

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017



Des Moines North Garage

Purpose and History

The Department of Transportation (DOT) manages nearly 150 area maintenance garages, construction residencies, materials labs, and district offices. During the last decade the DOT has closed 21 maintenance garages by consolidating personnel and equipment in more central locations. Maintenance garage replacement projects have recently been approved at Fairfield (FY 2007), Clarinda (FY 2008), Waukon (FY 2009), Rockwell City (FY 2010), Swea City (FY 2012), and New Hampton (FY 2013). During the 2013 Legislative Session, appropriations were provided for the Mason City Combined Facility for FY 2014 and the Des Moines North Garage for FY 2015.

The current structure serving as the Des Moines North Garage was built in 1960 and is due for replacement as the maintenance operation has outgrown the facility. The Des Moines North facility is scheduled to include 32,022 square feet (sq. ft.) for a 29-stall garage; 9,000 sq. ft. for a 15-stall pole building; and a 1,920 sq. ft. brine building. The projected cost of completion of the Des Moines North Garage also includes \$200,000 for demolition of the current facilities, \$150,000 for a parking lot and staging area, \$240,000 for grading and utility extensions, and \$560,000 for contingencies. The Des Moines North Garage replacement is scheduled to begin in FY 2016.

State Funding

[House File 602](#) (FY 2014 Transportation Appropriations Act) included an appropriation of \$3.2 million from the Primary Road Fund (PRF) for FY 2015 for the Des Moines North facility project. This is 50.0% of the total funding required. Completion of the project is scheduled for the summer of 2018.

Generally, funding has been provided to the DOT for the replacement or major reconstruction of maintenance garages nearly every fiscal year in the annual transportation budget.

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More Information

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