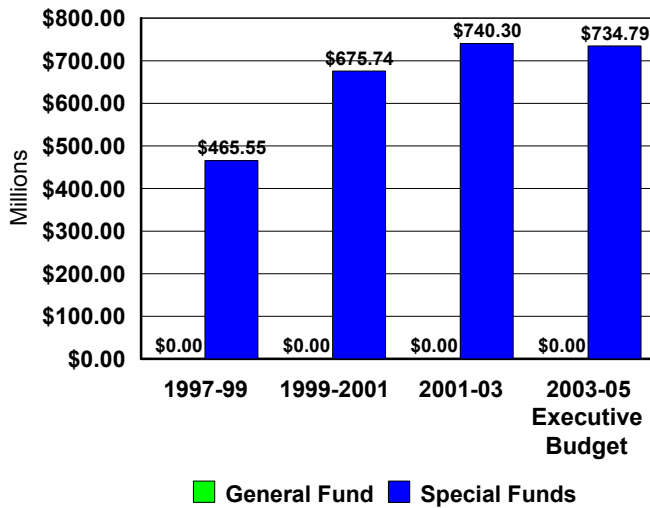


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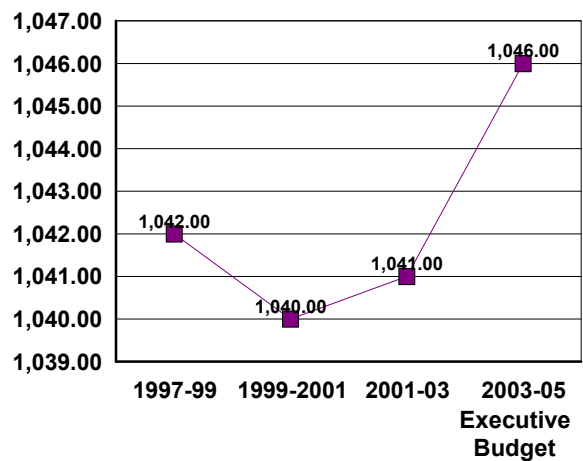
	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2003-05 Executive Budget	1,046.00	\$0	\$734,792,567	\$734,792,567
2001-03 Legislative Appropriations	1,041.00	0	740,296,638	740,296,638 ¹
Increase (Decrease)	5.00	\$0	(\$5,504,071)	(\$5,504,071)

¹ The 2001-03 appropriation amounts include \$377,695 of other funds, for the agency's share of the \$5 million funding pool appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for special market equity adjustments for classified employees. The 2001-03 appropriation amounts do not include \$71,104,100 of additional other funds authority resulting from Emergency Commission action during the 2001-03 biennium.

Agency Funding



FTE Positions



First House Action

Attached is a summary of the first house changes.

**Executive Budget Highlights
 (With First House Changes Noted)**

	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
1. Adds 1 FTE telecommunications technician II with funding from the highway fund		\$72,787	\$72,787
2. Adds 1 FTE transportation engineer I with funding from the highway fund		\$72,787	\$72,787
3. Adds 1 FTE transportation engineer II with funding from the highway fund		\$86,987	\$86,987
4. Adds 2 FTE engineering technician II with funding from the highway fund		\$116,710	\$116,710
5. Anticipates federal highway construction funds of \$165 million per year compared to \$169 million in federal fiscal year 2001 and \$181 million in federal fiscal year 2002			\$0

6. Provides \$438.0 million for highway construction projects, of which \$99.9 million is from the highway fund. The 2001-03 biennium original appropriation for highway construction projects totaled \$451.2 million, of which \$87.9 million is from the highway fund.	(\$13,150,322)	(\$13,150,322)
7. Provides \$40.8 million, of which \$31.2 million is from the highway fund and \$9.6 million is from federal funds for highway maintenance activities. For the 2003-05 biennium, the department anticipates utilizing approximately \$9.6 million of federal matching funds for seal coat projects. Previously, these projects were paid for with only state highway fund money.	\$10,803,785	\$10,803,785
8. Removes contingent appropriation authority provided but not used during the 2001-03 biennium for a general license plate issue	(\$3,200,000)	(\$3,200,000)
9. Removes funding for lease payments on the vehicle registration and titling system. The final lease payment was made during the 2001-03 biennium.	(\$1,053,362)	(\$1,053,362)
10. Reduces funding for grants in the Drivers License Division to \$3,420,000, of which \$247,920 is from the highway fund and \$3,172,080 is from federal funds, to reflect the level of funding anticipated to be available for the 2003-05 biennium	(\$5,315,797)	(\$5,315,797)
11. Reduces funding for consulting engineers to \$14,965,429	(\$9,566,773)	(\$9,566,773)
12. Reduces funding for airplane lease payments. Nine payments remain to be made during the 2003-05 biennium.	(\$1,102,138)	(\$1,102,138)
13. Reduces funding for grants in the highways program to \$38,823,003, of which \$4,062,101 is from the highway fund and \$34,760,902 is from federal funds, to reflect the anticipated level of county and city highway projects during the 2003-05 biennium	(\$1,778,285)	(\$1,778,285)
14. Increases funding for air services due to increased usage	\$313,000	\$313,000
15. Provides \$1,719,000 from the highway fund for replacing and making improvements at section and salt buildings	\$919,000	\$919,000
16. Provides \$5,469,901 from the highway fund for replacing road maintenance equipment	\$1,904,432	\$1,904,432
17. Includes \$3,175,000 from asbestos settlement proceeds, interest income, and other funds to partially remodel the highway building (\$2,822,400) and for a lighting retrofit project (\$352,600)	\$322,400	\$322,400
18. Provides \$24,392,300 from the Fleet Services fund for replacing Fleet Services vehicles	\$2,798,300	\$2,798,300
19. Increases funding for Fleet Services operating expenses to \$15,602,214 from the Fleet Services fund	\$896,076	\$896,076

Major Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1011, the Highway Patrol appropriations bill, appropriates \$6,611,080 from the highway tax distribution fund for a portion of the operating costs of the Highway Patrol for the 2003-05 biennium.

House Bill No. 1031 authorizes the director of the Department of Transportation to enter into agreements with counties or cities for the cooperative or joint administration of an activity that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the state highway system.

House Bill No. 1112 increases overweight vehicle assessments and fees.

House Bill No. 1161 reduces the blood alcohol level prohibited for motor vehicle operators from .10 percent to .08 percent. If this change is not approved, North Dakota's federal highway construction funding will be reduced by 2 percent in 2004, 4 percent in 2005, 6 percent in 2006, and 8 percent in 2007.

House Bill No. 1346 limits farm truck registrations to those farm trucks that travel less than 7,500 miles per year.

Senate Bill No. 2162 increases snowmobile registration fees by \$2, from \$3 to \$5 for each two-year period.