

# ***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 31 district and branch offices which issue licenses and registrations. In addition, County Clerk offices act as DMV agents at 94 locations throughout the State.

Approximately 73 percent of the Department's positions are supported by State tax dollars and 26 percent are financed by 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 Executive Budget recommends approximately \$109 million in State tax dollars in 2002-03 to support 46 percent of the Department's budget. The balance is financed by Federal funds, the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund and various fees and fines. These recommendations continue efforts to enhance customer service and driver safety, and support a variety of technology initiatives.

In 2002, the Department will continue to develop its Internet website — which now receives 10,000 visitors each day — by expanding the number of services that customers can conduct from the convenience of a personal computer.

The 2002-03 Executive Budget moves a portion of the Department's transportation support expenses from the General Fund to the Highway and Bridge Dedicated Fund. The Dedicated Fund is supported primarily by revenues from motor vehicle fees, highway use and motor fuel taxes, and the Petroleum Business Tax.

## ***PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS***

### ***CUSTOMER SERVICE***

DMV issues driver's licenses and vehicle registrations, collects nearly \$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 has greatly enhanced its Internet website and telephone services to provide customers alternative means for transacting Department business. In 2002, the Department will continue to expand opportunities for customers to utilize these services for transactions that previously required office visits.

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Currently, via the Internet, customers can renew a registration; order specialized plates, custom plates and duplicate titles; and check the status of these transactions. Customers can also look up the mailing date of their new Empire plates and schedule their road tests. Businesses can order inspection station stickers online. The Department is working on system development for additional transactions, such as ordering duplicate registrations and duplicate licenses.

### **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 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 Buckle Up NY enforcement campaign, which has increased seatbelt usage to over 80 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.

### **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. In a continuing effort to increase document security and integrity, the Department began online verification of social security numbers for all original driver license applications in November 2001.

#### **ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Available 2001-02</b>	<b>Appropriations Recommended 2002-03</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Reappropriations Recommended 2002-03</b>
State Operations	214,269,100	208,852,000	(5,417,100)	17,069,000
Aid To Localities	10,920,000	12,380,000	1,460,000	13,084,000
Capital Projects	0	14,788,000	14,788,000	0
Total	<u>225,189,100</u>	<u>236,020,000</u>	<u>10,830,900</u>	<u>30,153,000</u>

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

Program	Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		
	2001-02 Estimated FTEs 03/31/02	2002-03 Estimated FTEs 03/31/03	FTE Change
Administration			
General Fund	261	247	(14)
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	462	462	0
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	159	159	0
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	186	225	39
Governors Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20	32	12
Operations			
General Fund	1,569	1,530	(39)
Transportation Safety			
General Fund	628	613	(15)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	0	1	1
Total	3,285	3,269	(16)

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

Fund Type	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change
General Fund	125,442,400	108,504,000	(16,938,400)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,967,300	12,764,000	4,796,700
Special Revenue Funds - Other	79,359,400	85,084,000	5,724,600
Internal Service Funds	1,500,000	2,500,000	1,000,000
Total	214,269,100	208,852,000	(5,417,100)

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

Program	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change
Administration			
General Fund	32,873,000	30,024,000	(2,849,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	775,000	775,000	0
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	31,295,600	35,198,000	3,902,400
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	10,476,200	10,996,000	519,800
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	14,627,600	15,577,000	949,400
Governors Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,967,300	12,764,000	4,796,700
Operations			
General Fund	81,219,400	67,650,000	(13,569,400)
Internal Service Funds	1,500,000	2,500,000	1,000,000
Transportation Safety			
General Fund	11,350,000	10,830,000	(520,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	22,185,000	22,538,000	353,000
Total	214,269,100	208,852,000	(5,417,100)

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2002-03 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	12,618,000	(862,300)	12,056,900	(862,300)
Operations	55,493,000	668,600	54,751,000	668,600
Transportation Safety	24,661,000	(520,000)	24,292,100	(520,000)
Total	92,772,000	(713,700)	91,100,000	(713,700)

<b>Program</b>	<b>Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)</b>		<b>Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	124,100	0	437,000	0
Operations	193,000	0	549,000	0
Transportation Safety	39,500	0	329,400	0
Total	356,600	0	1,315,400	0

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2002-03 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Supplies and Materials</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	17,406,000	(1,986,700)	306,000	0
Operations	12,157,000	(14,238,000)	488,000	0
Transportation Safety	(13,831,000)	0	910,000	0
Total	15,732,000	(16,224,700)	1,704,000	0

<b>Program</b>	<b>Travel</b>		<b>Contractual Services</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	119,000	0	16,754,000	(1,986,700)
Operations	25,000	0	11,239,000	(14,238,000)
Transportation Safety	1,041,000	0	5,379,000	0
Total	1,185,000	0	33,372,000	(16,224,700)

<b>Program</b>	<b>Equipment</b>		<b>Maintenance Undistributed</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration	227,000	0	0	0
Operations	405,000	0	0	0
Transportation Safety	39,000	0	(21,200,000)	0
Total	671,000	0	(21,200,000)	0

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## STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2002-03 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	775,000	0	0	0
Administrative Adjudication	35,198,000	3,902,400	18,365,000	621,000
Clean Air	10,996,000	519,800	6,499,000	220,500
Compulsory Insurance	15,577,000	949,400	7,911,000	1,234,000
Governors Traffic Safety Committee	12,764,000	4,796,700	466,000	16,000
Operations	2,500,000	1,000,000	0	0
Transportation Safety	22,538,000	353,000	100,000	100,000
Total	100,348,000	11,521,300	33,341,000	2,191,500

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	775,000	0	0	0
Administrative Adjudication	16,833,000	3,281,400	0	0
Clean Air	4,497,000	299,300	0	0
Compulsory Insurance	7,666,000	(284,600)	0	0
Governors Traffic Safety Committee	238,000	20,700	12,060,000	4,760,000
Operations	0	0	2,500,000	1,000,000
Transportation Safety	1,238,000	253,000	21,200,000	0
Total	31,247,000	3,569,800	35,760,000	5,760,000

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

Fund Type	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	10,920,000	12,380,000	1,460,000
Total	10,920,000	12,380,000	1,460,000

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

Program	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change
Governors Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	10,920,000	12,380,000	1,460,000
Total	10,920,000	12,380,000	1,460,000

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

Comprehensive Construction Program	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change	Reappropriations 2002-03
Transportation Support				
Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund	0	14,788,000	14,788,000	0
Total	0	14,788,000	14,788,000	0