

**Highway Patrol
Budget No. 504
Senate Bill No. 2011**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2025-27 legislative appropriation	205.00	\$58,505,091 ¹	\$26,679,539	\$85,184,630
2023-25 legislative appropriation	<u>205.00</u>	<u>50,489,904</u>	<u>22,017,842</u>	<u>72,507,746</u>
2025-27 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2023-25 appropriation	0.00	\$8,015,187	\$4,661,697	\$12,676,884

¹This amount includes \$3,705,000 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing General Fund appropriation is \$54,800,091.

Item Description

New and vacant FTE pool - The Legislative Assembly transferred \$2,445,122 for the new and vacant FTE pool line item for the Highway Patrol for estimated savings from vacant FTE positions.

One-time funding - The following is a summary of one-time funding items for the Highway Patrol for the 2025-27 biennium:

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
State Fleet rates	\$3,705,000	\$278,000	\$3,983,000
Taser replacements		870,000	870,000
Emergency vehicle operations course resurface		260,000	260,000
Preliminary breath test devices		50,000	50,000
Victims of Crime Act positions		194,000	194,000
Handgun replacement		200,000	200,000
In-car router systems		480,000	480,000
Total	\$3,705,000	\$2,332,000	\$6,037,000

Motor Carrier Electronic Permit Transaction Fund - The Motor Carrier Electronic Permit Transaction Fund was authorized by the Legislative Assembly in 2011. A fee of up to \$15, which is deposited in the Motor Carrier Electronic Permit Transaction Fund, is charged by the Highway Patrol for the issuance of online permits for overweight and oversized loads. North Dakota Century Code Section 39-12-02 provides a continuing appropriation from the fund for the costs of maintaining the online permitting system. The Legislative Assembly also appropriated \$3,419,828 from the Motor Carrier Electronic Permit Transaction Fund to the Highway Patrol for defraying certain expenses of the agency, including equipment replacement.

Status/Result

The Highway Patrol has not utilized any funding from the new and vacant FTE pool line item.

The status of the one-time funding items is as follows:

- State Fleet rates - The Highway Patrol anticipates utilizing a small portion of the additional State Fleet Services funding near the end of the biennium.
- Taser replacements - Tasers have been purchased and all funds have been expended.
- Emergency vehicle operations course resurface - The Highway Patrol is seeking a contractor for the project and it is unknown if the project will be completed by the end of the biennium.
- Preliminary breath test devices - Preliminary breath test devices have been purchased to replace existing machines.
- Victims of Crime Act positions - The funding is anticipated to be used by the end of the biennium for the positions.
- Handgun replacement - The Highway Patrol is requesting proposals to replace handguns and anticipates utilizing all funding.
- In-car router systems - The in-car router systems are being installed and all funding is anticipated to be used by the end of the biennium.

When established, a \$15 fee was charged for the issuance of an online permit. On August 1, 2017, the Highway Patrol adjusted the fee from \$15 to \$10. On August 1, 2023, the Highway Patrol adjusted the fee from \$10 to \$8. The agency estimates the balance of the Motor Carrier Electronic Permit Transaction Fund will be \$3.25 million on June 30, 2027. The agency is also beginning to review options to replace the permitting system which will affect the amount of funding available in the fund.