

Minnesota Department of Public Safety



Transportation Budget Overview



01/22/2025



Commissioner Bob Jacobson

Appointed in January 2023 as the 15th commissioner of DPS.

Mission

Serving all communities to build a safer Minnesota.

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Transportation

Policy and Finance Committees

- Minnesota State Patrol
- Office of Traffic Safety
- Driver and Vehicle Services
- Office of Pipeline Safety
- Office of State Safety Oversight
- Administration and related services

Public Safety

Policy and Finance Committee

- Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement
- State Fire Marshal
- Office of Justice Programs
- Emergency Communication Networks
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Bureau of Criminal Apprehension



- **Operating Adjustment**

- FY26 — \$4.1 million
- FY27 — \$6.1 million
- Includes General Fund, Special Revenue and mostly Trunk Highway Funds.

- **Grant Administration Authority**

- Provide DPS with flexibility to ensure grant funds are properly administered.
- Combat fraud, waste and abuse of public funds.

Minnesota State Patrol



Col. Christina Bogojevic

Mission

Protect and serve all people in the state through assistance, education and enforcement; provide support to allied agencies; and provide for the safe, efficient movement of traffic on Minnesota's roadways.

Vision

To eliminate vehicle crashes in Minnesota through highly professional service and implementation of evolving best practices.





- **State Patrol Metro Headquarters Building**

- Current building is not secure, nondescript and lacks best practices
- FY26 and FY27 — \$48.513 million

- **State Patrol Recruitment and Hiring Initiatives**

- Seeks to improve recruitment to keep up with attrition
- FY26 and FY27 — \$1.045 million
- FY28 and FY29 — \$10.365 million

- **Excessive Speed Penalty Modified**

- Excessive speeding is a growing and dangerous problem
- Modification would increase penalties for going more than 35mph over the posted speed limit





Director Mike Hanson

Mission

To prevent traffic deaths and serious injuries by changing human behavior in Minnesota through policy development and support, stakeholder engagement, program delivery, leadership, and research and evaluation.





• **Planning and Administration Match**

- OTS relies on federal funds to accomplish mission and goals. Federal NHTSA funds require a 50% match for these activities.
- Proposal would increase the state match to maximize federal dollars and support the work of the agency.
- FY26 and FY27 — \$485,000

• **Seatbelt Requirement for Class II ATVs**

- Class II ATV use on public roads has increased. Crashes have also increased. Requiring seatbelts will prevent serious injury and death when a crash occurs.



Driver and Vehicle Services



Director Pong Xiong

Mission

Deliver customer focused driver and vehicle services by optimizing technology and building efficiencies that value employees, support business partners and earn the trust of all Minnesotans.



- **No- Fee Transaction Reimbursement to Service Providers**
 - Provide compensation to Deputy Registrars, Driver's License Agents, and Full-Service Providers for transactions where they complete the work and currently receive no fee.
 - FY26 and FY 27 — estimated \$2.189 million
- **Rulemaking Authority for Ignition Interlock Device Program**
 - Authorize rulemaking and provide resources to manage and complete rulemaking process.
 - FY26 — \$457,000
 - FY27 — \$133,000



- **Online Driver's License Renewal**

- Allow option to renew Driver's Licenses online once every eight years.
- FY26 and FY27— \$2.074 million

- **Commercial Learner's Permit Length Extension**

- Allow those seeking a CDL to hold their permit for an additional six months. Aligns with federal standards.



- **Replace License Plates at Time of Vehicle Transfer**

- Require customers to purchase a new plate when purchasing a vehicle. Helps ensure plates on the road are registered to the current owner of the vehicle.
- FY26 — \$726,000
- FY27 — \$1.452 million

- **Dealer Plate Changes**

- Create some limitation on dealer plates to prevent misuse.

- **Background Check Expansion for Auto Dealers**

- Recommends expanding background checks on applications to become an auto dealer to be full nationwide criminal background checks through the FBI.

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Questions?

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