

**Department 801 - Department of Transportation
Senate Bill No. 2012**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2001-03 Schafer Executive Budget	1,041.00		\$734,924,454	\$734,924,454
1999-2001 Legislative Appropriations	<u>1,040.00</u>		<u>626,041,796</u>	<u>626,041,796</u> ¹
Increase (Decrease)	<u>1.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$108,882,658</u>	<u>\$108,882,658</u>

2001-03 Hoeven Executive Budget	<u>1,041.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$734,924,454</u>	<u>\$734,924,454</u>
Hoeven Increase (Decrease) to Schafer	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

¹ The 1999-2001 appropriation amounts include \$624,050 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$5.4 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for special market equity adjustments for classified employees and \$30,139 of other funds for the agency's share of the \$1.4 million funding pool appropriated to OMB for assisting agencies in providing the \$35 per month minimum salary increases in July 1999 and July 2000.

Major Schafer Recommendations Affecting Department of Transportation 2001-03 Budget

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Administration			
1. Adds funding from the highway fund for 1 FTE telecommunications technician II (\$77,299) and related operating (\$34,300) and equipment (\$10,000) for providing mobile data terminal maintenance services.		\$121,599	\$121,599
2. Adds funding from the highway fund for providing salary market adjustments for information technology staff.		\$240,000	\$240,000
3. Adds funding from the highway fund for salary market adjustments for the director (\$198.92 per month) and 2 deputies (\$461.08 per month for one and \$485.83 per month for the other) effective January 1, 2002. The funding added in the executive budget is \$5,511 more than is necessary to provide for these equity increases.		\$29,594	\$29,594
4. Adds funding from the highway fund for ATM network costs.		\$129,050	\$129,050
5. Adds funding for new information technology activities:		\$1,213,850	\$1,213,850
a. Establish an electronic document management system (\$478,865 from the highway fund).			
b. Develop e-commerce applications (\$76,825 from the highway fund).			
c. Replace existing construction automated records system (CARS) (\$213,570 from the highway fund and \$190,830 from federal funds).			
d. Expand highway project development tools (\$253,760 from the highway fund).			
6. Includes funding received from the asbestos settlement for partial remodeling of the highway building due to the presence of asbestos. The total project is estimated to cost \$8.5 million.		\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
7. Includes funding from bond proceeds for a lighting retrofit project. Bonds will be repaid from energy cost-savings in future bienniums.		\$352,600	\$352,600
Motor Vehicle			
1. Adds funding for a new license plate issue. The executive budget recommends increasing motor vehicle registration fees by \$5 per vehicle for one year with all the proceeds (estimated at \$3,750,000) being deposited in the highway fund to provide for the cost of the		\$3,200,000	\$3,200,000

license plate issue. A bill has not yet been introduced to provide for this \$5 increase.

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| 2. Adds funding for new information technology activities: | \$106,058 | \$106,058 |
| a. Develop e-commerce applications. | | |

Driver's License

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| 1. Adds funding from the highway fund for increased renewal rates for the digital driver's license system. | \$144,000 | \$144,000 |
| 2. Adds funding for new information technology activities: | \$450,000 | \$450,000 |
| a. Replace automated driver's license testing system (highway fund). | | |

Highways

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| 1. Adds funding from the highway fund for providing salary market adjustments for engineers. The 1999 Legislative Assembly provided \$800,000 for merit increases for engineers. | \$960,000 | \$960,000 |
| 2. Reduces funding from the highway fund for anticipated vacancies and to reduce overtime. | (\$703,422) | (\$703,422) |
| 3. Increases funding for motor pool rate increases. | \$4,500,000 | \$4,500,000 |
| 4. Increases funding for replacing section buildings. Funding of \$800,000 from the highway fund is provided for replacing an estimated three section buildings. The 1999 Legislative Assembly provided \$619,000 for replacing an estimated six section buildings. | \$181,000 | \$181,000 |
| 5. Increases funding for highway construction. Highway construction funding of \$363,215,881 is provided from federal funds and \$87,946,806 from the highway fund. | \$78,513,576 | \$78,513,576 |
| 6. Authorizes the department to obtain a Bank of North Dakota loan for matching federal emergency relief funds and to repay the loan by the end of the biennium by requesting a deficiency appropriation (Senate Bill No. 2112). The department estimates receiving \$26 million of federal emergency relief funds requiring \$6.5 million of state matching funds during the 2001-03 biennium. | | |

Fleet Services

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| 1. Increases funding for fuel purchases. Funding of \$5,740,413 is included for purchasing gasoline and diesel for the 2001-03 biennium. | \$1,633,293 | \$1,633,293 |
| 2. Increases funding for new vehicle purchases. Funding of \$21,600,100 from the Fleet Services fund is provided for replacing an estimated 440 vehicles each year of the 2001-03 biennium. | \$1,809,310 | \$1,809,310 |

Major Hoeven Recommendations Affecting Department of Transportation 2001-03 Budget Compared to the Bill as Introduced (Schafer Budget)

The Hoeven executive recommendation does not change the Schafer executive budget recommendation for this agency.

Major Legislation Affecting the Department of Transportation

Senate Bill No. 2027 requires the Department of Transportation to establish a motor vehicle pilot project office site in three counties, with the county treasurer administering motor vehicle registration programs at each of these sites.

Senate Bill No. 2112 authorizes the Department of Transportation to borrow funds from the Bank of North Dakota to match federal emergency relief funds that may become available for highway projects. The department estimates receiving \$26 million of federal emergency relief funds requiring \$6.5 million of state matching funds during the 2001-03 biennium.

Senate Bill No. 2159 increases motor vehicle registration fees by \$15 per vehicle effective for registrations expiring after July 31, 2001. These increases are estimated to generate \$20.4 million of additional highway tax distribution fund revenue, \$12.9 million of which is distributed to the state and \$7.5 million to cities and counties.

House Bill No. 1061 and House Bill No. 1184 both provide individuals who lease vehicles a motor vehicle registration fee credit at the end of the lease for any remaining months of the current vehicle registration.