

FY 2021-22: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Summary: As Passed by the Senate
Senate Bill 92 (S-4)



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	FY 2020-21 YTD as of 2/11/21	FY 2021-22 Executive	FY 2021-22 House	FY 2021-22 Senate	FY 2021-22 Conference	Difference: Senate From FY 2020-21 YTD	
						Amount	%
IDG/IDT	\$4,063,100	\$4,044,800	\$4,044,800	\$4,044,800	\$	(\$18,300)	(0.5)
Federal	1,424,196,100	1,448,519,000	1,448,519,000	1,448,519,000		24,322,900	1.7
Local	80,782,000	80,782,000	80,782,000	80,782,000		0	0.0
Private	900,000	900,000	900,000	900,000		0	0.0
Restricted	3,597,529,400	3,702,273,400	3,701,593,400	3,696,755,200		99,225,800	2.8
GF/GP	0	0	600,000,000	0		0	--
Gross	\$5,107,470,600	\$5,236,519,200	\$5,835,839,200	\$5,231,001,000	\$	\$123,530,400	2.4
FTEs	2,824.3	2,942.3	2,818.6	2,699.7		(124.6)	(4.4)

Notes: (1) FY 2020-21 year-to-date figures include mid-year budget adjustments through February 11, 2021. (2) Appropriation figures for all years include all proposed appropriation amounts, including amounts designated as "one-time."

Overview

The state transportation budget supports state and local highway programs, public transportation programs, aeronautics programs, and administration of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Historically, two-thirds of the revenue in this budget has come from state restricted revenue, with approximately one-third from federal sources. Most of the state-restricted revenue in this budget is constitutionally restricted – from motor fuel taxes and vehicle registration taxes – and is first credited to the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) and then distributed in accordance with 1951 PA 51 (Act 51) to other state transportation funds and programs, including the State Trunkline Fund (STF), the Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF), and local road agencies (county road commissions and cities/villages). Revenue from aviation fuel and registration taxes, as well as a portion of Airport Parking Tax revenue, is credited to the State Aeronautics Fund for aeronautics programs.

Major Budget Changes from FY 2020-21 YTD Appropriations

1. State Trunkline Road and Bridge Construction

Executive recommendation for the state trunkline capital construction program would total \$1.3 billion, a net increase of \$1.5 million. An anticipated increase in available federal-aid is partially offset by a decrease of \$24.3 million in available state restricted STF revenue: Available STF revenue reflects the STF share of estimated MTF revenue from motor fuel and vehicle registration taxes, as well as the STF share of \$600.0 million earmarked for road and bridge programs in the Income Tax Act. Available STF revenue also reflects uses of STF revenue, including debt service and increased state trunkline maintenance costs.

	FY 2020-21 Year-to-Date (as of 2/11/21)	FY 2021-22 Senate Change
Gross	\$1,327,133,800	\$7,936,000
Federal	822,327,100	28,921,700
Local	30,003,500	0
Restricted	474,803,200	(20,985,700)
GF/GP	\$0	\$0

The reduction in restricted revenue also reflects a \$3.0 million reduction in the appropriation of Blue Water Bridge Fund revenue, from \$7.1 million to \$4.1 million for Blue Water Bridge capital projects.

Senate shifts \$6.4 million STF from Maintenance into this line and is thus \$6.4 million higher than the Executive.

FY 2020-21 Year-to-Date (as of 2/11/21)	FY 2021-22 Senate Change
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FTE	760.7	(7.6)
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FTE	760.7	(7.6)
Gross	\$405,641,800	\$4,108,800
Restricted	405,641,800	4,108,800
GF/GP	\$0	\$0

Gross	\$1,770,488,600	\$52,841,100
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Restricted	1,770,488,600	52,841,100
GF/GP	\$0	\$0

Gross	\$27,000,100	\$812,500
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Restricted	27,000,100	812,500
GF/GP	\$0	\$0

Gross	\$215,096,300	\$38,547,300
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Federal	55,180,900	(4,598,800)
Restricted	159,915,400	43,146,100
GF/GP	\$0	\$0

Gross	\$28,794,500	\$12,807,400
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Restricted	28,794,500	12,807,400
GF/GP	\$0	\$0

Gross	\$193.750.000	\$3.000.000
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Restricted	193,750,000	3,000,000
GE/GP	\$0	\$0

Major Budget Changes from FY 2020-21 YTD Appropriations		FY 2020-21 Year-to-Date (as of 2/11/21)	FY 2021-22 Senate Change
8. Service Initiatives	Gross	\$8,475,100	\$2,829,300
<u>Executive</u> includes a baseline increase of \$2.8 million CTF for this targeted transit line item. <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.	Federal	1,650,000	0
	Local	325,000	0
	Restricted	6,500,100	2,829,300
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
9. Van Pooling	Gross	\$150,000	\$45,000
<u>Executive</u> includes a baseline increase of \$45,000 CTF for this targeted transit line item. <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.	Restricted	150,000	45,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
10. Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority	Gross	\$400,000	\$100,000
<u>Executive</u> retains current year funding for DWCPA operating support. <u>Senate</u> includes \$500,000 CTF, \$100,000 more than Executive.	Restricted	400,000	100,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
11. Rail Operations and Infrastructure	Gross	\$98,738,000	\$0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$104.4 million for state rail programs including capital and operating support for rail passenger service in Michigan as well as rail freight and rail economic development programs, a \$5.6 million increase in CTF support. <u>Senate</u> retains current year funding level.	Federal	20,000,000	0
	Local	100,000	0
	Private	100,000	0
	Restricted	78,538,000	0
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
12. Intercity Services	Gross	\$7,260,000	\$800,000
<u>Executive</u> increases CTF support by \$800,000 for program that supports intercity bus service in Michigan. Increased CTF support reflects estimated increase in available CTF revenue. <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.	Federal	4,500,000	0
	Local	160,000	0
	Private	800,000	0
	Restricted	1,800,000	800,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
13. Marine Passenger	Gross	\$928,000	\$84,000
<u>Executive</u> increases state restricted CTF support by \$84,000 reflecting increase in available CTF revenue. This program provides capital grants for marine passenger (ferry) service in Michigan, specifically for ferries that provide service to Beaver Island and to islands on the St. Mary's River in the eastern Upper Peninsula. <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.	Local	500,000	0
	Restricted	428,000	84,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
14. Airport Improvement Program (AIP)	Gross	\$121,076,500	\$500,000
<u>Executive</u> includes \$121.6 million for program of federal aid for capital improvements to eligible local public airports in the state. The increase reflects an increase in estimated available State Aeronautics Fund revenue. In this line item, State Aeronautics Fund is used to provide matching funds for federal AIP grants. <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.	Federal	106,000,000	0
	Local	12,508,500	0
	Restricted	2,568,000	500,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
15. Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport	Gross	\$4,303,000	\$897,000
<u>Executive</u> increases Qualified Airport Fund support by \$897,000 reflecting revenue estimates. As provided through 2015 amendments to the State Aeronautics Code, Qualified Airport Fund revenue is appropriated to the Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport. <u>Senate</u> concurs with Executive.	Restricted	4,303,000	897,000
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
16. Unclassified Salaries	FTE	6.0	0.0
<u>Executive</u> includes \$24,800 funding increase. <u>Senate</u> includes at current year funding level.	Gross	\$828,600	\$0
	Restricted	828,600	0
	GF/GP	\$0	\$0
17. Economic Adjustments	Gross	NA	(\$2,254,600)
Reflects net decrease of \$2.3 million Gross (\$0 GF/GP). Budgeted increases for salaries and wages (negotiated 2.0% increase on October 1, 2021 and 1.0% on April 1, 2022), and increases related to actuarially required retirement contributions, worker's compensation, and building occupancy charges, are offset by a reduction in calculated contributions for retiree medical benefits. <u>Executive</u> and <u>Senate</u> include.	IDG	NA	(18,300)
	Federal	NA	(315,500)
	Restricted	NA	(1,920,800)
	GF/GP	NA	\$0

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2020-21

Sec. 215. Communication with the Legislature – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that prohibits department from taking disciplinary action against an employee for communicating with the Legislature. Senate retains.

Sec. 216. Report on FTE Positions and Remote Work – RETAINED

Executive deletes reporting requirement on staffing levels in relation to FTE authorization; employees authorized to work remotely; and related cost savings. Senate retains.

Sec. 217. Work Project Limits – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that requires that work project balances be exhausted before expenditure from part 1 appropriations. Senate retains.

Sec. 218. State Administrative Board Transfers – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that provides for the legislature to intertransfer funds within departmental budget if the State Administrative Board transfers funds from an appropriation within this departmental budget. Senate retains.

Sec. 219. Report Retention Requirements – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that provides for retention of certain records. Senate retains.

Sec. 220. Impact of New Legislation – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that requires a report on specific policy changes made to implement new public acts enacted in prior calendar year. Senate retains.

Sec. 302. Report on Debt Service Coverage – NEW

Senate includes new reporting requirement.

Sec. 303. Winter Maintenance Materials – NEW

Senate includes new language requiring use of agricultural additives in accordance with Section 11a of 1951 PA 51 (added by 2020 PA 310, <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2019-SB-0379>)

Sec. 308. Real Estate Property Report – NOT INCLUDED

Executive deletes reporting requirement on all real estate owned or held by the department. Senate concurs and does not include this section.

Sec. 309. Employee Accountability Systems Report – NOT INCLUDED

Executive deletes reporting requirement for employee accountability systems. Senate concurs and does not include this section.

Sec. 313. Report on State Infrastructure Bank – REVISED

Executive strikes phrase that requires legislative approval prior to increasing the State Infrastructure Bank. Senate concurs.

Sec. 319. Rest Area Maintenance – RETAINED

Executive deletes current language requiring signs/telephone numbers for reporting unclean and unsafe conditions at rest areas. Senate retains.

Sec. 328. FOIA Reporting – NOT INCLUDED

Executive deletes section that establishes new reporting requirement with respect to Freedom of Information Act requests. Senate concurs and does not include this section.

Sec. 353. Prompt Payment – REVISED

Executive deletes section that directs department to review contractor payment process; references Special Provision 109.10. Senate retains but deletes reporting requirement.

Sec. 357. Local Federal Aid Project Review – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that directs MDOT to complete project reviews within 120 days; requires system for monitoring review process. Senate retains.

Sec. 375. MDOT Open Houses and Groundbreaking Ceremonies – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that prohibits MDOT from reimbursing contractors or consultants for groundbreaking ceremonies, receptions, open houses, or press conferences related to transportation projects funded from appropriations. Senate retains.

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Sec. 376. Prohibition on Studies of Highway Signs and Motorist Behavior – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that prohibits the department from studying the association between highway signs and motorist behavior. Senate retains.

Sec. 377. Limitation on Contracting with Firm Employing Former Director – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that prohibits the department from making expenditure for contractual services, under specific conditions, with a vendor if a former director has direct input into contract solicitation, negotiation, or receives compensation. Senate retains.

Sec. 378. Report on Routing of International Hazardous Materials – NOT INCLUDED

Executive deletes reporting requirement related to the routing of hazardous materials. Senate concurs and does not include this section.

Sec. 381. E-Verify for Legal Status of Contractor/Subcontractor New Employees – NOT INCLUDED

Executive deletes section that requires the department to use the E-Verify system to verify legal status of contractor and subcontractor new hires and which provides reporting requirement. Senate does not include.

Sec. 382. Finalize Local Agency Cost Sharing Agreements – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that requires the department to submit final bill to the local agency within two years of final payment to construction contractor. Senate retains

Sec. 386. Toll Credits – REVISED

Executive deletes section that provides for a report on use of toll credits as a method in financing federal-aid highway projects, which established priority in using toll credits, and which required a report on toll credits earned and year-end balance. Senate retains reporting requirement but strikes subsection that establishes priority order of use.

Sec. 387. Traffic Studies – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that requires the department to post the results of formal traffic studies on the department website. Senate retains.

Sec. 389. Long-Term Obligations – RETAINED

Executive deletes reporting requirement related to long-term agreements that obligate the department to make future payments of over \$5.0 million for five or more years. Senate retains.

Sec. 390. Report on Restricted Funds and Accounts - NOT INCLUDED

Executive deletes requirement that the department to report, within 14 days of the Executive budget recommendation, on prior year's revenues, expenditures, and ending balances of certain restricted funds and accounts, as unencumbered General Fund appropriations, and unexpended federal earmarks. Senate concurs with Executive and does not include.

Sec. 391. Prohibition on Motor Fuel Quality Testing – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that prohibits the department from performing or assisting any other state agency in performing motor fuel quality testing. Senate retains.

Sec. 393. Public Transportation Best Practices – NOT INCLUDED

Executive deletes section that directs the department to promote best practices in public transportation, including transit vehicle rehabilitation to reduce life-cycle cost. Senate concurs with Executive and does not include.

Sec. 394. Priority of Preservation– RETAINED

Executive deletes section that directs the department and local road agencies to make preservation of the existing infrastructure a funding priority. Senate retains.

Sec. 395. Authority to Transfer between Construction/Maintenance – NOT INCLUDED

Executive retains section that requires authorizes department to transfer up to \$10.0 million from state trunkline construction to trunkline maintenance. Senate does not include.

Sec. 399. Capital Preventive Maintenance – REVISED

Executive strikes section that requires the department to spend not less than 10% of state trunkline road and bridge appropriation on capital preventive maintenance. Senate retains.

Major Boilerplate Changes from FY 2020-21

Sec. 503. Restricted Funds Lapse and Carry-Forward Authority – REVISED

Executive retains current language that provides authority for restricted TEDF and Local Bridge Fund to lapse back to restricted funds and for spending authority to carry forward to subsequent fiscal years. Senate modifies to effectively eliminate carry-forward spending authority.

Sec. 505. Communication Availability of Grants – NOT INCLUDED

Executive eliminates requirement that department regularly assess the need for, and to provide information about state and federal grants available to local units of government. Senate concurs with Executive and does not include.

Sec. 612. Warranty Program – REVISED

Executive deletes current directives regarding warranty program. Senate retains and adds additional reporting requirements.

Sec. 612. Incentive/Disincentive Contracts – REVISED

Executive deletes requirement that MDOT establish guidelines for use of incentive/disincentive contracts and which requires report by January 1 of each year. Senate retains but eliminates reporting requirement.

Sec. 613. Report on Engineering Costs – NOT INCLUDED

Executive deletes report on department engineering costs related to federal aid capital projects.

Senate concurs with Executive and does not include.

Sec. 660. Use of Alternative Materials – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that encourages the department to examine the use of alternative road surface materials; adds specific reference to flexible concrete. Senate retains.

Sec. 661. Alternative Design and Material Study Group – NOT INCLUDED

Executive deletes directive that the department to establish a new stakeholder group to review submission of innovative construction material and design specifications. Senate concurs with Executive and does not include.

Sec. 703. Rail Abandonment Notice – RETAINED

Executive deletes requirement that MDOT notify legislature when railroad companies file for abandonment of lines.

Senate retains

Sec. 704. Rail Operations and Infrastructure Report – RETAINED

Executive deletes reporting requirement related to obligations made from the Rail Operations and Infrastructure line item.

Senate retains.

Sec. 719. Transit Elderly and Medical Transport Cost per Rider – NOT INCLUDED

Executive deletes intent language that for transit providers in the 20 counties with a population greater than 100,000 determine cost per rider, and that those transit systems request proposals from ride sharing companies for 50% of the system's anticipated service. Senate concurs with Executive and does not include.

Sec. 720. Farebox Recovery Intent Language – NOT INCLUDED

Executive strikes section that indicates legislative intent that transit agencies strive to achieve at least 6% farebox recovery. Senate concurs with Executive and does not include.

Sec. 736. Rail Freight [Propane] Project – NOT INCLUDED

Executive includes language earmarking \$10.0 million for a rail freight development project in support of delivery, storage, and distribution of propane in the Upper Peninsula. Senate does not include.

Sec. 752. Notice of Rail Grant and Loan Programs – RETAINED

Executive deletes requirement that the department notify representatives of rail industry of rail grant and loan programs.

Senate retains.

Sec. 753. Marine Passenger Service – RETAINED

Executive deletes section that prescribes use of the Marine Passenger Services appropriation. Senate retains.