

Department of Transportation Department No. 801 2025 Senate Bill No. 2012

REVISED EXECUTIVE BUDGET RECOMMENDATION 2025-27 BIENNIUM

Budget Summary

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Burgum budget recommendation	1,013.00	\$0	\$2,602,488,365	\$2,602,488,365
Revisions - Increase (decrease)	(8.00)	0	(124,228,977)	(124,228,977)
Armstrong budget recommendation	1,005.00	\$0	\$2,478,259,388	\$2,478,259,388
Base level	1,001.00	0	1,749,752,645	1,749,752,645
Increase (decrease)	4.00	\$0	\$728,506,743	\$728,506,743
Percentage increase (decrease)	0.4%	N/A	41.6%	41.6%

NOTE:

More detailed information on the revised executive budget recommendation is attached as an appendix.

Selected Highlights

- Salary increases of up to 3 percent effective July 1, 2025, and 3 percent effective July 1, 2026
- Health insurance increase of \$250 per month (15.23 percent), from \$1,643 to \$1,893, per employee
- Restores the new and vacant FTE funding pool into the department's budget
- Adds \$451,898 of other funds for a data management program
- Adds \$1,006,006 of other funds and 2 FTE positions for additional maintenance costs on US Highway 85
- Adds 1 FTE position and \$249,997 of other funds for a bridge load rating coordinator
- Adds 1 FTE position and \$249,997 of other funds for a local government assistance position
- Increases State Fleet Services spending authority by \$17.5 million for increased operating and purchase costs
- Provides \$4 million of other funds for rotary snowblower replacements
- Provides \$171.3 million of one-time funding from the strategic investment and improvements fund (SIIF) to match federal formula funds
- Provides \$85 million of one-time funding from SIIF to match federal discretionary funds
- Provides \$3 million of one-time funding from other funds for a motor vehicle and drivers' license appointment system upgrade

Estimated Highway Tax Distribution Fund Allocations

The following is the estimated amount of allocations from the highway tax distribution fund for the 2023-25 and 2025-27 biennium included in the 2025-27 biennium executive budget:

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium	
State highway fund	\$312,900,000	\$317,800,000	
Counties	112,300,000	114,000,000	
Cities	63,800,000	64,700,000	
Townships	13,800,000	14,000,000	
Public transit	7,700,000	7,800,000	
Total	\$510,500,000	\$518,300,000	

Estimated Federal Transportation Funding

The following is the amount of federal transportation funding appropriated in the 2023-25 biennium and the estimated federal transportation funding included in the 2025-27 executive budget.

	2023-25 Biennium Appropriations	2025-27 Biennium Executive Budget
Federal Highway Administration formula funds	\$884,700,000	\$963,800,000
Federal Highway Administration discretionary funds	290,000,000	320,000,000
Federal Transit Administration funds	32,400,000	40,600,000
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds	12,100,000	13,600,000
Total	\$1,219,200,000	\$1,338,000,000

Deficiency Appropriations

There are no deficiency appropriations for this agency.

Significant Audit Findings

There are no significant audit findings for this agency.

Agency Fees

As reported to the Legislative Management, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-27, this agency has 125 fees. The agency did not recommend any changes to the fees.

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1037 - Uncrewed aircraft grant appropriation - Provides the Department of Transportation with a \$750,000 general fund appropriation to provide grants to entities to assist law enforcement agencies by monitoring US Highway 2.

House Bill No. 1050 - License plate readers - Authorizes the Department of Transportation to enter agreements with law enforcement agencies to place license plate readers on department-owned or operated equipment.

House Bill No. 1051 - Special road fund - Allows tribal governments to request funds from the special road fund.

House Bill No. 1053 - Length of state highway system - Repeals Section 24-01-01.2 which limits the length of the state highway system to 7,700 miles.

House Bill No. 1056 - Oahe Reservoir bridge - Authorizes the Department of Transportation to accept ownership of any bridge constructed over the Oahe Reservoir.

NOTE:

Please see the Fiscal Impact Report for additional information regarding bills under consideration which contain either a state revenue impact, an appropriation, or a state fiscal impact.



Department of Transportation - Budget No. 801 Agency Worksheet - Senate Bill No. 2012

	Armstrong Executive Budget				
	FTE General Positions Fund		Other Funds	Total	
2025-27 Biennium Base Level	1,001.00	\$0	\$1,749,752,645	\$1,749,752,645	
2025-27 Ongoing Funding Changes	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	•	, , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , , ,	
Base budget adjustments and reductions			(\$21,621,679)	(\$21,621,679	
Salary increase			8,694,284	8,694,284	
Health insurance increase			5,889,434	5,889,434	
Restores new FTE funding pool			3,545,684	3,545,684	
Restores vacant FTE funding pool			14,863,018	14,863,018	
Estimated federal funds increase			406,821,876	406,821,876	
Data management program			451,898	451,898	
Bridge load rating coordinator	1.00		249,997	249,997	
US Highway 85 staffing and equipment	2.00		1,006,006	1,006,006	
Local government assistance position	1.00		249,997	249,997	
Local funds match authority			3,800,000	3,800,000	
Increased roadway maintenance costs			3,000,000	3,000,000	
Major equipment funding			2,000,000	2,000,000	
Increased district contractor payments			6,842,212	6,842,212	
Increased information technology operating funds			4,022,016	4,022,016	
Rotary snowblower replacements			4,000,000	4,000,000	
Engineering equipment replacement			472,000	472,000	
Increased state fleet operating costs			17,500,000	17,500,000	
Total ongoing funding changes	4.00	\$0	\$461,786,743	\$461,786,743	
One-Time Funding Items					
Facility improvements			\$5,970,000	\$5,970,000	
Appointment system upgrade			3,000,000	3,000,000	
Inventory tracking system			350,000	350,000	
Federal formula funds match (SIIF)			171,300,000	171,300,000	
Federal discretionary funds match (SIIF)			85,000,000	85,000,000	
Pavement management van (SIIF)			1,100,000	1,100,000	
Total one-time funding changes	0.00	\$0	\$266,720,000	\$266,720,000	
Total Changes to Base Level Funding	4.00	\$0	\$728,506,743	\$728,506,743	
2025-27 Total Funding	1,005.00	\$0	\$2,478,259,388	\$2,478,259,388	

Total ongoing changes - Percentage of base level	0.4%	N/A	26.4%	26.4%
Total changes - Percentage of base level	0.4%	N/A	41.6%	41.6%