

# **DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

## **MISSION**

The NYS Department of Motor Vehicles is a customer-oriented agency whose employees and partners work together to promote traffic safety, protect consumers, verify identities and issue secure documents, provide information services and collect revenues for the benefit of the people of this state.

## **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.

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 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 \$200 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 \$18.3 million, or 5.7 percent due to salary contract obligations and inflation costs; expanded operational responsibilities such as the Driver Responsibility Program, the Internet Point Insurance Reduction Program (IPIRP) and customer service kiosk pilot programs; and additional funding for increased credit card usage driven by continued growth in Internet transaction volumes.

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

### **CUSTOMER SERVICE**

DMV issues drivers licenses and vehicle registrations, collects more than \$1.2 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.

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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 1.5 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. New projects underway include self-service kiosks in our issuing offices to complete selected transactions, Internet based permit testing to allow high school students to take the written permit test over the internet in participating schools; plead and pay Traffic Violations Bureau (TVB) tickets online or by telephone and the Internet Point Insurance Reduction Program (IPIRP) which will establish a pilot program to study the use of the internet and other technologies as an effective tool in the delivery of the accident prevention course program. 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.

### ***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 over 83 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 2007-08, 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.

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## ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2006-07	Appropriations Recommended 2007-08	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2007-08
State Operations	116,631,000	122,658,000	6,027,000	30,441,000
Aid To Localities	14,400,000	17,240,000	2,840,000	27,400,000
Capital Projects	190,919,000	200,378,000	9,459,000	2,500,000
Total	<u>321,950,000</u>	<u>340,276,000</u>	<u>18,326,000</u>	<u>60,341,000</u>

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

### Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2006-07 Estimated FTEs 03/31/07	2007-08 Estimated FTEs 03/31/08	FTE Change
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	442	450	8
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	271	271	0
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	212	212	0
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	27	27	0
Transportation Safety			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1	5	4
Transportation Support			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	1,822	1,868	46
Total	<u>2,775</u>	<u>2,833</u>	<u>58</u>

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

Fund Type	Available 2006-07	Recommended 2007-08	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14,400,000	15,960,000	1,560,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	91,731,000	97,198,000	5,467,000
Internal Service Funds	10,500,000	9,500,000	(1,000,000)
Total	<u>116,631,000</u>	<u>122,658,000</u>	<u>6,027,000</u>

Adjustments:

Transfer(s) To

    Executive Chamber

        General Fund

Appropriated 2006-07

74,000

116,705,000

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

Program	Available 2006-07	Recommended 2007-08	Change
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	3,000,000	4,000,000	1,000,000
Internal Service Funds	10,500,000	9,500,000	(1,000,000)
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	43,696,000	44,443,000	747,000
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	24,713,000	25,769,000	1,056,000
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	18,737,000	20,015,000	1,278,000
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14,400,000	15,960,000	1,560,000
Transportation Safety			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1,585,000	2,971,000	1,386,000
Total	116,631,000	122,658,000	6,027,000

## STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2007-08 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	13,500,000	0	0	0
Administrative Adjudication	44,443,000	747,000	22,400,000	316,000
Clean Air	25,769,000	1,056,000	14,426,000	589,000
Compulsory Insurance	20,015,000	1,278,000	9,620,000	311,000
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee	15,960,000	1,560,000	496,000	16,000
Transportation Safety	2,971,000	1,386,000	380,000	260,000
Total	122,658,000	6,027,000	47,322,000	1,492,000

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	13,500,000	10,500,000	0	(10,500,000)
Administrative Adjudication	22,043,000	431,000	0	0
Clean Air	11,343,000	467,000	0	0
Compulsory Insurance	10,395,000	967,000	0	0
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee	317,600	25,200	15,146,400	1,518,800
Transportation Safety	2,591,000	1,126,000	0	0
Total	60,189,600	13,516,200	15,146,400	(8,981,200)

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

Fund Type	Available 2006-07	Recommended 2007-08	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14,400,000	17,240,000	2,840,000
Total	14,400,000	17,240,000	2,840,000

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

Program	Available 2006-07	Recommended 2007-08	Change
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14,400,000	17,240,000	2,840,000
Total	14,400,000	17,240,000	2,840,000

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

<b>Comprehensive Construction Program</b>	<b>Available 2006-07</b>	<b>Recommended 2007-08</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Reappropriations 2007-08</b>
Transportation Support				
Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund	190,919,000	200,378,000	9,459,000	2,500,000
Total	190,919,000	200,378,000	9,459,000	2,500,000