

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

	<b>FTE Positions</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
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> <sup>1</sup>
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>

<sup>1</sup> 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**

	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
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 two 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. The Senate reduced this funding by \$5,511.		\$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**

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| 1. Adds funding for a new license plate issue. The executive budget recommended increasing motor vehicle registration fees by \$5 per vehicle for one year with all the proceeds being deposited in the highway fund to provide for the cost of the license plate issue. As approved by the Senate, Senate Bill No. 2159 includes a provision increasing motor vehicle registration fees by \$3 per vehicle for one year with all the proceeds, estimated at \$2,040,000, being deposited in the highway fund. | \$3,200,000 | \$3,200,000 |
| 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 and engineering technicians. 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.   | (\$450,000)  | (\$450,000)  |
| 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.   | \$68,513,576 | \$68,513,576 |
| 6. Increases funding from the highway fund for highway construction relating to the reclassification of highway maintenance funding from capital improvements to operating expenses.  | \$10,000,000 | \$10,000,000 |
| 7. 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 \$32 million of federal emergency relief funds requiring \$8 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. Provisions of the bill are estimated to cost the motor vehicle division \$31,716 for the 2001-03 biennium, resulting in a \$19,981 reduction in state highway fund revenues.

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 \$32 million of federal emergency relief funds requiring \$8 million of state matching funds during the 2001-03 biennium. (Passed both chambers)

Senate Bill No. 2159 increases the motor vehicle excise tax from 5 percent to 5.5 percent with the revenue from this increase estimated at \$11.5 million for the 2001-03 biennium being deposited in the highway fund rather than the general fund. The bill also provides for a one-time \$3 fee on all vehicle registrations if there is a general license plate issue. Revenues from this \$3 fee estimated at \$2,040,000 would also be deposited in the highway fund. The department anticipates increased costs of \$87,000 to the Motor Vehicle Division associated with these provisions during the 2001-03 biennium which will reduce highway fund revenues by \$54,810.

Senate Bill No. 2273 increases annual fees for motor vehicle dealers and dealer license plates. Provisions of the bill are estimated to generate \$72,000 of additional highway fund revenues but require \$10,000 of additional appropriation authority to provide for increased costs relating to this bill for the 2001-03 biennium.

House Bill No. 1167 authorizes the Department of Transportation to provide up to \$20,000 per year for scholarships, a \$10,000 increase per year compared to the current level. This change is estimated to require an additional \$20,000 of highway fund appropriations for the 2001-03 biennium. (Passed both chambers)

House Bill No. 1184 provides 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. Provisions of the bill are estimated to reduce state highway fund revenues by \$37,800 for the 2001-03 biennium.

House Bill No. 1261 imposes a \$50 surcharge for each temporary vehicle registration issued by the department, the proceeds of this surcharge, estimated at \$235,000 for the 2001-03 biennium will be transferred to the appropriate county. The department anticipates additional administrative costs to the motor vehicle division of \$81,207 for the 2001-03 biennium, which will reduce highway fund revenues by \$51,160.

House Bill No. 1289 provides for the issuance of special vehicle plates for members of the North Dakota Firemen's Association. Provisions of this bill are estimated to generate \$2,520 of additional highway fund revenues and require an additional \$16,000 of appropriation authority for the motor vehicle division for the 2001-03 biennium.

### **Summary of Legislative Changes Resulting From First House Action**

See Statement of Purpose of Amendment (attached).