

# Budget Unit Brief

## FY 2017



## Transportation Maps – Primary Road Fund

### Purpose and History

The first transportation map authorized and printed by the state of Iowa was completed in 1919. The transportation map included the federal aid road system, the county road system, and the township road system. The maps were prepared by the Women's Drafting Department of the Transportation Commission using various government maps and detailed field information. Prior to the initial map publication, drivers depended on travel guides published by private organizations that used their own maps and numbering systems.

Since the first official publication, the state has been involved at various levels of preparing and printing Iowa transportation maps. The tourist-sized printed copies of the latest edition of the Iowa Transportation Map are available at the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), driver's license stations, district offices, and rest stop areas. In addition, the DOT provides transportation maps to the Iowa Department of Economic Development for distribution to the state's 19 welcome centers, various tourist locations, and travel packets that are available on request. An [electronic version of the transportation map](#), accompanied by an assortment of city detail maps, is also available on the DOT website.

### State Funding for Transportation Maps

The Primary Road Fund appropriation for printing transportation maps in FY 2015 was \$242,000. The amount will pay for 1.8 million maps at 14.5 cents per map. After the FY 2015 appropriation, the DOT is shifting to a two-year cycle and will produce no maps in FY 2016. Under this plan the next map appropriation will occur in FY 2017. A two-year schedule will result in production of 1.8 million maps every two years, providing an overall reduction of approximately 500,000 maps per year. In recent years, the DOT has produced 1.4 million maps per year.

### Related Statutes

[761](#) Iowa Administrative Code chapter [28](#)

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### More Information

Iowa DOT Transportation Map: <http://www.iowadot.gov/iowamap.htm>

Iowa General Assembly: <http://www.legis.iowa.gov/index.aspx>

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