

**Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute  
Budget 627  
House Bill No. 1021**

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
1999-2001 legislative appropriation	25.00	\$486,991	\$6,268,442	\$6,755,433
1997-99 legislative appropriation	<u>19.00</u>	<u>455,562</u>	<u>4,403,417</u>	<u>4,858,979</u>
1999-2001 appropriation increase (decrease) to 1997-99 appropriation	6.00	\$31,429	\$1,865,025	\$1,896,454

**NOTE:** The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$4,571 from the general fund for the agency's share of the \$422,400 funding pool appropriated to the Main Research Center for additional salary adjustments for employees of the Agricultural Experiment Station, NDSU Extension Service, Northern Crops Institute, and Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute and \$202 of special funds for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

**Item Description**

**Strategic freight transportation analysis** - The 1999 Legislative Assembly provided \$288,000, \$188,000 of which is from federal Strategic Planning and Research (SPR) funds available through the Department of Transportation and \$100,000 of other funds to be raised by the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute. The analysis is to result in recommendations and strategies to address North Dakota freight transportation needs. A section was added to the bill providing that the director of the Department of Transportation may not provide the \$188,000 of federal funds until the institute raises its \$100,000 for the analysis.

**Status/Result**

The Transportation Institute has raised \$127,000 of other funds for the project. The funding is being provided from:

Agricultural Products Utilization Commission	\$27,000
United States Department of Agriculture	53,000
Mountain Plains Consortium	27,000
Other organizations	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$127,000</b>

As a result of the institute raising its share of the project's cost, the director of the Department of Transportation has made available the \$188,000 of federal funding. The Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute anticipates some preliminary results should be available by January 2001 and the final report by July 2001.