

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Enhanced state highway investments - The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1.162 billion for enhanced state highway investments.

Special transportation funding distributions to oil-producing counties and townships - The Legislative Assembly provided 2013-15 biennium special transportation funding distributions to oil-producing counties and townships as follows:

The Legislative Assembly in House Bill No. 1358 appropriated \$160 million from the general fund to the Department of Transportation for county road and bridge projects in counties that received \$5 million or more of oil and gas gross production tax allocations under North Dakota Century Code Section 57-51-15(2) during state fiscal year 2013. The funding is to be distributed based on data supplied by the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute.

In House Bill No. 1358, \$8,760,000 from the general fund was appropriated to the State Treasurer for grants to townships located in counties that received between \$500,000 and \$5 million of oil and gas gross production tax allocations under Section 57-51-15(2) during state fiscal year 2013. Each eligible township is to receive a grant of \$15,000 in July 2013 and in May 2014. Although House Bill No. 1358 based the allocations on fiscal year 2012 oil and gas gross production tax allocations, House Bill No. 1015 amended House Bill No. 1358 to change the year to state fiscal year 2013.

The \$1,161,600,000 appropriated to the Department of Transportation includes \$620 million from the general fund in Senate Bill No. 2176 and a transfer of \$541.6 million from the general fund to the highway fund. Of the \$620 million, approximately \$498.5 million has been spent through April 2014. None of the \$541.6 million has been spent as of April 2014, and the department anticipates the \$541.6 million will be transferred in August 2014.

Through April 2014, the Department of Transportation has spent \$90,252,997 for county road and bridge projects in counties that received \$5 million or more of oil and gas gross production tax allocations.

The State Treasurer distributed \$2,805,000 to oil-producing counties on July 26, 2013, pursuant to House Bill No. 1358. The State Treasurer anticipates the same distribution will be made in May 2014. As a result of the change in the fiscal year, Burke County and Stark County were no longer eligible to receive distributions, and the total actual distributions are anticipated to be \$3,150,000 less than the appropriation of \$8,760,000.