

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

MISSION

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) promotes traffic safety, provides consumer protection and information services and assists other government agencies achieve their missions. DMV collects fees and generates non-tax revenues to support these objectives.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

Under the direction of the Commissioner, the Department operates from its main office in Albany (Empire State Plaza) and from three regional headquarters in Albany, Long Island and New York City. The Department also operates 30 district and branch offices which issue licenses and registrations. In addition, County Clerk offices act as DMV agents at 98 locations throughout the State.

Approximately 99 percent of the Department's positions are supported by dedicated funds and fees, including a portion of traffic violation fines in certain localities. The remaining one percent are funded with Federal grants.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund, supported primarily by revenues from motor vehicle fees, highway use and motor fuel taxes, will fund \$189 million, or 62 percent of DMV's budget. The balance is financed by Federal funds and special revenue funds supported by various fees and fines.

Appropriations for the Department of Motor Vehicles will increase by \$52 million, or 21 percent, the result of negotiated collective bargaining agreements; fully funded DMV fringe benefits costs; and increases in Federal Highway Safety grants.

The five-year capital plans for transit and highways expire in January and March 2005, respectively. This budget increases a number of DMV fees, including motor vehicle title, registration and photo document fees, to provide one of the funding sources for the new five-year transportation capital plans. These revenues will support necessary investments in the State's highway, bridge and transit infrastructure.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

CUSTOMER SERVICE

DMV issues driver's licenses and vehicle registrations, collects more than \$1 billion in revenue for the State and localities, monitors driver training and enforces the directives of local magistrates and departmental referees. State offices are also responsible for conducting road tests and maintaining enforcement sections that issue conditional and restricted use licenses and handle other suspension and revocation activities. The Department of Motor Vehicles served more than 20 million customers last year.

The Department also adjudicates traffic violations at 11 locations in New York City, and several other jurisdictions across the State. This allows local judges and criminal courts to dedicate their activities to criminal matters. This program is funded entirely by fines collected from violators. After State operating expenses are deducted, remaining funds are returned to the jurisdictions where the violations occurred.

The Department continues to enhance its Internet website to provide customers an alternative means for transacting Department business. Through the convenience of personal computers, more than one million transactions per year are processed via the DMV website. Through the Internet, customers can renew registrations and drivers licenses; order personalized and custom plates; order duplicate titles, registrations and licenses; and if

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requested, post insurance proof. Customers can also check the status of their plate or title orders, schedule their road tests, pay certain fines, and obtain information and instructions from DMV's Right Now Web knowledge base. Businesses can order supplies of inspection stickers and post lien information.

VEHICLE AND DRIVER SAFETY

Governor Pataki's highway safety policies have resulted in reductions in fatalities and serious injuries on our roads. Contributing to this success have been new enforcement and educational efforts by State, local and non-profit agencies, including: a statewide crackdown to stop those who drink and drive or engage in aggressive driving; initiatives to promote proper child safety seat usage; and the statewide Click It or Ticket enforcement campaign, which has increased seatbelt usage to over 85 percent. These efforts have resulted in New York State's roadways being some of the safest in the nation.

DMV vehicle safety activities include: licensing and monitoring safety and emissions inspection stations; registering auto repair shops, dealers, transporters and dismantlers; and certifying vehicle inspectors, junk and salvage businesses and automotive body damage estimators.

Driver safety initiatives include implementation and oversight of educational or rehabilitative programs for motorists convicted of alcohol or drug-related driving offenses, the point insurance reduction program and pre-licensing courses. DMV also licenses and monitors driving schools and instructors.

In 2005-06, DMV will continue the "Driver Responsibility Program" that established increased monetary penalties on those drivers convicted of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) or Driving While Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol or substances and those who refuse to take a chemical test. The Driver Responsibility Program imposes monetary penalties upon drivers that are found to be repeatedly in violation of the State's vehicle and traffic laws and those who put responsible New York drivers at risk of injury and death.

FIELD INVESTIGATION AND AUDIT

One of the Department's major functions is to issue credentials which establish the identity and license status of drivers, the ownership of vehicles and boats, and the authenticity of auto-related businesses. External investigation activities concern stolen automobiles, odometer fraud, fraudulent identity and motor vehicle documents and complaints regarding unlicensed and suspended drivers.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2004-05	Appropriations Recommended 2005-06	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2005-06
State Operations	94,930,800	100,525,000	5,594,200	26,680,000
Aid To Localities	13,400,000	14,000,000	600,000	15,600,000
Capital Projects	143,429,000	189,451,000	46,022,000	0
Total	251,759,800	303,976,000	52,216,200	42,280,000

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ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		
	2004-05 Estimated FTEs	2005-06 Estimated FTEs	FTE Change
	03/31/05	03/31/06	
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	442	442	0
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	177	177	0
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	212	212	0
Governors Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	27	27	0
Transportation Safety			
General Fund	31	0	(31)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1	1	0
Transportation Support			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	1,874	1,903	29
Total	2,764	2,762	(2)

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Fund Type	Available 2004-05	Recommended 2005-06	Change
General Fund	4,712,300	0	(4,712,300)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	13,038,000	14,000,000	962,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	72,180,500	78,025,000	5,844,500
Internal Service Funds	5,000,000	8,500,000	3,500,000
Total	94,930,800	100,525,000	5,594,200

Adjustments:	
Transfer(s) From	
Special Pay Bill	
General Fund	(3,612,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	(38,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	(2,548,000)
Appropriated 2004-05	88,732,800

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available 2004-05	Recommended 2005-06	Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	775,000	2,000,000	1,225,000
Internal Service Funds	5,000,000	8,500,000	3,500,000
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	37,029,200	41,166,000	4,136,800
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	15,175,400	15,719,000	543,600
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	17,707,000	17,598,000	(109,000)
Governors Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	13,038,000	14,000,000	962,000
Transportation Safety			
General Fund	4,712,300	0	(4,712,300)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,493,900	1,542,000	48,100
Total	94,930,800	100,525,000	5,594,200

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2005-06 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Transportation Safety	0	(3,891,682)	0	(3,891,682)
Total	0	(3,891,682)	0	(3,891,682)

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2005-06 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Transportation Safety	0	(820,618)	0	(37,712)
Total	0	(820,618)	0	(37,712)

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Transportation Safety	0	(10,284)	0	(61,711)
Total	0	(10,284)	0	(61,711)

Program	Equipment		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Transportation Safety	0	(61,711)	0	(649,200)
Total	0	(61,711)	0	(649,200)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2005-06 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	10,500,000	4,725,000	0	0
Administrative Adjudication	41,166,000	4,136,800	20,539,000	2,004,000
Clean Air	15,719,000	543,600	8,785,000	81,800
Compulsory Insurance	17,598,000	(109,000)	8,626,000	(343,700)
Governors Traffic Safety Committee	14,000,000	962,000	466,000	(26,000)
Transportation Safety	1,542,000	48,100	112,000	10,200
Total	100,525,000	10,306,500	38,528,000	1,726,300

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	2,000,000	1,225,000	8,500,000	3,500,000
Administrative Adjudication	20,627,000	2,132,800	0	0
Clean Air	6,934,000	461,800	0	0
Compulsory Insurance	8,972,000	234,700	0	0
Governors Traffic Safety Committee	278,000	8,000	13,256,000	980,000
Transportation Safety	1,430,000	37,900	0	0
Total	40,241,000	4,100,200	21,756,000	4,480,000

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available	Recommended	Change
	2004-05	2005-06	
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	13,400,000	14,000,000	600,000
Total	13,400,000	14,000,000	600,000

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**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Program	Available 2004-05	Recommended 2005-06	Change
Governors Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	13,400,000	14,000,000	600,000
Total	<u>13,400,000</u>	<u>14,000,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>

**CAPITAL PROJECTS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 2004-05*	Recommended 2005-06	Change	Reappropriations 2005-06
Transportation Support				
Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund	143,429,000	189,451,000	46,022,000	0
Total	<u>143,429,000</u>	<u>189,451,000</u>	<u>46,022,000</u>	<u>0</u>

*Includes transfers from Special Pay Bill - State Operations. See the table for Special Pay Bill in the Miscellaneous section for details.