

# **DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

## **MISSION**

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) administers the State's motor vehicle laws, provides quality customer service, promotes traffic safety, protects consumers, verifies identities, issues secure documents, provides information services, protects the privacy of personal information, and collects revenues for the benefit of the people of the State.

## **ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING**

Under the direction of the Commissioner, who is appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate, 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 27 district and branch offices, which issue licenses and registrations. In addition, County Clerk offices act as DMV agents at 102 locations throughout the State.

Dedicated funds and fees, including a portion of traffic violation fines in certain localities, support approximately 99 percent of the Department's positions. The remaining 1 percent is funded with Federal grants.

## **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The Executive Budget recommends **\$343 million** All Funds for the Department of Motor Vehicles, a decrease of **\$13 million (-3.7 percent)** All Funds from the 2010-11 budget. The Department will achieve this reduction by realizing the full-year value of personnel reductions completed in 2010-11 and by generating savings from agency redesign and efficiency improvements. The Executive Budget recommendations include an increase of \$1.2 million in Federal funds due to a projected increase in grants to the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee.

The Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund, supported primarily by revenues from motor vehicle fees and highway use and motor fuel taxes, will supply \$201 million, or 59 percent of DMV's budget. The balance is provided by Federal funds and special revenue funds supported by various fees and fines.

The Executive Budget reduces the agency's operations expenses in the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund by 10 percent. These savings are intended to be achieved through administrative efficiencies in non-personal service and negotiated workforce savings that minimize layoffs to the extent possible.

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

DMV issues drivers licenses and vehicle registrations, collects more than \$1.9 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.

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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 website to provide customers an alternative means for transacting Department business. Through the convenience of personal computers, 3.26 million transactions were processed via the DMV website in 2009-10, more than double the 1.24 million in 2004-05. Through the Internet, customers can renew registrations and drivers licenses, order personalized and custom plates, order duplicate titles, registrations and licenses, plead and pay Traffic Violations Bureau (TVB) tickets, obtain accident reports, and if requested, post insurance proof. Customers can also check the status of plate or title orders, schedule road tests, pay certain fines, and obtain information and instructions from DMV's Right Now Web knowledge base. Businesses with secure access can order supplies of inspection stickers and post lien information.

### ***VEHICLE AND DRIVER SAFETY***

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 nearly 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.

### ***FIELD INVESTIGATION AND AUDIT***

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

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### ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2010-11	Appropriations Recommended 2011-12	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2011-12
State Operations	118,368,000	121,312,000	2,944,000	54,450,000
Aid To Localities	20,410,000	20,620,000	210,000	46,510,000
Capital Projects	217,842,000	201,137,000	(16,705,000)	2,500,000
Total	<u>356,620,000</u>	<u>343,069,000</u>	<u>(13,551,000)</u>	<u>103,460,000</u>

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

Program	Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)		
	2010-11 Estimated FTEs 03/31/11	2011-12 Estimated FTEs 03/31/12	FTE Change
	Administrative Adjudication	373	373
Special Revenue Funds - Other	373	373	0
Clean Air	231	231	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	231	231	0
Compulsory Insurance	189	189	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	189	189	0
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee	16	16	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	16	16	0
Transportation Safety	3	3	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	3	3	0
Transportation Support	1,660	1,660	0
Capital Projects Funds - Other	1,660	1,660	0
Total	<u>2,472</u>	<u>2,472</u>	<u>0</u>

The above table does not reflect layoffs that may be necessary in the absence of negotiated workforce savings.

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

Fund Type	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	16,390,000	17,381,000	991,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	90,478,000	90,431,000	(47,000)
Internal Service Funds	11,500,000	13,500,000	2,000,000
Total	<u>118,368,000</u>	<u>121,312,000</u>	<u>2,944,000</u>

Adjustments:	
Transfer(s) From	
Special Pay Bill	
Special Revenue Funds - Other	(47,000)
Appropriated 2010-11	<u>118,321,000</u>

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

Program	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,447,000	1,400,000	(47,000)
Internal Service Funds	11,500,000	13,500,000	2,000,000
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	45,272,000	45,272,000	0
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	25,595,000	25,595,000	0
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	16,167,000	16,167,000	0
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	16,390,000	17,381,000	991,000
Transportation Safety			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,997,000	1,997,000	0
Total	<u>118,368,000</u>	<u>121,312,000</u>	<u>2,944,000</u>

## STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2011-12 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	14,900,000	1,953,000	0	(31,000)
Administrative Adjudication	45,272,000	0	23,056,000	0
Clean Air	25,595,000	0	14,645,000	0
Compulsory Insurance	16,167,000	0	9,380,000	0
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee	17,381,000	991,000	526,000	0
Transportation Safety	1,997,000	0	270,000	0
Total	<u>121,312,000</u>	<u>2,944,000</u>	<u>47,877,000</u>	<u>(31,000)</u>

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	14,900,000	1,984,000	0	0
Administrative Adjudication	22,216,000	0	0	0
Clean Air	10,950,000	0	0	0
Compulsory Insurance	6,787,000	0	0	0
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee	315,100	(7,370)	16,539,900	998,370
Transportation Safety	1,727,000	0	0	0
Total	<u>56,895,100</u>	<u>1,976,630</u>	<u>16,539,900</u>	<u>998,370</u>

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

Fund Type	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,410,000	20,620,000	210,000
Total	<u>20,410,000</u>	<u>20,620,000</u>	<u>210,000</u>

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

Program	Available 2010-11	Recommended 2011-12	Change
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	20,410,000	20,620,000	210,000
Total	<u>20,410,000</u>	<u>20,620,000</u>	<u>210,000</u>

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

<b>Comprehensive Construction Program</b>	<b>Available 2010-11</b>	<b>Recommended 2011-12</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Reappropriations 2011-12</b>
Transportation Support				
Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund	217,842,000	201,137,000	(16,705,000)	2,500,000
Total	<u>217,842,000</u>	<u>201,137,000</u>	<u>(16,705,000)</u>	<u>2,500,000</u>