

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



DOT — Planning, Programming, and Modal Division

Purpose and History

The Planning, Programming, and Modal Division of the Department of Transportation (DOT) is responsible for developing both long and short-range transportation plans, forecasting road funding revenues, developing the Five-Year Transportation Improvement Program, developing city, county and state transportation maps, and administering several grant programs and financial assistance programs. The Division also forecasts traffic, maintains the DOT traffic and roadway conditions databases, administers the Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program, and coordinates activities with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Regional Planning Affiliations. The Division acts as liaison to the different federal counterpart agencies and provides technical assistance related to the multimodal transportation systems as well. The Division is composed of six offices.

- [Office of Aviation](#)
- [Office of Rail Transportation](#)
- [Office of Public Transit](#)
- [Office of Program Management](#)
- [Office of Systems Planning](#)
- [Office of Transportation Data](#)

Grant Programs and Financial Assistance Programs Administered

The different Offices in the Division administer several grant programs and financial assistance programs. Many of these are federal funding programs that the Division oversees or provides guidance to recipients. Many of the grant programs are competitive-based. Several of the assistance programs are distributed by formula or based on population. Following is a list of program examples. This list of grant and assistance programs is not comprehensive.

Office of Rail Transportation

- Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program
- Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing
- Grade Crossing Surface Repair Program
- Federal-Aid Highway/Rail Crossing Safety Program
- Iowa's Grade Crossing Safety Program

Office of Systems Planning

- Iowa Clean Air Attainment Program
- Federal and State Recreational Trails Programs
- Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy Program
- Transportation Alternatives Program

Office of Public Transit

- State Transit Assistance
- Formula Grants for Rural Areas
- Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
- Intercity Bus Assistance

Office of Aviation

- State Aviation Improvement Program
- Airport Vertical Infrastructure Grant Program
- Federal Airport Improvement Program

Funding History

Appropriations for the operations of the Planning, Programming, and Modal Division are typically provided 95.0% from the Primary Road Fund and 5.0% from the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF). The appropriations for the Division are in the Transportation Appropriations Bill under the purview of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee. The Division receives no General Fund appropriations for operations. In FY 2015, the General Assembly appropriated \$8.3 million to the Division.

Related Statutes

Iowa Code chapter [307](#)
[761](#) Iowa Administrative Code [1](#)

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More Information

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