

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 to 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 29 district and branch offices which issue licenses and registrations. In addition, County Clerk offices act as DMV agents at 101 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 is 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 \$191 million, or 59 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 \$20 million, or seven percent due to increasing salary and inflation costs; expanded operational responsibilities such as the Driver Responsibility Program; new initiatives such as the Internet Point Insurance Reduction Program (IPIRP) and customer service kiosk pilot programs; and additional appropriations for internal service and fiduciary activities.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

CUSTOMER SERVICE

DMV issues drivers 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 requested, post insurance proof. In State fiscal year 2006-07, DMV will implement a new web-enabled Internet Point Insurance Reduction Program (IPIRP) to allow drivers to reduce the points on their licenses through successful completion of an Internet driver safety course.

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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.

Providing office customers more efficient service remains a high priority for the Department. To that end, a new customer-service kiosk program will be implemented in several high-volume DMV offices in 2006-07. Kiosks will offer customers high-speed processing of standard DMV transactions, providing an attractive alternative to counter-service and reducing overall wait-times.

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 90 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 2006-07, 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 2005-06	Appropriations Recommended 2006-07	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2006-07
State Operations	100,525,000	117,301,000	16,776,000	20,628,000
Aid To Localities	14,000,000	14,400,000	400,000	21,400,000
Capital Projects	188,701,000	191,419,000	2,718,000	0
Total	303,226,000	323,120,000	19,894,000	42,028,000

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

Program	Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		
	2005-06	2006-07	FTE Change
	Estimated FTEs 03/31/06	Estimated FTEs 03/31/07	
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	442	442	0
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	177	271	94
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	212	212	0
Governors Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	27	27	0
Transportation Safety			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1	1	0
Transportation Support			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	1,903	1,822	(81)
Total	2,762	2,775	13

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

Fund Type	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14,000,000	14,400,000	400,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	78,025,000	92,401,000	14,376,000
Internal Service Funds	8,500,000	10,500,000	2,000,000
Total	100,525,000	117,301,000	16,776,000

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

Program	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	2,000,000	3,000,000	1,000,000
Internal Service Funds	8,500,000	10,500,000	2,000,000
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	41,166,000	43,696,000	2,530,000
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	15,719,000	24,787,000	9,068,000
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	17,598,000	18,737,000	1,139,000
Governors Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14,000,000	14,400,000	400,000
Transportation Safety			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,542,000	2,181,000	639,000
Total	100,525,000	117,301,000	16,776,000

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**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2006-07 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	13,500,000	3,000,000	0	0
Administrative Adjudication	43,696,000	2,530,000	22,084,000	1,545,000
Clean Air	24,787,000	9,068,000	13,911,000	5,126,000
Compulsory Insurance	18,737,000	1,139,000	9,309,000	683,000
Governors Traffic Safety Committee	14,400,000	400,000	480,000	14,000
Transportation Safety	2,181,000	639,000	184,000	72,000
Total	117,301,000	16,776,000	45,968,000	7,440,000

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	3,000,000	1,000,000	10,500,000	2,000,000
Administrative Adjudication	21,612,000	985,000	0	0
Clean Air	10,876,000	3,942,000	0	0
Compulsory Insurance	9,428,000	456,000	0	0
Governors Traffic Safety Committee	292,400	14,400	13,627,600	371,600
Transportation Safety	1,997,000	567,000	0	0
Total	47,205,400	6,964,400	24,127,600	2,371,600

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

Fund Type	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14,000,000	14,400,000	400,000
Total	14,000,000	14,400,000	400,000

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

Program	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change
Governors Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14,000,000	14,400,000	400,000
Total	14,000,000	14,400,000	400,000

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 2005-06	Recommended 2006-07	Change	Reappropriations 2006-07
Transportation Support				
Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund	188,701,000	191,419,000	2,718,000	0
Total	188,701,000	191,419,000	2,718,000	0