

**Highway Patrol
Budget No. 504
House Bill No. 1011**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 legislative appropriation	197.00	\$44,295,405 ¹	\$17,198,698	\$61,494,103
2017-19 legislative appropriation	<u>204.00</u>	<u>42,527,428</u>	<u>18,339,278</u>	<u>60,866,706</u>
2019-21 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriation	(7.00)	\$1,767,977	(\$1,140,580)	\$627,397

¹This amount includes \$81,830 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$44,213,575.

Item Description

One-time funding - The following is a summary of one-time funding appropriated to the Highway Patrol for the 2019-21 biennium:

	General Fund	Motor Carrier Electronic Permit Fund	Total
Aircraft engine overhaul	\$81,830	\$0	\$81,830
Drone purchases	0	96,228	96,228
Shooting range addition	0	1,729,100	1,729,100
Total	\$81,830	\$1,825,328	\$1,907,158

Alternatives to relocate the Law Enforcement Training Academy - Section 8 of House Bill No. 1011 requires the Highway Patrol to develop alternatives to relocate the Law Enforcement Training Academy and to report to the Appropriations Committees of the 67th Legislative Assembly regarding the alternatives.

Status/Result

The status of the one-time funding items as of March 2020 is as follows:

- Aircraft engine overhaul - The agency anticipates the engine overhaul will occur in early 2021.
- Drone purchases - Two drones have been purchased and training is being conducted. The remaining four drones will be purchased prior to the end of the biennium.
- Shooting range addition - Construction on the addition is estimated to begin in the summer of 2020 with an estimated completion date of November 2020.

In December 2019 the Budget Section approved a Highway Patrol request to use up to \$80,000 from the preliminary planning revolving fund for prepayment of consulting and planning fees for capital improvements. The funding will be used to develop schematic designs and construction cost estimates for the following alternatives:

1. Construction of a new law enforcement training academy;
2. Construction of a new law enforcement training academy that includes space to house the Bismarck regional Highway Patrol office and the Highway Patrol headquarters office;
3. Construction of a new law enforcement training academy that includes space to house the Bismarck regional Highway Patrol office, the Highway Patrol headquarters office, and the BCI office; and
4. Remodel and construction of an addition to the existing law enforcement training academy facility.

Motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund - The motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund was authorized by the Legislative Assembly in 2011. A fee of up to \$15, which is deposited in the motor carrier electronic permit transaction fund, is charged by the Highway Patrol for the issuance of online permits for overweight and oversize loads. Section 39-12-02 provides a continuing appropriation from the fund for the costs of maintaining the online permitting system.

The Legislative Assembly also appropriated \$3,356,069 from the motor carrier electronic permit fund to the Highway Patrol for defraying certain expenses of the agency, including the purchase of drones and the construction of an addition to the agency's shooting range.

When established, a \$15 fee was charged for the issuance of an online permit. On August 1, 2017, the Highway Patrol adjusted the fee from \$15 to \$10. The agency estimates the balance of the motor carrier electronic permit fund will be \$8.8 million on June 30, 2021.