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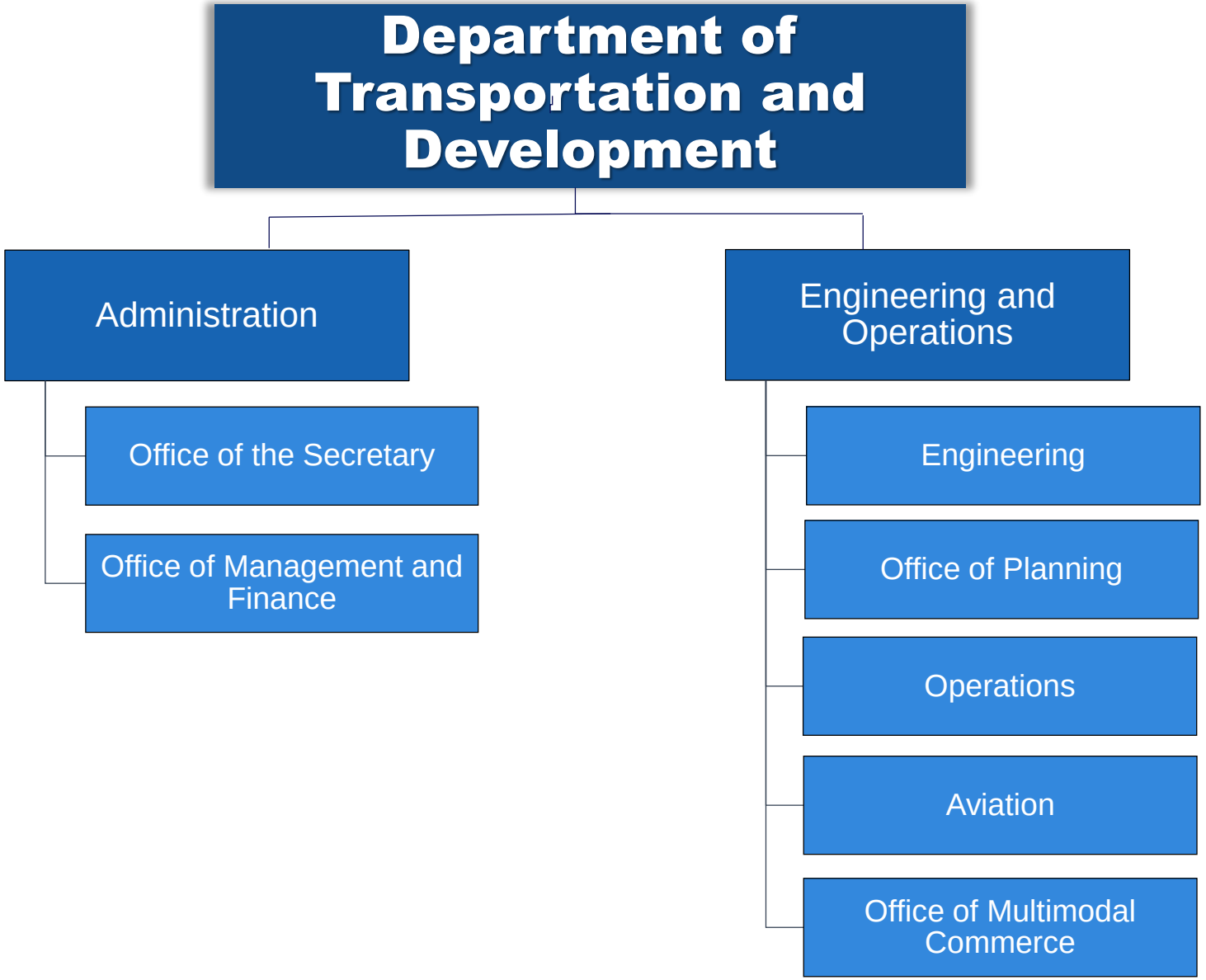
Department Organization



Note: Further detail on department programs, functions, and services are under the General Department Information section.

FY 26 Budget Recommendation

Total Funding = $778,564,958

Means of Finance

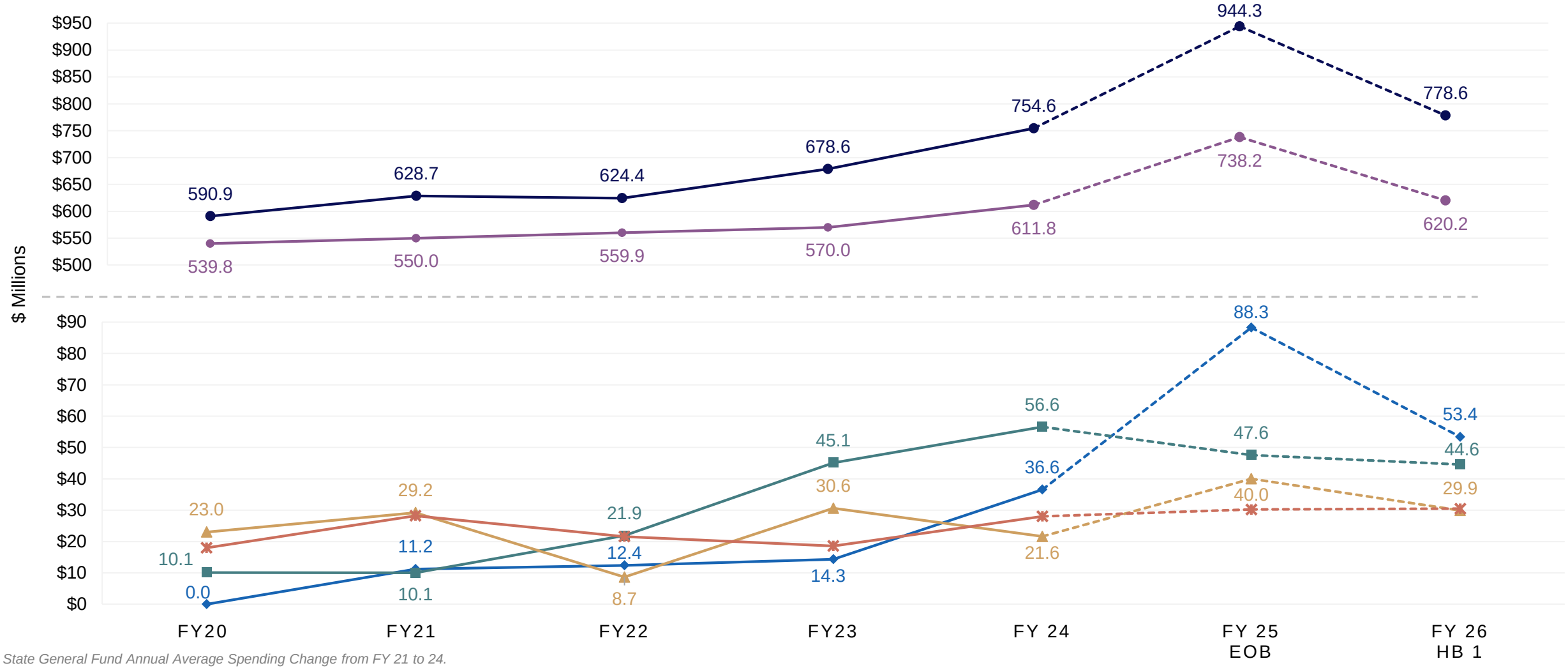
State General Fund	$	53,374,750
Interagency Transfers		44,580,651
Fees & Self-generated		29,919,875
Statutory Dedications		620,201,519
Federal Funds		30,488,163
Total	**$**	**778,564,958**

Program Funding & Authorized Positions

		Amount	*Positions*
Office of the Secretary	$	15,380,584	92
Management and Finance		45,064,403	107
Engineering		117,958,963	467
Office of Planning		69,637,058	158
Operations		525,167,363	3,469
Aviation		2,087,040	12
Multimodal Commerce		3,269,547	14
Total	**$**	**778,564,958**	**4,319**

Historical Spending

	State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Fees & Self-generated	Statutory Dedications	Federal Funds	Total Budget
Annual Average Spending Change from FY 20 to 24:	34.4%	53.8%	(1.6%)	3.2%	11.8%	6.3%



Note: State General Fund Annual Average Spending Change from FY 21 to 24.

Sources of Funding

State General Fund $53.4 M	Interagency Transfers $44.6 M	Self-generated Revenue $29.9 M	Statutory Dedications $620.2 M	Federal Funds $30.5 M
• The chief operating fund of the State recognized by the Revenue Estimating Conference from various taxes, licenses, fees, and other revenue sources except for those identified as other means of financing	Funding is derived from the following transfers: • $36.6 M from the Division of Administration for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative • Received from various state agencies for utilization of the statewide topographic mapping system • Administrative fees collected for Capital Outlay projects administered by the department • Department of Public Safety's Louisiana Highway Safety Commission for safety enhancement projects	Revenues derived from the following sources: • Liquated damages of roadway property, permits for outdoor advertising, & tolls on statewide ferries • Local agencies matching portion for specially equipped vehicles for elderly and disabled citizens, and for capital assistance to rural transit providers • $726,590 LTRC Transportation Training and Education Center Dedicated Fund Account • $430,000 Right-of-Way Permit Processing Dedicated Fund Account	Funding is derived from the following funds: • $433 M Transportation Trust Fund - Regular – Regular (State Tax) – Receipts from taxes on fuels and vehicle licenses • $181 M Transportation Trust Fund - Federal – Federal (Federal Tax) – Receipts from the Federal Highway Administration • $5.0 M State Highway Improvement Fund • $1.1 M New Orleans Ferry Fund	Federal funding derived from the following grants: • Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants • Federal Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) grants • Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks (CVISN) program grant • Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant • Aviation Administration Wildlife Hazard Mitigation grant

Funding Comparison

Means of Finance	FY 24 Actual Expenditures	FY 25 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/24	FY 26 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
SGF	$ 36,573,157	$ 88,294,597	$ 53,374,750	$ (34,919,847)	(39.5%)	$ 16,801,593	45.9%
IAT	56,570,533	47,580,651	44,580,651	(3,000,000)	(6.3%)	(11,989,882)	(21.2%)
FSGR	21,631,815	40,024,841	29,919,875	(10,104,966)	(25.2%)	8,288,060	38.3%
Stat Ded	611,806,094	738,177,989	620,201,519	(117,976,470)	(16.0%)	8,395,425	1.4%
Federal	28,040,944	30,262,163	30,488,163	226,000	0.7%	2,447,219	8.7%
Total	**$ 754,622,543**	**$ 944,340,241**	**$ 778,564,958**	**$ (165,775,283)**	**(17.6%)**	**$ 23,942,415**	**3.2%**

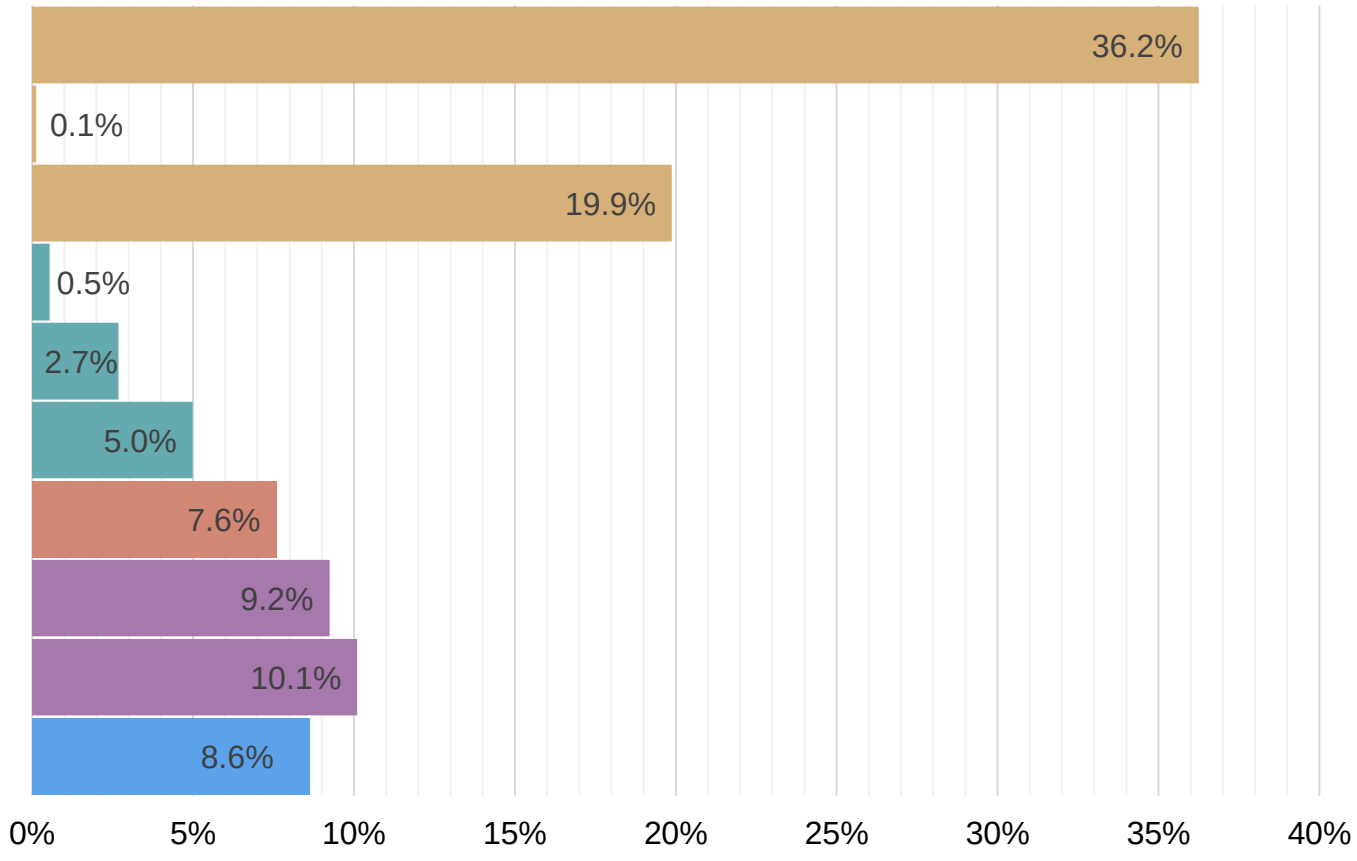
Significant funding changes compared to the FY 25 Existing Operating Budget

State General Fund	Interagency Transfers	Fees & Self-generated	Statutory Dedications
($34.9 M) net decrease for the following: • ($21.9 M) removes one-time enhancements used throughout highway district offices • ($17.7 M) to remove funding carried into FY 25 for expenses encumbered in the prior year that are no longer needed in FY 26 • $5 M net increase for acquisitions including various types of trucks, tractors, excavators, etc.	• ($3 M) decrease associated with the Louisiana Watershed Initiative through the Office of Community Development	($10.1 M) to remove funding carried into FY 25 for expenses encumbered in the prior year that are no longer needed in FY 26	($118 M) net decrease primarily due to: • ($53.9 M) removes one-time enhancements used throughout highway district offices and various DOTD projects throughout the state • ($44.5 M) to remove funding carried into FY 25 for expenses encumbered in the prior year that are no longer needed in FY 26

FY 26 Expenditure Recommendation

Total Budget = $778,564,958

Expenditure Category		
Salaries	$	282,216,833
Other Compensation		957,484
Related Benefits		154,764,767
Travel		4,205,917
Operating Services		20,849,435
Supplies		38,852,986
Professional Services		59,091,431
Other Charges		71,949,309
Interagency Transfers		78,644,826
Acquisitions/Repairs		67,031,970
Total	**$**	**778,564,958**



Other Charges / Interagency Transfers

Other Charges

Amount	Description
$ 25,668,675	Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for: Specially equipped vehicles for elderly/disabled; Capital Assistance to Rural Systems; Training and Technical Assistance Program (TTAP); etc.
20,652,160	Various contract maintenance (contractors providing services for sweeping, guardrail replacement, interstate mowing, traffic signal maintenance, rest area services, tree removal, bridge rail repair, etc.)
6,735,941	Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) agreements with various parishes
5,000,000	Port of Lake Charles for the Calcasieu Dredged Material Management Plan
4,000,000	Regional Transit Authority
3,873,346	City maintenance agreements (mowing & litter pickup agreements with individual cities and towns)
2,183,290	Various Other Charges Expenditures
1,595,897	Disaster recovery efforts with Louisiana State University
1,140,000	Funding for the Chalmette ferry and to provide ferry service formerly operated by the Crescent City Connection division
1,100,000	LA-1 tolling services
$ 71,949,309	**Total Other Charges**

Interagency Transfers

Amount	Description
$ 43,732,968	Office of Technology Services (OTS)
27,559,222	Office of Risk Management (ORM)
3,013,430	Various other IAT expenditures
1,297,656	Civil Service Fees
1,238,928	Department of Public Safety (DPS) for prison enterprises janitorial services and litter pick up
522,588	Legislative Auditor Fees
430,000	Office of Aircraft Services for hanger and fuel expenses
343,789	Capitol Park Security Fees
253,162	Uniform Payroll Services (UPS) fees
253,083	Office of State Procurement (OSP)
$ 78,644,826	**Total Interagency Transfers**

Expenditure Comparison

Expenditure Category	FY 24 Actual Expenditures	FY 25 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/24	FY 26 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
Salaries	$ 254,587,897	$ 273,535,635	$ 282,216,833	$ 8,681,198	3.2%	$ 27,628,936	10.9%
Other Compensation	1,166,530	957,484	957,484	0	0.0%	(209,046)	(17.9%)
Related Benefits	160,326,433	161,350,819	154,764,767	(6,586,052)	(4.1%)	(5,561,666)	(3.5%)
Travel	4,374,374	4,205,917	4,205,917	0	0.0%	(168,457)	(3.9%)
Operating Services	21,323,695	22,481,466	20,849,435	(1,632,031)	(7.3%)	(474,260)	(2.2%)
Supplies	38,654,130	76,481,738	38,852,986	(37,628,752)	(49.2%)	198,856	0.5%
Professional Services	59,713,390	73,868,409	59,091,431	(14,776,978)	(20.0%)	(621,959)	(1.0%)
Other Charges	92,545,104	137,883,739	71,949,309	(65,934,430)	(47.8%)	(20,595,795)	(22.3%)
Interagency Transfers	86,540,943	66,912,513	78,644,826	11,732,313	17.5%	(7,896,117)	(9.1%)
Acquisitions/Repairs	35,390,046	126,662,521	67,031,970	(59,630,551)	(47.1%)	31,641,924	89.4%
Total	**$ 754,622,542**	**$ 944,340,241**	**$ 778,564,958**	**$ (165,775,283)**	**(17.6%)**	**$ 23,942,416**	**3.2%**

Significant Expenditure Changes

Compared to the FY 25 Existing Operating Budget

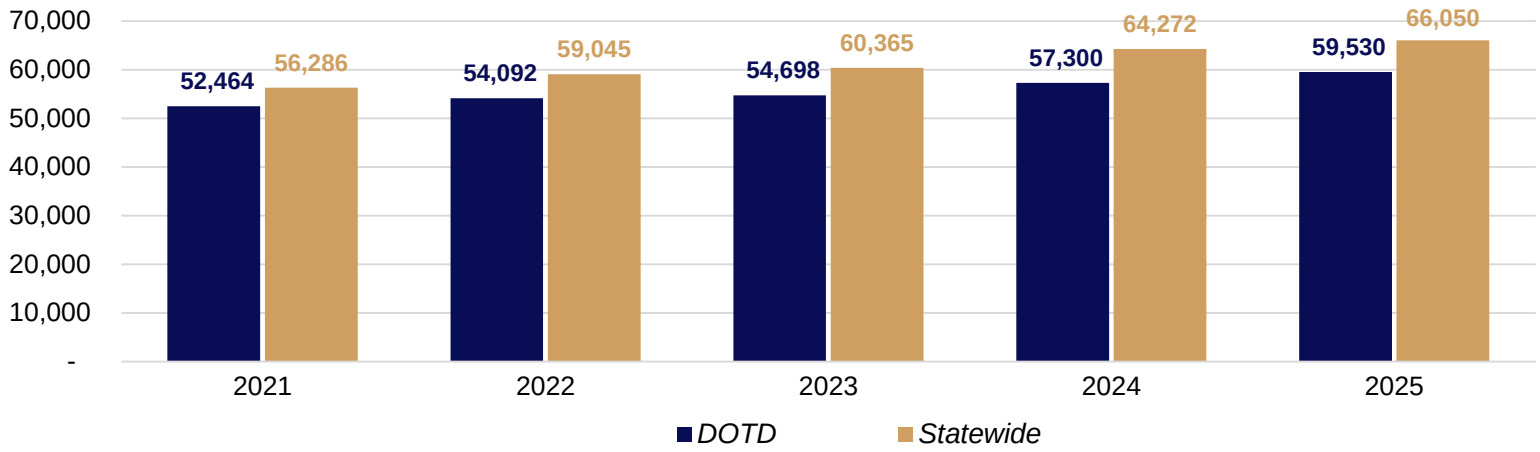
Personnel Services	Professional Services	Other Charges	Acquisitions/Repairs
$2.1 M net increase due to items such as: • $18.3 M increase for classified employee pay increases, to cover the base need for salaries • ($8 M) net decrease to cover the base need for related benefits, retirement contribution rate changes, and group insurance rate changes for active and retired employees • ($7.8 M) decrease to factor in projected savings from vacant positions in FY 26	($14.8 M) net decrease primarily attributed to: • ($8.3 M) decrease from services contracted out now being done internally within the Engineering Program • ($3.5 M) for the removal of expenses in the current year's budget carried over from FY 24 used for various professional service contracts that cross multiple fiscal years • ($3 M) for the reduction of the Louisiana Watershed Initiative	($65.9 M) net decrease largely related to: • ($22.9 M) to remove expenses in the current year's budget carried over from FY 24 • ($21.9 M) removes one-time enhancements used throughout highway district offices and • ($14 M) reduces a portion of the one-time Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund funds spread among the districts • ($6.9 M) for a portion of the one-time TTF- Regular funds spread across the districts	($59.6 M) net decrease associated with: • ($92.1 M) decrease to remove funding for acquisitions and repairs funded in FY 25 that are no longer included in FY 26 • $65 M increase for the Buy Back Program and the replacement of vehicles and equipment • ($34.6 M) decrease to remove expenses in the current year's budget carried over from FY 24 • $2 M increase for other various acquisitions needed throughout the department

Personnel Information

FY 2026 Recommended Positions

4,319	Total Authorized T.O. Positions *(4,297 Classified, 22 Unclassified)*
0	Authorized Other Charges Positions
0	Non-T.O. FTE Positions
148	Vacant Positions *(December 30, 2024)*

Historical Average Salary



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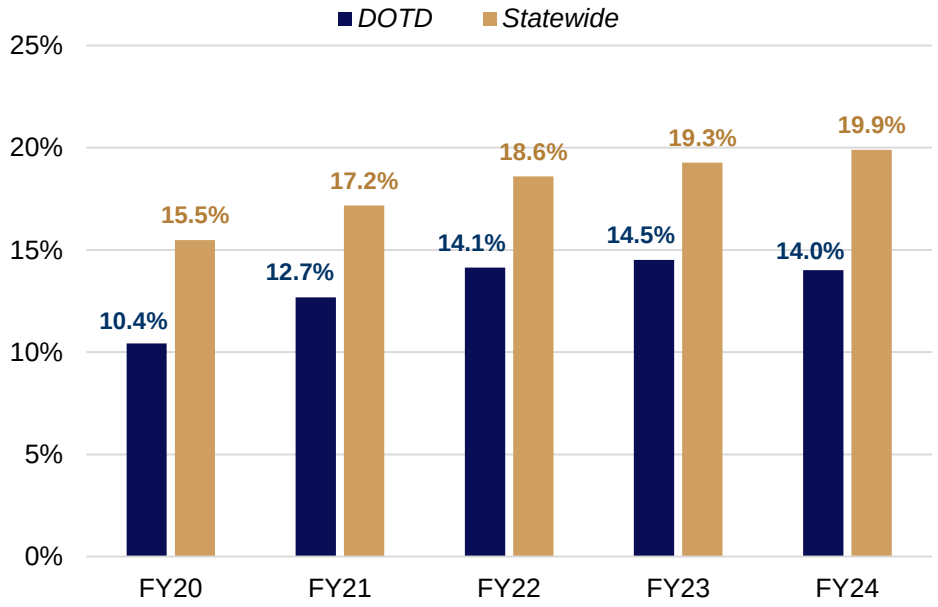


Top Positions Vacated FY 2024

Position	Number of Employees	Separations	Turnover Rate
Mobile Equipment Operator I	278	130	46.8%
Heavy Mobile Equipment Operator I	477	65	13.6%
Engineering Technician I	80	33	41.3%
Mobile Equipment Operator II	98	25	25.5%
Engineering Technician V	226	23	10.2%

Source: Department of Civil Service

Parish Transportation Fund

- **Located in Schedule 20-903 of House Bill 1**

- The Parish Transportation budget unit is comprised of the following programs:

Parish Road Program

Mass Transit Program

Off-System Roads and Bridges Match Program

- The Parish Transportation Program provides funding to local government entities for road systems maintenance, mass transit, and to serve as local match for off-system roads and bridges

- Revenue source is the Transportation Trust Fund – Regular

Parish Transportation Fund

Funding Overview

Means of Finance	FY 24 Actual Expenditures	FY 25 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/24	FY 26 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
SGF	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	0.0%	$ 0	0.0%
IAT	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
FSGR	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Stat Ded	46,400,000	46,400,000	46,400,000	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Federal	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	**$ 46,400,000**	**$ 46,400,000**	**$ 46,400,000**	**$ 0**	**0.0%**	**$ 0**	**0.0%**

Parish Transportation Fund

PARISH ROAD PROGRAM

The Parish Road Program appropriation is distributed to the sixty-four parishes for road systems maintenance. State statutes provide the funds be distributed on a population-based or per-capita formula. State statutes provide that funds in excess of the FY 93-94 appropriation level ($34,000,000) be distributed to parishes based upon parish road mileage

Statutory Dedications TTF - Regular	FY 24 Actual Expenditures	FY 25 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/24	FY 26 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1	
Per-capita Formula	$ 34,000,000	$ 34,000,000	$ 34,000,000	$ 0	0.0%
Road Mileage Formula	4,445,000	4,445,000	4,445,000	0	0.0%
Total Means of Finance	**$ 38,445,000**	**$ 38,445,000**	**$ 38,445,000**	**$ 0**	**0.0%**

MASS TRANSIT PROGRAM

The Mass Transit Program appropriation provides funding to eligible cities or parishes with mass transit systems. Cities and parishes receiving aid include: Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, New Orleans, Jefferson Parish, Kenner, St. Bernard Parish, Shreveport, St. Tammany Parish, and Houma

Additionally, the state Department of Transportation and Development - Transit Division receives funding from this source to provide local match money for the purchase of transit buses

TTF - Regular	**$ 4,955,000**	**$ 4,955,000**	**$ 4,955,000**	**$ 0**	**0.0%**

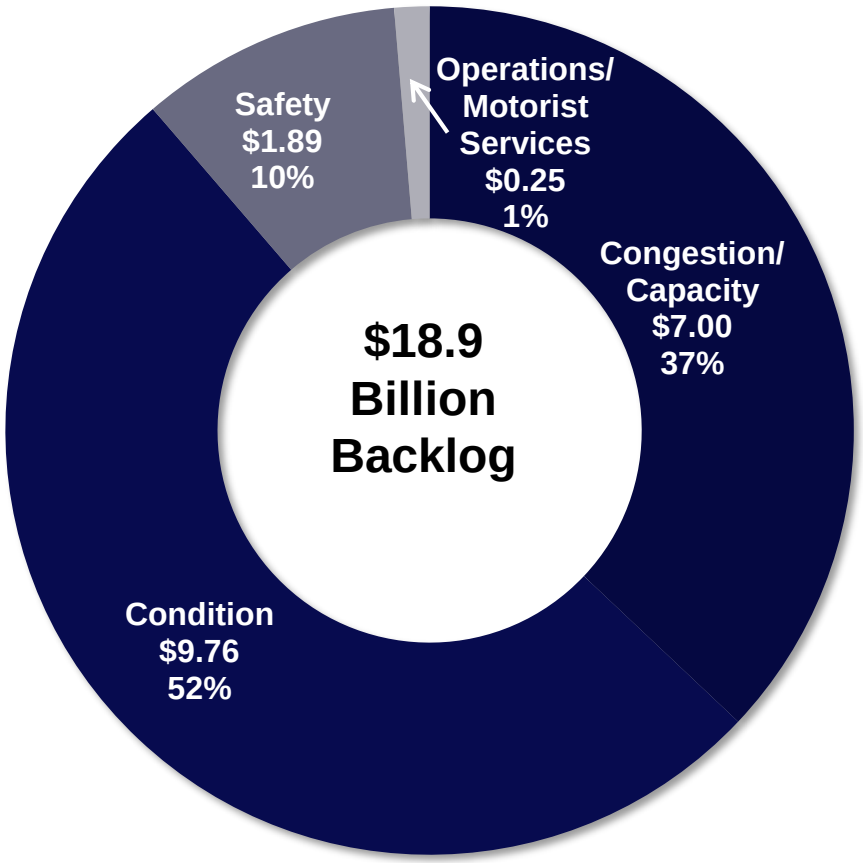
OFF-SYSTEM

The Off-System Roads and Bridges Match Program appropriation provides funding to local government entities to serve as match for federal aid to off-system railroad crossings and bridges

TTF - Regular	**$ 3,000,000**	**$ 3,000,000**	**$ 3,000,000**	**$ 0**	**0.0%**

State Highway and Bridge Needs

Louisiana has a $18.9 billion backlog in state highway and bridge needs

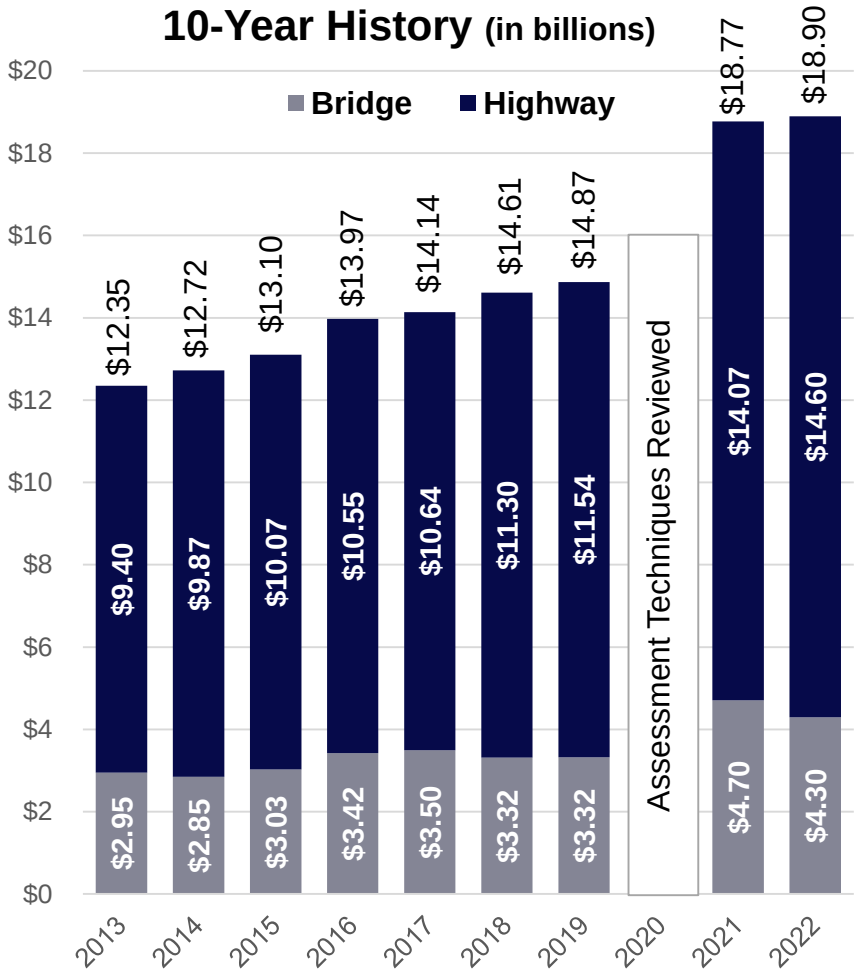


Congestion/Capacity: consists of major widening and adding lanes

Condition: consists of resurfacing roads, structurally deficient bridges, bridge painting

Safety: consists of isolated reconstruction, minor widening, shoulders, railroad crossings, etc.

Operations/Motorist Services: consists of interstate striping and signs, rest areas, ferries, etc.

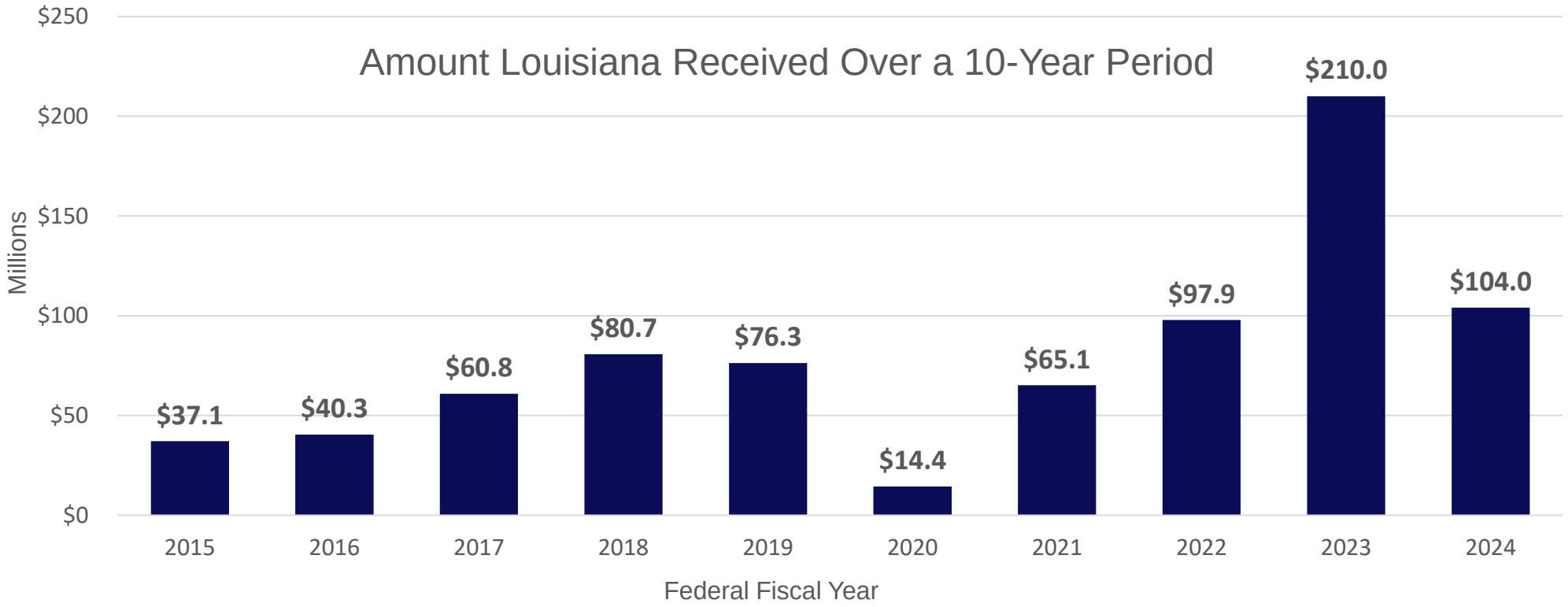


Source: DOTD 2022 State Highway and Bridge Needs Report

August Redistribution

- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) annually shifts federal funding authority out of accounts that are not on course to use their allotted obligation limits for the federal fiscal year

- The agency redirects this funding authority to state recipients that have completed all requirements and are prepared to obligate the additional federal authority before the end of the federal fiscal year. FHWA calls this annual budget practice "August Redistribution"



Source: Department of Transportation and Development

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General Department Information

Department Overview

Administration

Office of the Secretary

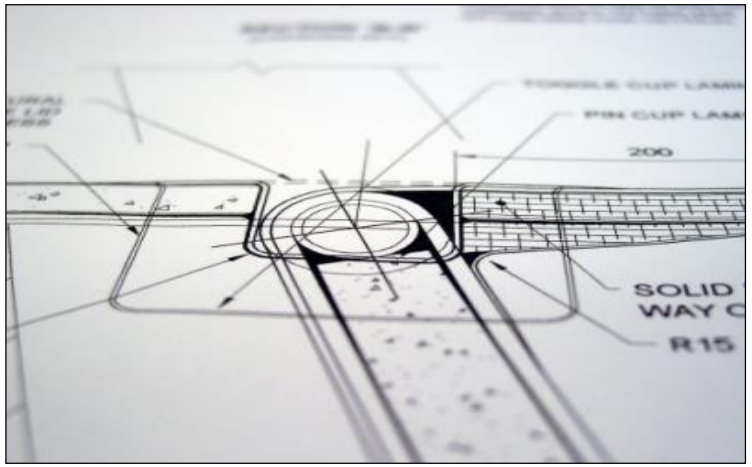
- Provides leadership, direction, and accountability for all DOTD programs
- Ensures that DOTD programs are managed to provide the optimum benefits and services to the public within the constraints of available funding and applicable regulations and perform all operational functions with safety as a priority

Office of Management and Finance

- Provides support services that enable the success of all DOTD agencies, offices, and programs

Department Overview

Engineering and Operations



Engineering

- Develops, constructs, and operates a safe, cost-effective, and efficient highway and public infrastructure system which will satisfy the needs of the public and serve the economic development of the State in an environmentally compatible manner

Office of Planning

- Provides direction and long-range planning related to highways, bridge and pavement management, data collections and analysis, congestion, safety, and public transportation/transit

Department Overview

Engineering and Operations

Operations

- Efficiently plans, designs, constructs, operates, and maintains a safe transportation network in cooperation with our public and private partners
- The 9 regional district offices fall under the Operations Program

Aviation

- Responsible for facilitating, developing, exercising regulatory oversight, and providing guidance for Louisiana's aviation system

Office of Multimodal Commerce

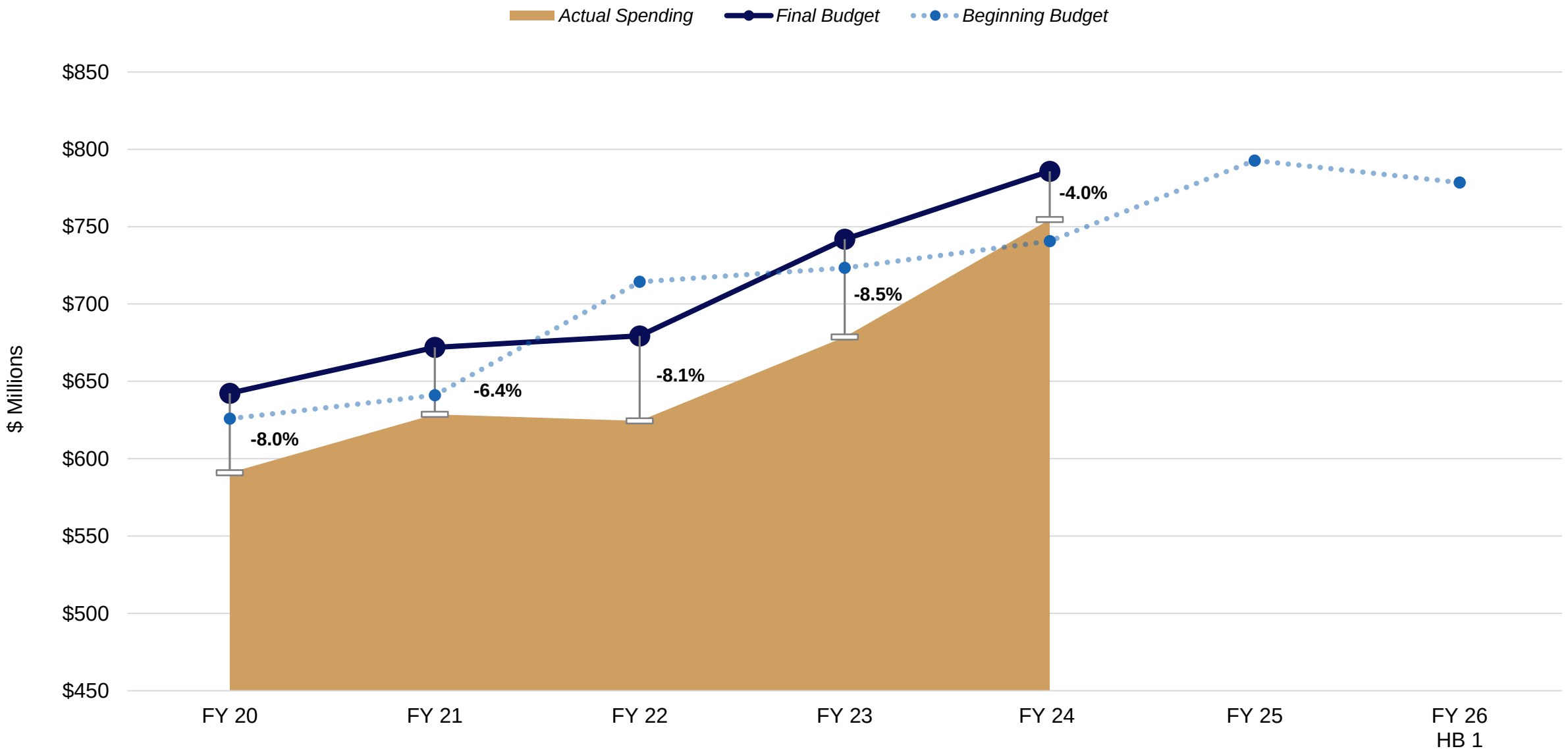
- Administers the planning and programming functions related to commercial trucking, ports and waterways, and freight and passenger rail development

Funding Comparison by Program

Agency	FY 24 Actual Expenditures	FY 25 Existing Operating Budget 12/1/24	FY 26 HB1 Budget	Change Existing Operating Budget to HB1		Change Actual Expenditures to HB1	
Secretary	$ 11,234,142	$ 13,377,683	$ 15,380,584	$ 2,002,901	15.0%	$ 4,146,442	36.9%
Mgmt & Finance	39,820,861	41,982,942	45,064,403	3,081,461	7.3%	5,243,542	13.2%
Engineering	116,068,970	128,878,663	117,958,963	(10,919,700)	(8.5%)	1,889,993	1.6%
Planning	62,029,593	65,453,198	69,637,058	4,183,860	6.4%	7,607,465	12.3%
Operations	483,221,180	689,677,242	525,167,363	(164,509,879)	(23.9%)	41,946,183	8.7%
Aviation	1,386,150	2,016,536	2,087,040	70,504	3.5%	700,890	50.6%
Multi. Commerce	40,861,648	2,953,977	3,269,547	315,570	10.7%	(37,592,101)	(92.0%)
Total	**$ 754,622,544**	**$ 944,340,241**	**$ 778,564,958**	**$ (165,775,283)**	**(17.6%)**	**$ 23,942,414**	**3.2%**

General Budgetary Information

Historical Budget



FY 25 Existing Operating Budget

The FY 2024-25 Existing Operating Budget (EOB) was frozen on December 1, 2024. This point-in-time reference is used in both the Executive Budget and the General Appropriations Bill.

Means of Finance	Appropriation	Mid-Year Adjustments	Existing Operating Budget
General Fund	$ 70,614,750	$ 17,679,847	$ 88,294,597
Interagency Transfers	47,580,651		47,580,651
Self-generated Revenue	29,919,875	10,104,966	40,024,841
Statutory Dedications	693,699,134	44,478,855	738,177,989
Federal	30,262,163	0	30,262,163
Total	**$ 872,076,573**	**$ 72,263,668**	**$ 944,340,241**

Mid-year Adjustments Summary				
July	**August**	**September**	**October**	**November**
No change	$72.3 M Various MOF carried into FY 25 from the prior fiscal year largely for contracts and purchase orders	No change	No Change	No change

Discretionary Expenses

Total Budget
$778.6 M

State General Fund
$53.4 M

Interagency Transfers
$44.6 M

Self-generated Revenue
$29.9 M

Statutory Dedications
$620.2 M

Federal Funds
$30.5 M

Non-discretionary
$94.7 M

Retirement UAL Payments
$59.8 M

Retirees' Group Insurance
$34.4 M

Legislative Auditor Fees
$522,588

Discretionary
$525.5 M

Engineering and Operations
$471.5 M

Administration Program
$54.0 M

** Figures may not add precisely due to rounding **

TIMED Debt Service Impact On The 16 Cent State Gas Tax

By the Number of Pennies

Current State Gas Taxes = 20 Cents

FY 26

FY 35

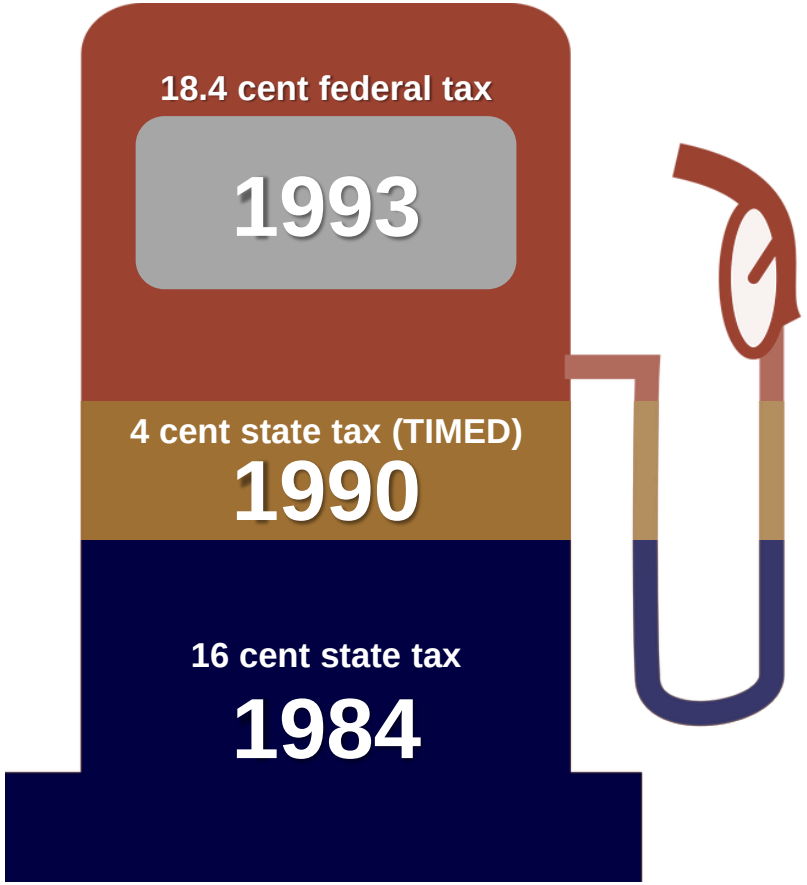
FY 44

= represents the 16 cent state gas tax

= represents the 4 cent state gas tax and how the 4 cents is insufficient to cover the TIMED debt service payments therefore requiring the 16 cent state gas tax to help cover the cost; debt service payments extend to FY 45

State and Federal Gas Tax

Total Gas Tax = 38.4 cents



How Much Do Individuals Spend On Gas Taxes?

The current gas tax is 38.4 cents per gallon, 20 cents for state and 18.4 cents for federal gas taxes.

On average, individuals drive roughly 13,500 miles annually, that equates to:

$21.60
Per Month (20 mpg)

Assuming the vehicle gets 20 miles per gallon; an individual would purchase approximately 675 gallons of gas annually (13,500 divided by 20).

Gas taxes on 675 gallons equals $135 in state taxes and $124.20 in federal taxes for a total of $259.20 per year, or $21.60 per month.

Or for a more fuel efficient vehicle:

$17.28
Per Month (25 mpg)

If the vehicle gets 25 miles per gallon; that individual would purchase approximately 540 gallons of gas annually (13,500 divided by 25).

Gas taxes on 540 gallons equals $108 in state taxes and $99.36 in federal taxes for a total of $207.36 per year, or $17.28 per month.