remaining funds during the 2012 construction season.