



BILL & AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Transportation Budget SF 2130

Status of Bill: House Appropriations Committee
Committee: Appropriations (passed Senate 27-22; passed House Appropriations 25-0)
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Background

The Senate amended and passed SF 2130 by a vote of 27-22 on Tuesday, April 1. The House Appropriations Committee amended and passed the bill by a vote of 25-0 on April 3.

The bill is funded at the Governor's recommended level of \$358.2 million for the Department of Transportation's (DOT) FY 15 operating and capitals budget. This breaks down to \$310.2 million from the Primary Road Fund (PRF) and \$48 million from the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF). This is an increase of \$5.4 million from FY 14. The bill contains no funding from the general fund for DOT operations, infrastructure, or capital projects.

The RUTF, created in 1949, is primarily funded from motor vehicle fuel taxes on gasoline, ethanol, and diesel fuels; motor vehicle registration fees; title and driver's license fees; and the sales taxes on the sale of motor vehicles. The fund is constitutionally protected and can only be spent on the construction, maintenance, and supervision of Iowa's public highways.

The RUTF is estimated to receive \$1.2 billion in FY 15. The off-the-top statutory allocations and appropriations are \$165.7 million; leaving just over \$1 billion to be distributed by the RUTF formula: 47.5% to the PRF (\$486 million), 24.5% to the counties Secondary Road Fund (\$250.7 million), 20% to the cities Street Construction Fund (\$204.6 million), and 8% to counties Farm-to-Market Road Fund (\$81.9 million).

Iowa DOT's principal responsibilities include:

- Maintain 9,400 miles of primary highways and 4,100 bridges.
- Provide licenses or non-driver ID's to about 2.2 million people.
- Oversee the collection of more than \$422 million in vehicle title and registration fees for the 4.2 million vehicles registered in Iowa, and license all motor vehicle dealers, travel trailer dealers, and vehicle recyclers in Iowa.
- Oversee the production and issuance of all license plates for vehicles.
- Assist in the development, preservation, and improvement of about 1,485 miles of multi-use trails.
- Assist in safety improvements and surface repair at about 4,400 highway-railroad crossings and inspect nearly 3,900 miles of track.
- Register 2,500 aircraft and 65 aircraft dealers in Iowa.
- Provide financial and management assistance to Iowa's 35 public transit systems which operate in all 99 counties.
- Enforce all federal and state laws and regulations relating to commercial motor vehicles and their drivers.
- Issue approximately 121,000 oversize/overweight permits a year.

Bill Summary

These two items the Senate added by amendment; they are the only differences from the Governor's recommendation for the FY 15 DOT operations and capitals budget, which is contained in SF 2130:

- **Road Salt Supplemental Appropriation.** Appropriates \$7.8 million from the FY 14 Primary Road Fund to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the purchase of salt. The moneys that remain unencumbered and unobligated at the close of the fiscal year will not revert and will remain available for expenditure in FY 15. This appropriation is effective upon enactment. The DOT said this past winter they have experienced 27 winter storm events to date and over the previous three fiscal years they experienced an average of 16 winter storm events. Due to this winter season, the DOT will not be able to replenish its salt supply in preparation for the 2014/2015 winter season. Additionally, due to the severity of the winter nationally, salt supplies for next winter will be limited, resulting in expected price increases of 20%. Therefore, it is necessary for the Iowa DOT to refill its salt supply at the end of this season. The department requested this additional money.
- **Distracted Driving Educational Program.** The bill requires DOT establish educational programs to foster public awareness about the dangers and consequences of driving while distracted. The bill pays for this program by earmarking \$200,000 of the \$6.4 million of Road Use Tax Fund money appropriated to DOT for their operations division.

Other Highlights of SF 2130:

- **Transportation Maps.** \$242,000 is appropriated for transportation maps, which is an increase of \$82,000 from FY 14. FY 15 is the first year of the new two-year cycle DOT is now using to produce transportation maps. They will produce 1.8 million maps to be used for the next two fiscal years (there will be no funding request to produce maps in FY 16; the next funding request will be in FY 17). This gets the DOT on a cycle in which every other map printing falls after a gubernatorial election so that the Governor has an opportunity for input and pictures of the new Governor and Lt. Governor can be placed on the maps. In years prior to FY 13, the DOT had been producing 1.4 million maps per year (or 2.8 million maps over two years). The outcome of the two-year schedule will be a production of 1.8 million maps every two years, which is a reduction of one million maps over two years. The current contract with the printer requires a minimum of one million maps printed annually to retain the price of 13.4¢ per map.
- **Motor Vehicle Division Field Facilities.** An increase of \$200,000 for deferred maintenance at field facilities, for a total of \$1.7 million. This appropriation will provide funding for field facility maintenance needs, such as replacing windows, painting buildings, paving driveways, and various other repairs. An increase of \$200,000 for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) improvements to replace or retrofit exhaust and radiant heat systems that were installed over 25 years ago. A total of \$700,000 is provided for HVAC improvements, which will be made at the Ames headquarters, DeWitt, Missouri Valley, Coralville, Mt. Pleasant, West Burlington, Ottumwa, and Perry facilities.
- **Des Moines North Maintenance Garage.** A new appropriation of \$6.4 million for a proposed maintenance garage facility to replace the existing Des Moines North combined facility built in 1960. The proposed facility will replace the facility that has been outgrown due to population growth and technology improvements. An appropriation of \$6.5 million was provided for FY 14 for the replacement of the Mason City combined facility. The DOT typically tries to replace one of its 109 garages per year.
- **Traffic Operations Center.** A new, one-time appropriation of \$730,000 to relocate the Traffic Operations Center from the headquarters building in Ames to the basement of the Motor Vehicle Division building in Ankeny. The appropriation will cover remodeling the existing space, a video wall, new communications equipment, and IT equipment. DOT employees will be transferred from Ames to the Ankeny building. The center directs traffic operations on Iowa's primary highway system and is coordinated by DOT. This upgrade at the Ankeny facility will allow them to see all law enforcement during times of emergencies. The old center in Ames will continue to be used as a backup emergency facility.

The FY 15 DOT budget is as follows:

	Estimated FY 14	Governor FY 15	SF 2130 FY 15	SF 2130 v. FY 14	SF 2130 v. Gov
Drivers' License Equipment Lease/ Central Issuance					
Road Use Tax Fund	3,876,000	3,876,000	3,876,000	0	0
Operations					
Road Use Tax Fund	6,384,960	6,384,960	6,384,960	0	0
Primary Road Fund	39,225,906	39,225,906	39,225,906	0	0
Total Operations	45,610,866	45,610,866	45,610,866	0	0
FTEs	266.0	266.0	266.0	0.0	0.0
Performance and Technology					
Road Use Tax Fund	460,040	460,040	460,040	0	0
Primary Road Fund	2,825,960	2,825,960	2,825,960	0	0
Total Operations	3,286,000	3,286,000	3,286,000	0	0
FTEs	35.0	35.0	35.0	0.0	0.0
Planning & Programming					
Road Use Tax Fund	414,000	414,000	414,000	0	0
Primary Road Fund	7,865,454	7,865,454	7,865,454	0	0
Total Planning & Programming	8,279,454	8,279,454	8,279,454	0	0
FTEs	102.0	102.0	102.0	0.0	0.0
Motor Vehicles					
Road Use Tax Fund	33,921,000	34,616,659	34,616,659	695,659	0
Primary Road Fund	1,413,540	1,460,575	1,460,575	47,035	0
Total Motor Vehicles	35,334,540	36,077,234	36,077,234	742,694	0
FTEs	410.0	410.0	410.0	0.0	0.0
Highway					
Primary Road Fund	232,031,295	235,717,855	235,717,855	3,686,560	0
FTEs	2,057.0	2,057.0	2,057.0	0.0	0.0
Dept. of Administrative Services					
Road Use Tax Fund	215,000	235,125	235,125	20,125	0
Primary Road Fund	1,321,000	1,444,627	1,444,627	123,627	0
Total DAS	1,536,000	1,679,752	1,679,752	143,752	0
Unemployment Compensation					
Road Use Tax Fund	7,000	7,000	7,000	0	0
Primary Road Fund	138,000	138,000	138,000	0	0
Total Unemployment Comp.	145,000	145,000	145,000	0	0
Workers' Compensation					
Road Use Tax Fund	114,000	114,000	114,000	0	0
Primary Road Fund	2,743,000	2,743,000	2,743,000	0	0
Total Workers' Comp	2,857,000	2,857,000	2,857,000	0	0
Indirect Cost Recoveries					
Road Use Tax Fund	78,000	78,000	78,000	0	0
Primary Road Fund	572,000	572,000	572,000	0	0
Total Indirect Cost Recoveries	650,000	650,000	650,000	0	0
Auditor Reimbursement					
Road Use Tax Fund	67,319	67,319	67,319	0	0
Primary Road Fund	415,181	415,181	415,181	0	0
Total Auditor Reimbursement	482,500	482,500	482,500	0	0
County Treasurers Support					
Road Use Tax Fund	1,406,000	1,406,000	1,406,000	0	0
511 Road/Weather Conditions					
Road Use Tax Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	0	0
Mississippi River Parkway Commission					
Road Use Tax Fund	40,000	40,000	40,000	0	0

	Estimated FY 14	Governor FY 15	SF 2130 FY 15	SF 2130 v. FY 14	SF 2130 v. Gov
MVD Field Facility Maintenance					
Road Use Tax Fund	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	0
Scale Replacement					
Road Use Tax Fund	280,000	0	0	-280,000	0
Garage Fuel & Waste Management					
Primary Road Fund	800,000	800,000	800,000	0	0
Transportation Maps					
Primary Road Fund	160,000	242,000	242,000	82,000	0
Inventory & Equipment Replacement					
Primary Road Fund	5,366,000	5,366,000	5,366,000	0	0
Utility Improvements					
Primary Road Fund	400,000	400,000	400,000	0	0
Garage Roofing Projects					
Primary Road Fund	500,000	500,000	500,000	0	0
HVAC Improvements					
Primary Road Fund	500,000	700,000	700,000	200,000	0
Field Facility Deferred Maintenance					
Primary Road Fund	1,500,000	1,700,000	1,700,000	200,000	0
Traffic Operations Center					
Primary Road Fund	0	730,000	730,000	730,000	0
Mason City Combined Facility					
Primary Road Fund	6,500,000	0	0	-6,500,000	0
Wastewater Treatment Upgrades - Garages					
Primary Road Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	0	0
Des Moines North Garage					
Primary Road Fund	0	6,353,000	6,353,000	6,353,000	0
Subtotal Road Use Tax Fund	<u>47,563,319</u>	<u>47,999,103</u>	<u>47,999,103</u>	<u>435,784</u>	<u>0</u>
Subtotal Primary Road Fund	<u>305,277,336</u>	<u>310,199,558</u>	<u>310,199,558</u>	<u>4,922,222</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL DOT	<u>352,840,655</u>	<u>358,198,661</u>	<u>358,198,661</u>	<u>5,358,006</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL FTEs	<u>2,870.0</u>	<u>2,870.0</u>	<u>2,870.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>

Details of SF 2130

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Operations and Finance Division. Appropriates a total of \$45.6 million and 266 FTEs for FY 15, which is no change from FY 14. The funding for this division: \$6.4 million comes from the RUTF and an additional \$39.2 million from the PRF. The bill earmarks \$200,000 of the \$6.4 million from the RUTF for DOT to establish educational programs to foster public awareness about the dangers and consequences of driving while distracted. This budget unit includes the operations and finance division, information technology division, director's office, transportation commission, and general counsel.

Planning, Programming, and Modal Division. Appropriates a total of \$8.3 million and 102 FTEs for FY 15, which is no change from FY 14. The funding for this division: \$414,000 comes from the RUTF and an additional \$7.9 million comes from the PRF. This division administers the Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) program; develops city, county, and state transportation maps; develops the Iowa Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); administers the state's Recreational Trails Program; develops the department's Five-Year Program; establishes and maintains the department's traffic and roadway condition databases; administers the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program (ICAAP); develops traffic forecasts for highway projects; coordinates planning activities with the metropolitan planning organizations and regional planning affiliations; manages the traffic count program; manages special legislative and congressionally mandated studies; and promotes transportation on Iowa's navigable rivers. It also includes the offices of aviation, rail transportation, program management, systems planning, and public transit.

Motor Vehicles Division. Appropriates a total of \$36.1 million and 410 FTEs for FY 15, which is an increase of \$743,000 compared to FY 14. The funding for this division: \$34.6 million comes from the RUTF and an additional \$1.5 million comes from the PRF. The increase to this division is for personal services and salary adjustments. This division administers and enforces federal and state motor vehicle laws and regulations, including the testing, licensing, and appropriate sanctioning of all drivers; suspends or revokes driving privileges of drivers who have committed OWI or other problem-driver offenses, and lifts suspension or revocation when compliance is achieved; administers driver improvement program and motorcycle rider program; titles and registers vehicles which operate interstate; registers aircraft and aircraft dealers; enforces federal motor carrier safety standards and hazardous materials regulations; enforces size, weight, authority, fuel, and registration laws; titles and issues registrations for all official vehicles, and special and personalized plates; and approves and processes abandoned vehicle reports for all law enforcement agencies.

Performance and Technology Division. Appropriates a total of \$3.3 million and 35 FTEs for FY 15, which is no change from FY 14. The funding for this division: \$460,000 comes from the RUTF and an additional \$2.8 million comes from the PRF. This division provides services focused on performance management, asset management, process improvement, strategic planning, and strategic communications; provides media and marketing services; and facilitates the coordination and management of departmental research activities in collaboration with other divisions, U.S. DOT, Transportation Research Board, National Cooperative Highway Research Program, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, Iowa Highway Research Board, universities, other states, private sector partners, and state and local agencies.

Highway Division. Appropriates a total of \$235.7 million and 2,057 FTEs from the PRF for FY 15. This is an increase of \$3.7 million from FY 14, which will pay for salary adjustments (no new FTEs) and increased operational costs. This division is responsible for project design, contracts, construction, technical assistance and consultation, right-of-way issues, and environmental investigations/compliance; reviews traffic safety situations/issues and maintains safety management systems; manages the preservation and operation of the transportation system to ensure safe travel; administers and provides statewide direction for all maintenance activities completed by contract and Iowa DOT forces; plans and administers maintenance of highways and bridges, bridge inspection program, traffic services, and snow and ice control; and oversees Adopt-A-Highway program, maintenance information management systems, bridge and highway painting, roadside management, rest area administration, road weather information systems, highway lighting, and utility, access and drainage permits.

Production of Driver's Licenses. \$3.9 million from the RUTF for FY 15 for the payment of costs associated with the production of driver's licenses, which is the same as FY 14. These moneys do not revert at the end of the fiscal year and can be used in FY 16. DOT uses the money to provide electronic processing (the use of debit or credit cards) for payment of driver's licenses, nonoperator identification cards, and civil penalties; and for costs associated with the lease of the Driver's License Digitized Photo Imaging System.

Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Utility Services. Appropriates a total of \$1.7 million for FY 15, which is an increase of \$144,000 from FY 14 (\$235,000 from the RUTF and an additional \$1.4 million from the

PRF). This money is used for personnel and other services that are paid to DAS. Departments are required to purchase these utility services through DAS. Utility services include: human resources services, general services such as DOT office space in the Lucas Building, and information technology services. The utility costs also include funding for use of the 1/3 budget system and marketplace services offered by DAS. Rates for several of these services are increasing in FY 15. DAS is increasing rates to cover salary adjustments for FY 15.

Unemployment Compensation. Appropriates a total of \$145,000 for FY 15, which is the same as FY 14 (\$7,000 from the RUTF and an additional \$138,000 from the PRF). The money is used for the payment of unemployment compensation costs.

Workers' Compensation Claims. Appropriates a total of \$2.9 million to DAS for FY 15 for paying workers' compensation claims on behalf of employees of DOT, which is no change from FY 14. The funding: \$114,000 comes from the RUTF and an additional \$2.7 million from the PRF.

Indirect Cost Recoveries. Appropriates a total of \$650,000 for FY 15, which is no change from FY 14 (\$78,000 from the RUTF and an additional \$572,000 from the PRF). Iowa law requires DOT to make payments to the general fund for recovery of indirect costs associated with centralized services provided by other state agencies that receive funding from the general fund (i.e. payroll and services from the State Treasurer for cash receipt collection and warrant redemption).

State Auditor Reimbursements. Appropriates a total of \$482,500 for FY 15, which is no change from FY 14 (\$67,319 from the RUTF and an additional \$415,181 from the PRF). This money is to pay for State audit expenses.

County Issuance of Driver's Licenses – County Treasurers Support. Appropriates \$1.4 million from the RUTF for FY 15 to support the issuance of driver's licenses, vehicle registrations, and titles at county treasurer offices, which is no change from FY 14. The money will be used for electronic processing of debit and credit cards for payments of driver's licenses, nonoperator identification cards, and civil penalties at county treasurer sites; and used for information technology expenditures such as Iowa Communication Network (ICN) connection to issuance machines, servers, and databases for issuance activity. In addition to this appropriation, DOT receives an annual RUTF standing appropriation of \$650,000 for the purchase of automation and telecommunications equipment, and support for issuing vehicle registrations, titles, and driver's licenses at county treasurer offices.

511 Road/Weather Toll-Free Number. Appropriates \$100,000 from the RUTF for FY 15 to the Department of Public Safety for operating the 511 toll-free telephone road and weather reporting system, which is no change from FY 14. The Iowa 511 Travel Information Service provides weather-related road conditions, traffic incidents, and highway construction information 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A consortium of states pooled costs to develop the 511 system including Iowa, Alaska, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Mexico and Vermont. The Iowa 511 service includes interstates, U.S. routes, and portions of some State highways; it does not include county roads or city streets.

Mississippi River Parkway Commission. Appropriates \$40,000 from the RUTF for FY 15, which is no change from FY 14. This appropriation funds annual organization dues and operational costs. The Mississippi River Parkway Commission is a multi-state organization that is comprised of the states bordering the Mississippi River (Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Wisconsin). Iowa's Commission is responsible for promoting transportation and tourism along the 326-mile Iowa Great River Road. Specifically, the Commission develops and implements a Corridor Management Plan that includes signage requirements, restrictions on outdoor advertising, methods to market and promote the corridor, and actions to involve the public.

Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) Field Facility Maintenance. Appropriates \$200,000 from the RUTF for FY 15, which is no change from FY 14. The funds are used to maintain weight scales and driver's license stations. This money will not revert at the end of the fiscal year and can be used through the end of FY 18.

Scale Replacement. The bill zero's out funding from the RUTF for scale replacement for FY 15, which had been funded at \$280,000 in FY 14. This was a recommendation from the department and the Governor.

Disposal of Garage Fuel and Hazardous Wastes. Appropriates \$800,000 from the PRF for FY 15 for disposal of hazardous wastes from field locations and the central complex, which is no change from FY 14. The money is used for costs associated with hazardous waste resulting from day-to-day operations of DOT to comply with environmental regulations. DOT contracts with the private sector for hazardous waste disposal services.

Transportation Maps. Appropriates \$242,000 from the PRF for transportation maps for FY 15, which is an increase of \$82,000 from FY 14. FY 15 is the first year of the new two-year cycle DOT is now using to produce transportation maps. They will produce 1.8 million maps to be used for the next two fiscal years (there will be no funding request to produce maps in FY 16; the next funding request will be in FY 17). This gets the DOT on a cycle in which every other map production falls after a gubernatorial election so that the Governor has an opportunity for input and pictures of the new Governor and Lt. Governor can be placed on the maps. In years prior to FY 13, the DOT had been producing 1.4 million maps per year (or 2.8 million maps over two years). The outcome of the two-year schedule will be a production of 1.8 million maps every two years, which is a reduction of one million maps over two years. The current contract with the printer requires a minimum of one million maps to be printed annually to retain the price of 13.4¢ per map.

Inventory and Equipment Replacement. Appropriates \$5.4 million from the PRF for FY 15 for inventory and equipment replacement, which is no change from FY 14. DOT says this funding will have to remain at this higher level for a few years in order to eliminate the backlog of equipment needs. The moneys pay for materials and supplies, inventoried stock supplies, maintenance and operational costs of equipment, and equipment replacement.

Utility Improvements. Appropriates \$400,000 from the PRF for FY 15 for utility improvements at various locations throughout the State, which is no change from FY 14. These moneys do not revert at the end of the fiscal year and can be used through the end of FY 18. The improvements upgrade existing electrical systems that are being used beyond the original load design for the facilities. Currently, DOT has identified eight utility improvements. DOT typically can afford four improvements, which will include the Corning garage, De Soto garage, Williams garage, and Muscatine garage.

Garage Roofing Projects. Appropriates \$500,000 from the PRF for FY 15 for garage roofing projects at various locations throughout the State, which is no change from FY 14. The appropriation is not sufficient to replace all the roofs; DOT will prioritize and address those most in need of replacement. There are 109 maintenance garages around the state. These moneys do not revert at the end of the fiscal year and can be used through the end of FY 18. DOT says their evaluation of roof repairs will be completed at the end of April, 2014. To date, their tentative plan is to work on the following four roofs: Marion garage, Greenfield garage, Elkader garage, and the Ames Material Lab roofs.

Heating, Cooling, and Exhaust System Improvements. Appropriates \$700,000 from the PRF for FY 15 for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) improvements at various locations throughout the State, which is an increase of \$200,000 from FY 14. These moneys do not revert at the end of the fiscal year and can be used through the end of FY 18. The funds will be used for exhaust and radiant heat system replacements at seven older maintenance facilities: Carroll exhaust system, and the radiant heat systems at the Ames headquarters, DeWitt, Missouri Valley, Coralville, Mt. Pleasant, West Burlington, Ottumwa, and Perry.

Deferred Maintenance Projects at Field Facilities. Appropriates \$1.7 million from the PRF for FY 15 for deferred maintenance projects at various field facilities statewide, which is an increase of \$200,000 from FY 14. The increase is to address ongoing major maintenance needs. The moneys are used for maintenance needs such as replacing windows, painting buildings, paving driveways, and other various repairs. These moneys do not revert at the end of the fiscal year and can be used through the end of FY 18. DOT says they plan to use this money for

the Fairfield garage insulation, Ida Grove garage wash bay repairs, Grimes resident construction office consolidation, and Jefferson resident construction office. In addition, they also have a list of proposed salt storage facilities that will be replacements for existing salt storage structures with new hoop buildings for salt/sand mixes. They include the following garage locations: Centerville, Ottumwa, Wapello, Emmetsburg, Greenfield, Corning, Manchester, and Pacific Junction.

Wastewater Treatment Improvements. Appropriates \$1 million from the PRF for FY 15 for wastewater treatment improvements at various locations throughout the State, which is no change from FY 14. This is the fifth of seven years of funding. DOT identified 20 garages that needed wastewater sewer hookups to municipal sanitary sewer systems or reclamation systems in order to comply with the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Total cost for the project is estimated to be \$6.8 million. The DOT will complete the effort over seven fiscal years and will request \$1 million each year during that time. The 20 garages identified are: Carlisle, Davenport, Denison, Dyersville, Malcolm, Newhall, Dubuque, Maquoketa, West Burlington, Carroll, Independence, Knoxville, Correctionville, Elkader, Hanlontown, Latimer, Tipton, Chariton, Osage, and Oskaloosa. These moneys do not revert at the end of the fiscal year and can be used through the end of FY 18.

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Amendment Summary

H-8212 by House Appropriations Committee – Personnel Settlement Agreement Payments

Prohibits DOT from using any funds appropriated in this bill to pay a personnel settlement that contains a confidentiality provision.