

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

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 legislative appropriation	196.00	\$19,768,701	\$13,629,443	\$33,398,144
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	198.00	9,506,236	15,739,642	25,245,878
2001-03 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1999-2001 appropriation	(2.00)	\$10,262,465	(\$2,110,199)	\$8,152,266

NOTE: The 2001-03 appropriation amounts include \$155,042 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$5,000,000 funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees.

Item Description

Mobile data terminals - The 2001 Legislative Assembly appropriated \$220,000 from the highway fund for providing for an additional 20 mobile data terminals in patrol vehicles.

Capitol security - The Legislative Assembly provided funding for two Highway Patrol troopers for providing security services at the State Capitol.

Motor pool costs - The Highway Patrol budgeted its motor pool rate for patrol vehicles to be 50 cents per mile for the 2001-03 biennium.

Minot weigh inspection station.

Status/Result

The Highway Patrol has spent \$217,000 of this appropriation for the additional 20 mobile data terminals and is in the process of installing the units in the vehicles. Once installed, 95 of the patrol's 132 vehicles will be equipped with the mobile data terminals.

After the terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C., on September 11, 2001, the Highway Patrol began providing additional security on the State Capitol grounds. For the period October 2001 through January 2002, the patrol utilized four trooper positions on the State Capitol grounds by adding two additional troopers to provide entrance security at the State Capitol. These troopers were temporarily reassigned on a weekly basis from other locations in the state. Beginning the last week of January 2002, the patrol and Facility Management began sharing the cost of contracting with BisMan Security Services for two positions to provide the additional security at entrances to the State Capitol. The estimated cost to the Highway Patrol for its share of the cost of this contract is \$53,000 for the remainder of the 2001-03 biennium.

Through February 2002, the Highway Patrol's motor pool rate has averaged 46 cents per mile, a four-cent per mile savings from the budgeted amount.

The Highway Patrol is planning to discontinue operating the Minot weigh inspection station by July 2002 due to safety concerns resulting from traffic congestion in the area. The patrol is planning to develop a weigh inspection team concept to conduct random truck weight inspections as a pilot project in the Minot area. To accommodate the need for individuals to purchase motor carrier permits which have been available at the Minot weigh station, the patrol will develop a computer system to allow individuals to purchase motor carrier permits over the Internet before the Minot weigh station closes.

The estimated cost of developing this computer system is approximately \$60,000.