

DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

MISSION

The Department of Motor Vehicles is a customer-oriented agency whose employees and partners work together to promote traffic safety, protect consumers, 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 28 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.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$358 million All Funds (\$0 General Fund, \$358 million Other Funds)** for the Department of Motor Vehicles. This is a decrease of **\$20 million All Funds (\$0 General Fund, \$20 million Other Funds)** from the 2008-09 budget. This net change reflects the fully annualized financial management plan savings implemented by the Department during 2008-09, which include personal service savings resulting from the hiring freeze and limitations on non-personal services spending. The decrease is also a result of additional savings actions recommended by the Executive Budget. Budget actions include authorizing the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to replace the Non-Commercial Driver's License written examination with completion of either a 5-hour pre-licensing course or a driver education course as the prerequisite to obtain a driver's permit, saving the Department approximately \$1.4 million. The Executive Budget recommendations also include an increase of \$3.2 million of Federal funds due to a projected increase in grants to the Governor's Traffic Safety Commission.

The Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund, supported primarily by revenues from motor vehicle fees, highway use and motor fuel taxes, will fund \$219.1 million, or 61 percent of DMV's budget. The balance is financed by Federal funds and special revenue funds supported by various fees and fines. The Executive Budget includes several actions to increase revenues deposited in the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund and the General Fund. Major revenue actions include:

- **Increasing Registration Fees:** The 2009-10 Executive Budget recommends increasing most registration fees by twenty-five percent. This increase will be directed to the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund to reduce the subsidy from the General Fund. New revenues are projected to total \$60.5 million in SFY 2009-10 and \$103.7 million thereafter.
- **Increasing License Document Fees:** The Executive Budget recommends increasing license fees by twenty-five percent and directing the increase to the Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund to reduce the subsidy from the General Fund. New revenues are projected to total \$21.9 million in 2009-10 and \$37.6 million in 2010-11.

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- **Reissue License Plates:** The Executive Budget recommends a license plate fee increase of ten dollars and implementing a license plate reissuance. The increase in revenue will generate \$129 million, for the State's General Fund, over the 2010-11 and 2011-12 fiscal years.

The Executive Budget recommends a staffing level of **2,876 FTEs** for the Department of Motor Vehicles; **an increase of 15** from the reduced 2008-09 budget following financial management plan savings. This change reflects staffing needed to accommodate an anticipated large cyclical increase in the department's drivers' license renewals, which facilitates revenue collection.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

CUSTOMER SERVICE

DMV issues drivers licenses and vehicle registrations, collects more than \$1.35 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 two 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, plead and pay Traffic Violations Bureau (TVB) tickets, obtain an accident report, and if requested, post insurance proof. The Internet Point Insurance Reduction Program (IPIRP), 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 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 over 89 percent. These efforts have resulted in New York State's roadways being some of the safest in the nation.

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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.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2008-09	Appropriations Recommended 2009-10	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2009-10
State Operations	128,922,000	119,562,000	(9,360,000)	38,154,200
Aid To Localities	17,264,000	19,540,000	2,276,000	35,004,000
Capital Projects	231,782,000	219,035,000	(12,747,000)	2,500,000
Total	377,968,000	358,137,000	(19,831,000)	75,658,200

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2008-09 Estimated FTEs 03/31/09	2009-10 Estimated FTEs 03/31/10	FTE Change
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	430	430	0
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	261	261	0
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	202	202	0
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	19	19	0
Transportation Safety			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	3	3	0
Transportation Support			
Capital Projects Funds - Other	1,946	1,961	15
Total	2,861	2,876	15

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

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 2008-09</u>	<u>Recommended 2009-10</u>	<u>Change</u>
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14,943,000	15,860,000	917,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	103,479,000	93,202,000	(10,277,000)
Internal Service Funds	10,500,000	10,500,000	0
Total	128,922,000	119,562,000	(9,360,000)

Adjustments:

Transfer(s) From

Special Pay Bill

Special Revenue Funds - Federal

(102,000)

Special Revenue Funds - Other

(5,590,000)

Appropriated 2008-09

123,230,000

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

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 2008-09</u>	<u>Recommended 2009-10</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	102,000	0	(102,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	10,590,000	1,400,000	(9,190,000)
Internal Service Funds	10,500,000	10,500,000	0
Administrative Adjudication			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	44,899,000	44,818,000	(81,000)
Clean Air			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	25,952,000	25,488,000	(464,000)
Compulsory Insurance			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	18,933,000	18,190,000	(743,000)
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	14,841,000	15,860,000	1,019,000
Transportation Safety			
Special Revenue Funds - Other	3,105,000	3,306,000	201,000
Total	128,922,000	119,562,000	(9,360,000)

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2009-10 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total</u>		<u>Personal Service</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration	11,900,000	(9,292,000)	0	(3,810,000)
Administrative Adjudication	44,818,000	(81,000)	23,500,000	831,000
Clean Air	25,488,000	(464,000)	15,050,000	451,000
Compulsory Insurance	18,190,000	(743,000)	9,700,000	465,000
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee	15,860,000	1,019,000	526,000	22,000
Transportation Safety	3,306,000	201,000	275,000	(171,000)
Total	119,562,000	(9,360,000)	49,051,000	(2,212,000)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Nonpersonal Service</u>		<u>Maintenance Undistributed</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administration	11,900,000	(5,482,000)	0	0
Administrative Adjudication	21,318,000	(912,000)	0	0
Clean Air	10,438,000	(915,000)	0	0
Compulsory Insurance	8,490,000	(1,208,000)	0	0
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee	337,500	4,500	14,996,500	992,500
Transportation Safety	3,031,000	372,000	0	0
Total	55,514,500	(8,140,500)	14,996,500	992,500

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

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 2008-09</u>	<u>Recommended 2009-10</u>	<u>Change</u>
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	17,264,000	19,540,000	2,276,000
Total	17,264,000	19,540,000	2,276,000

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

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 2008-09</u>	<u>Recommended 2009-10</u>	<u>Change</u>
Governor's Traffic Safety Committee			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	17,264,000	19,540,000	2,276,000
Total	17,264,000	19,540,000	2,276,000

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

<u>Comprehensive Construction Program</u>	<u>Available 2008-09</u>	<u>Recommended 2009-10</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations 2009-10</u>
Transportation Support				
Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund	231,782,000	219,035,000	(12,747,000)	2,500,000
Total	231,782,000	219,035,000	(12,747,000)	2,500,000

Adjustments:

Transfer(s) From

Special Pay Bill

Appropriated 2008-09

(10,329,000)

221,453,000