



## **Budget Unit: Transportation Budget – Operations Division**

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### **Purpose and History**

The Operations Division of the Department of Transportation (DOT) provides internal support services for:

- Facilities management, including facility design and construction, building and grounds maintenance, lease management, and work-site remodeling and relocation;
- Procurement and distribution activities, including specification development, purchasing, equipment assignment, inventory management, and surplus disposal;
- Administration of central motor pool, fueling site, and warehouse and distribution center, including printing and assembly and mail services;
- Human resource management, including labor relations, affirmative action, employee training coordination, oversight of classification and pay systems, recruitment coordination, administration of drug screening, employee relocation assistance, educational assistance, employee recognition programs, employee benefits administration, workers' compensation, survey development and analysis, and accountable government implementation and reporting;
- Financial management, including budget development and monitoring, administering the agency's accounting and payroll systems, conducting external and motor carrier audits, and handling of tort claims;
- Federal and state policy development and evaluation, including identification and analysis of major transportation issues, administrative rules, the Iowa DOT Policies and Procedures Manual, and contested case appeals, and;
- State legislative programs.

### **State Funding**

Funding for the Operations Division is 14.0% Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) and 86.0% from the Primary Road Fund (PRF). The appropriation for the Division is included in the Transportation Appropriation Bill under the purview of the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee. The State General Fund is not used to fund Division operations or for highway programs. Since the 2008 Legislative Session, the PRF has received its funding from the RUTF and the TIME-21 Fund.

The RUTF was established in 1949 by the 53rd Iowa General Assembly to provide a source for investing in the state's primary, secondary, and municipal roadway systems. Vehicle registration fees and motor fuel taxes provide most of the RUTF revenues. The RUTF moneys are distributed by formula and provide funding for the construction and maintenance of roads on the State's Primary Road System, county secondary and farm-to-market roads, and city municipal streets. Before the revenues are distributed, however, various allocations and appropriations are made from the RUTF per Iowa Code and Session Law. The net revenues from the RUTF are distributed according to a formula of 47.5% for the PRF, 24.5% for county secondary road funds, 8.0% for farm-to-market roads, and 20.0% for municipal road funds. Legislation that went into effect in 2003 provided for the transfer of jurisdiction of some roadways from the state to either a city or county government and required a share (1.75%) of the RUTF distribution to the PRF to be paid to local governments.

### **More Information**

Department of Transportation: <http://www.iowadot.gov/about/index.html>

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

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