

# Transportation, Infrastructure, & Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee

BUDGET PRESENTATION  
FY2027

# Presentation Topics

**OVERVIEW**  
OF THE IOWA DOT

**FUNDING 101**  
FOR THE IOWA DOT

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**  
IN CY2025

**GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION**  
PRF/RUTF Funds  
RIIF Funds



# Iowa DOT Overview

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# OUR MISSION

*Making Lives Better Through Transportation*



# OUR CORE VALUES



**Safety First**



**People Matter**



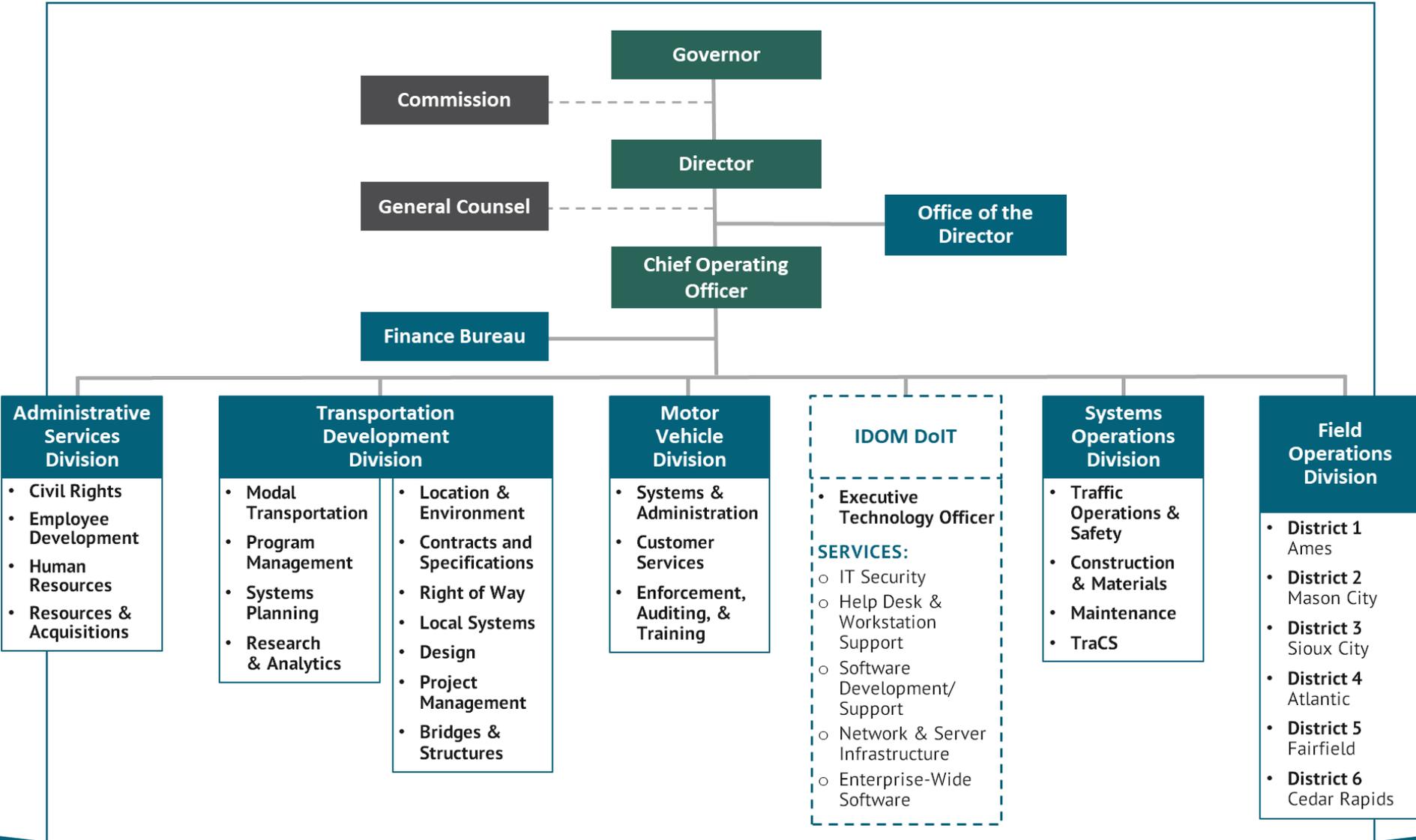
**Customer Focused**



**Servant Leadership**



**Integrity Without Exception**



# Scope Of Operations

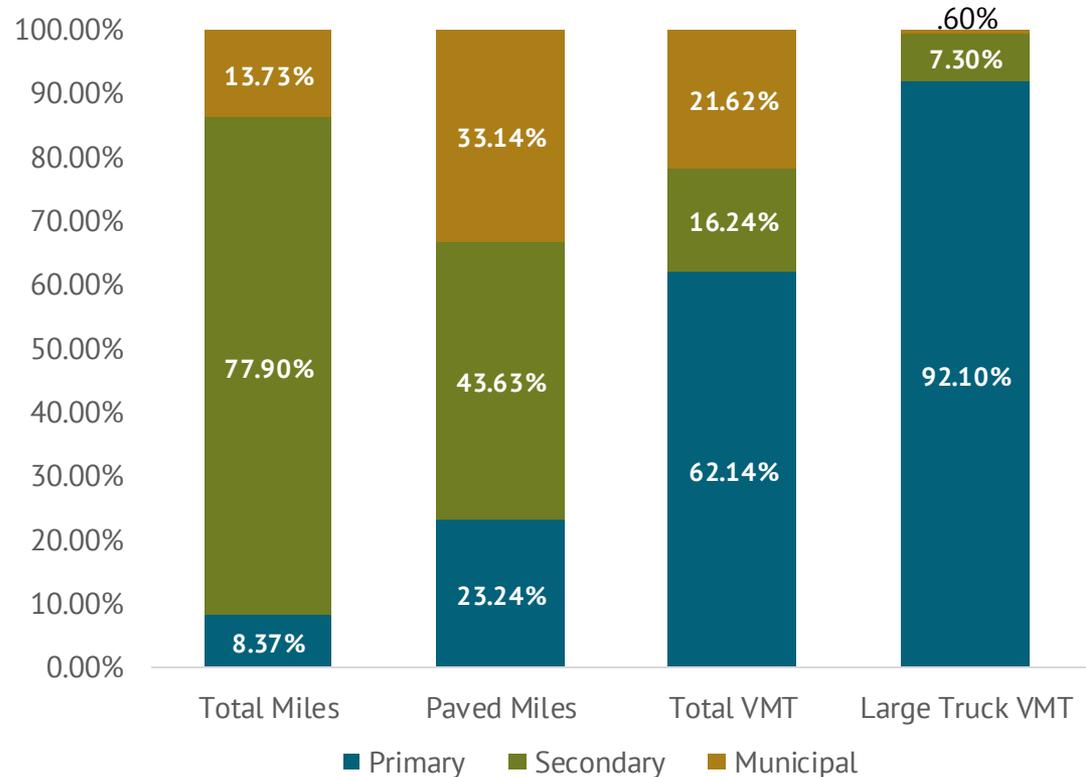
## Roadway System



**PRIMARY SYSTEM**  
DOT's Responsibility



**SECONDARY SYSTEM**  
City/County Responsibility



### Primary Areas Of Focus



# Scope of Operations

## Air, Rail, Transit, & Water



### Air

Grants, Planning, & Inspections Services



### Transit

Grants & Technical Assistance



### Rail

Grants, Inspections & Safety Programs



### Water

Policy Activities & Access investments

# Scope of Operations

## Drivers & Vehicles



**2.7 M**

Driver's license &  
ID customers



**4.7 M**

Registered vehicles



**145,372**

Oversize/overweight loads  
permitted & routed/year

# DOT Funding 101



For the Iowa DOT



# State Road Funding

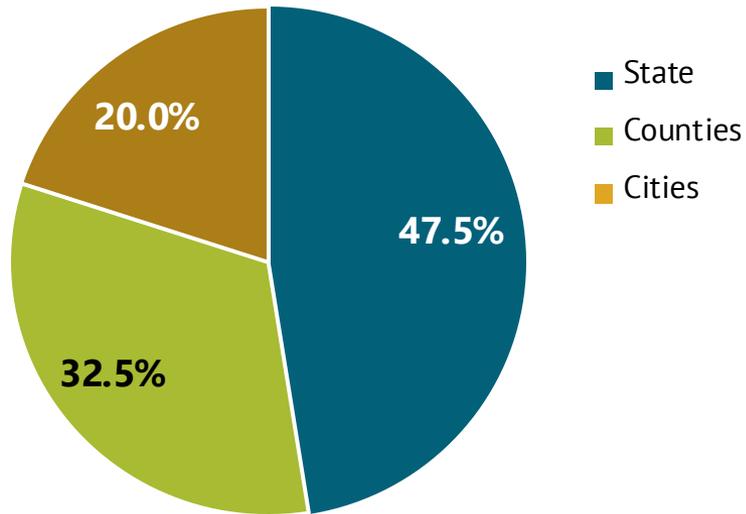
*(Combined RUTF/Time-21)*

Funding Source	FY 2026 (estimated)	Percent of Total	State Constitution Requires Funds be Used for Roads?
Fuel Tax	\$672.9 million	33 percent	Yes
Annual Registration Fee	\$751.1 million	37 percent	Yes
Fee for New Registration	\$468.5 million	23 percent	Yes
Other*	\$120.5 million	7 percent	No
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2.013 billion</b>		

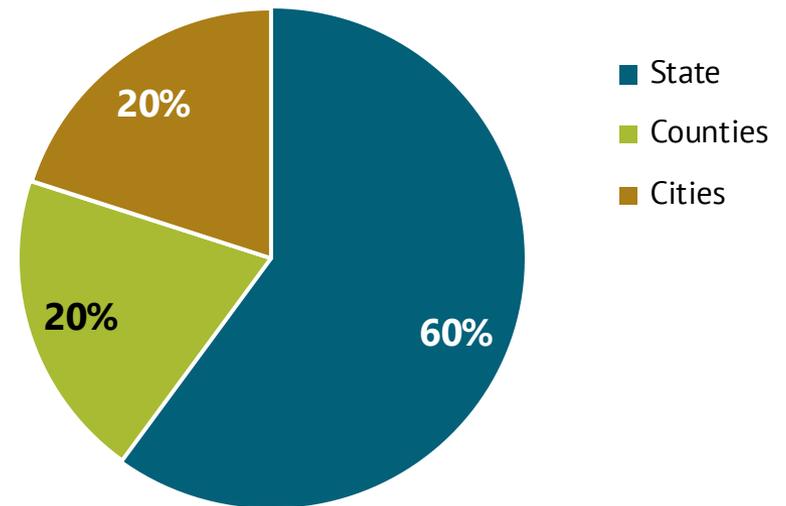
\* Driver's License Fees, Trailer Registration Fees, Title Fees, etc.

# State Road Fund Distribution

**ROAD USE TAXFUND**  
(FY 2026 - \$1.788 billion)

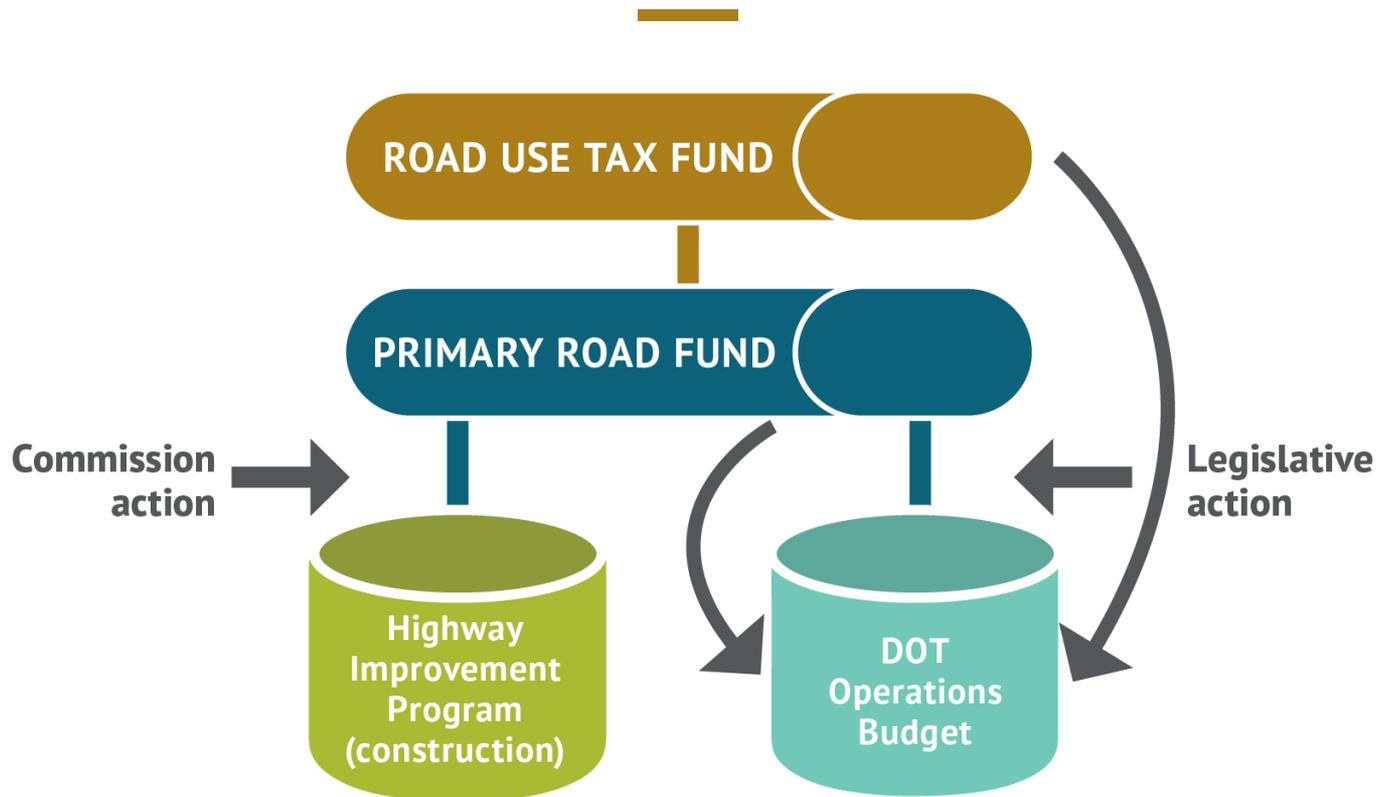


**TIME-21**  
(FY 2026 - \$225 million)



# How We're Funded

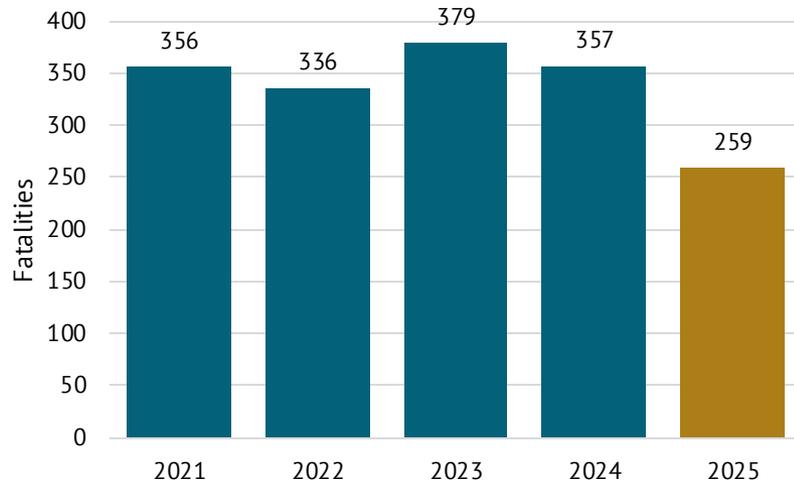
## DOT Construction Vs. Operations Funding



# Accomplishments in 2025



# Keeping you Safe – Fewer Fatalities



## Significant Areas of Reduction

### Motorcycle Fatalities

↓ 40% with 26 fewer fatalities

### Multi-Fatality Crashes

↓ 70% with 63 fewer fatalities

### ATV/UTV Fatalities

↓ 50% with 10 fewer fatalities

**Under 300 for the first time since 1925**

## What Contributed to This?



**Safer Drivers**



**Safer Roads**



**Safer Vehicles**



**Safer Speeds**

# Iowa Hand's Free Law

- Iowa Code 321.276
- 11,200+ warnings issued since July 1
- Close collaboration with DPS and local law enforcement

## HANDS-FREE DRIVING IT'S THE LAW

New legislation prohibits drivers from using electronic communication devices while driving—**unless the device is used hands-free.**

### "HANDS-FREE" MEANS:



**You can't** hold your phone in any way.



**You can't** manually scroll, type, or interact with your phone in any way.



**You can't** enter in an address to GPS while driving.



**You can't** stream videos or make video calls, even with voice commands.



**You can't** view texts, videos, or social media.



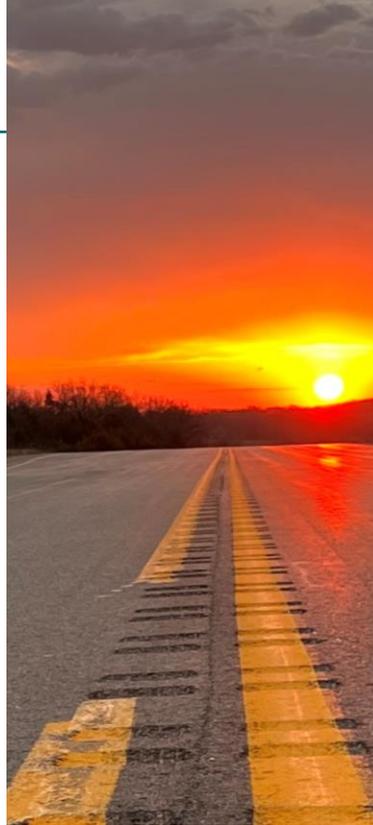
**You can't** call, text, or dial unless using hands-free or voice activation.

### WHAT COUNTS AS AN "ELECTRONIC DEVICE"



# Safety Enhancements

- Rumble strips
- Improved paint markings
- Cable barriers
- Novel interchange designs
- Work zones

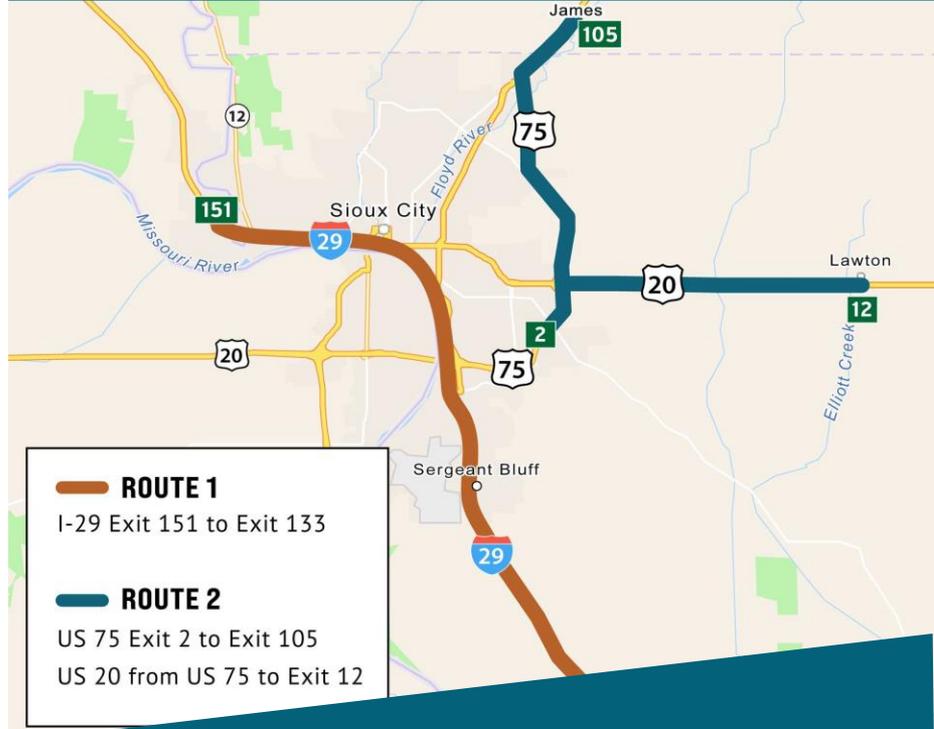


# Safety Service Patrol - Highway Helper

- Added service in Sioux City in 2025 and added a tow truck for Des Moines area.
- Highway Helpers were deployed a total of 18,500 times in 2025.
- Service areas:
  - Council Bluffs
  - Sioux City
  - Des Moines area
  - Iowa City/Cedar Rapids
  - Davenport



**SIoux CITY**  
**HIGHWAY HELPER IS EXPANDING**  
 MONDAY-FRIDAY  
 5AM-9PM



## Alive at 25 Program

- This fall, MVD launched the **Alive at 25 program** to give teen drivers a chance to change their driving behavior after making a mistake.

**~80%** of eligible teens (269 out of 445) have chosen to take the interactive educational course instead of serving a license suspension.

**87%** of those enrolled successfully completed the course and had their suspension lifted, which will lead to better long-term safety outcomes.

# Technology Modernization

## MVD 360 System

- Approved in last year's budget request.
- FAST Enterprises contracted for System replacement.
- Statewide DMV Scheduling System launched January 20.

## MVD360 Improvements

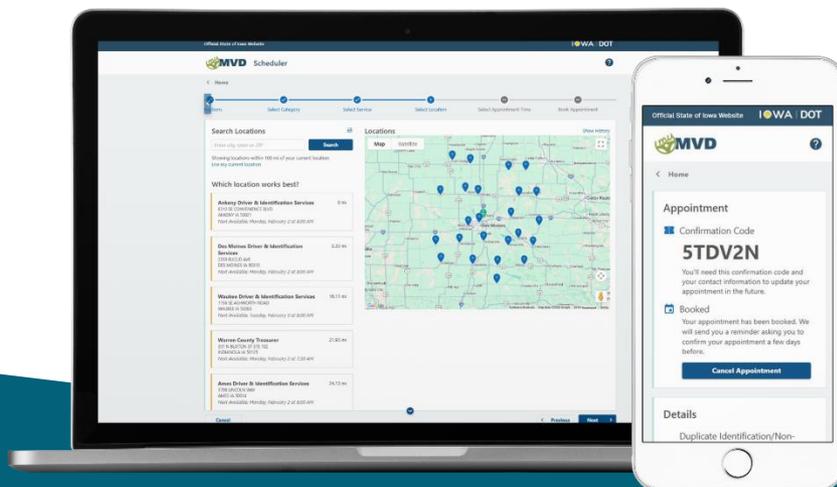
**Faster, easier services** for lowans, including more online options and shorter wait times.

**Better tools** for law enforcement, county treasurers, and auto dealers.

**Improved accuracy and fraud detection**, supporting stronger financial oversight.

**Real-time data sharing** with state agencies to support public safety, benefits, and elections.

**Flexible technology** to quickly adapt to new policies and service needs.



# Reducing Regulations

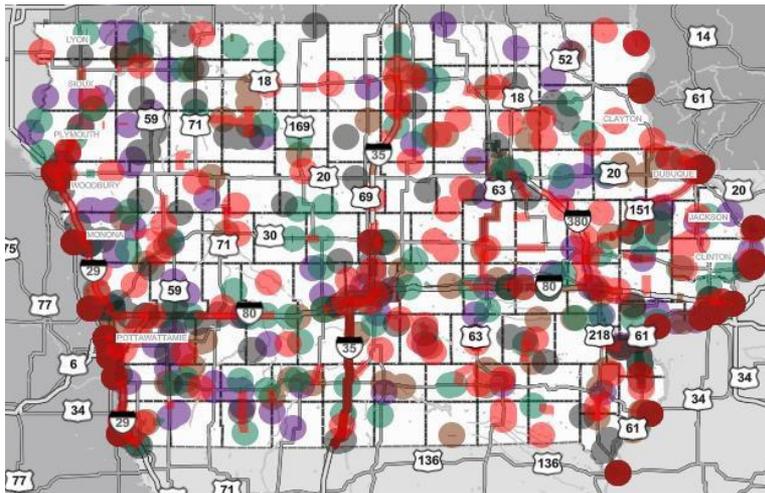
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- 103 administrative rules reviewed under Executive Order 10
- 208 different actions with the legislative Administrative Rules Review Committee
- 314 public hearings
- **24 rules to be rescinded**



# Investing in Our Future

## 5-Year Primary Highway Program



**\$4.3B**  
 IN HIGHWAY  
 INVESTMENTS



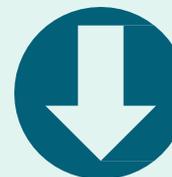
**\$3.8B**

Dedicated to modernization and enhanced safety features.



**61%**

Invested in rural areas.



Reduced the number of poor bridges on the primary system from

**256 to 26**

in 2006

in 2025

## Highway Projects FY 2025



**883**  
Highway Projects  
Completed  
in FY2025



More than  
**\$1.5 Billion**  
Invested In Iowa  
Transportation

# Iowa 9 Mississippi River Bridge at Lansing - Car Ferry

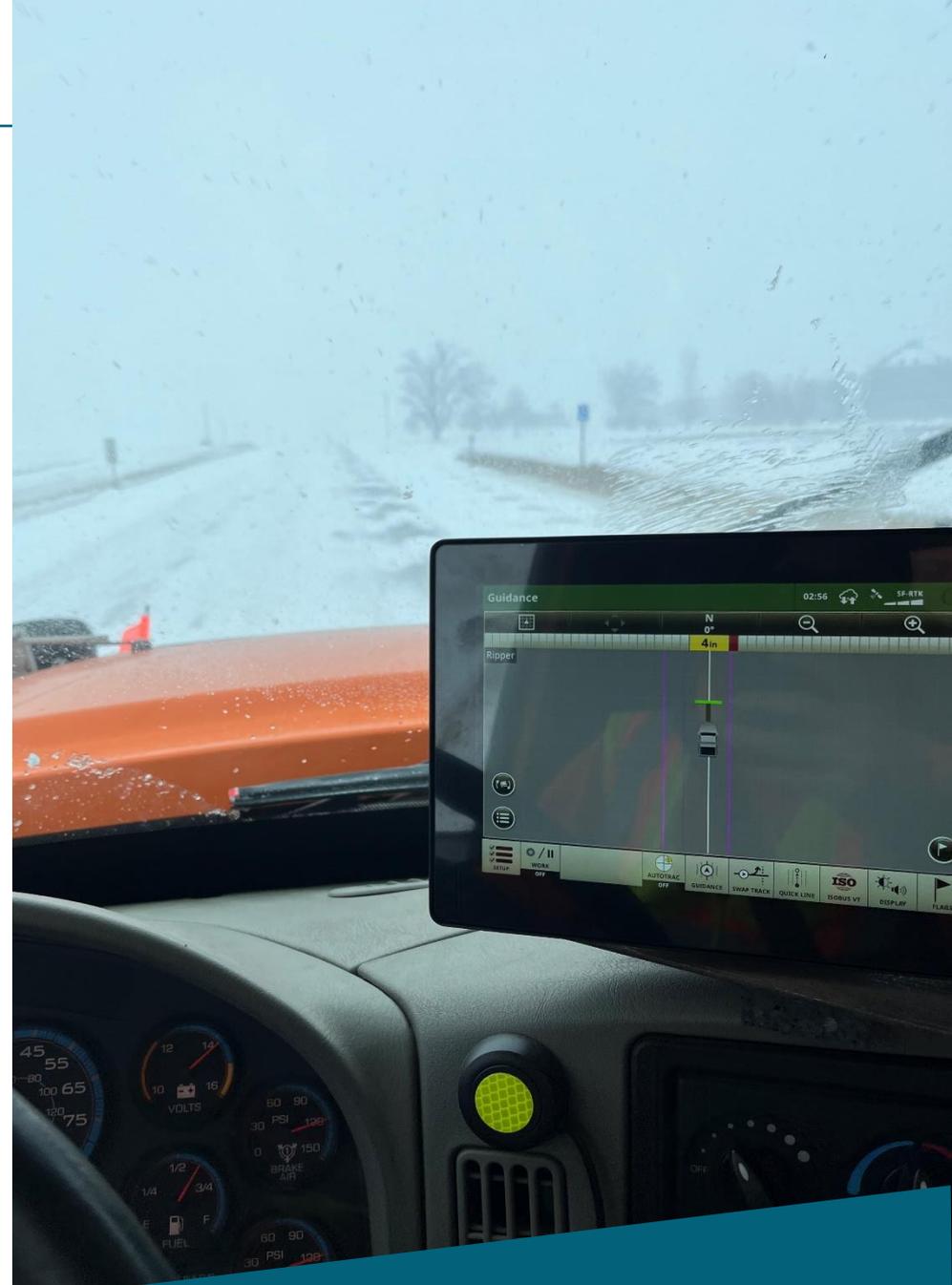
- **Opened Nov. 3, 2025.**
- This service connects Lansing, IA, with Wisconsin during the closure of the IA 9/WIS 82 bridge while the new bridge is under construction.
- Prioritizes **public safety** and **accessibility**, ensuring continued transportation options for residents and travelers during the bridge replacement project.



# Keeping You Safe - Emergency Escort

## Use of John Deere Path (JD Path)

- Navigation system used when visibility is bad or when there is so much snow that it's hard to tell where the road/lanes are.
- **Dec. 29 @ 1:30 a.m.** - Two staff from District 2 provided an ambulance escort from Garner to Mason City, with the lead truck using JD Path to assist in whiteout conditions.



# DOT Operational Funding

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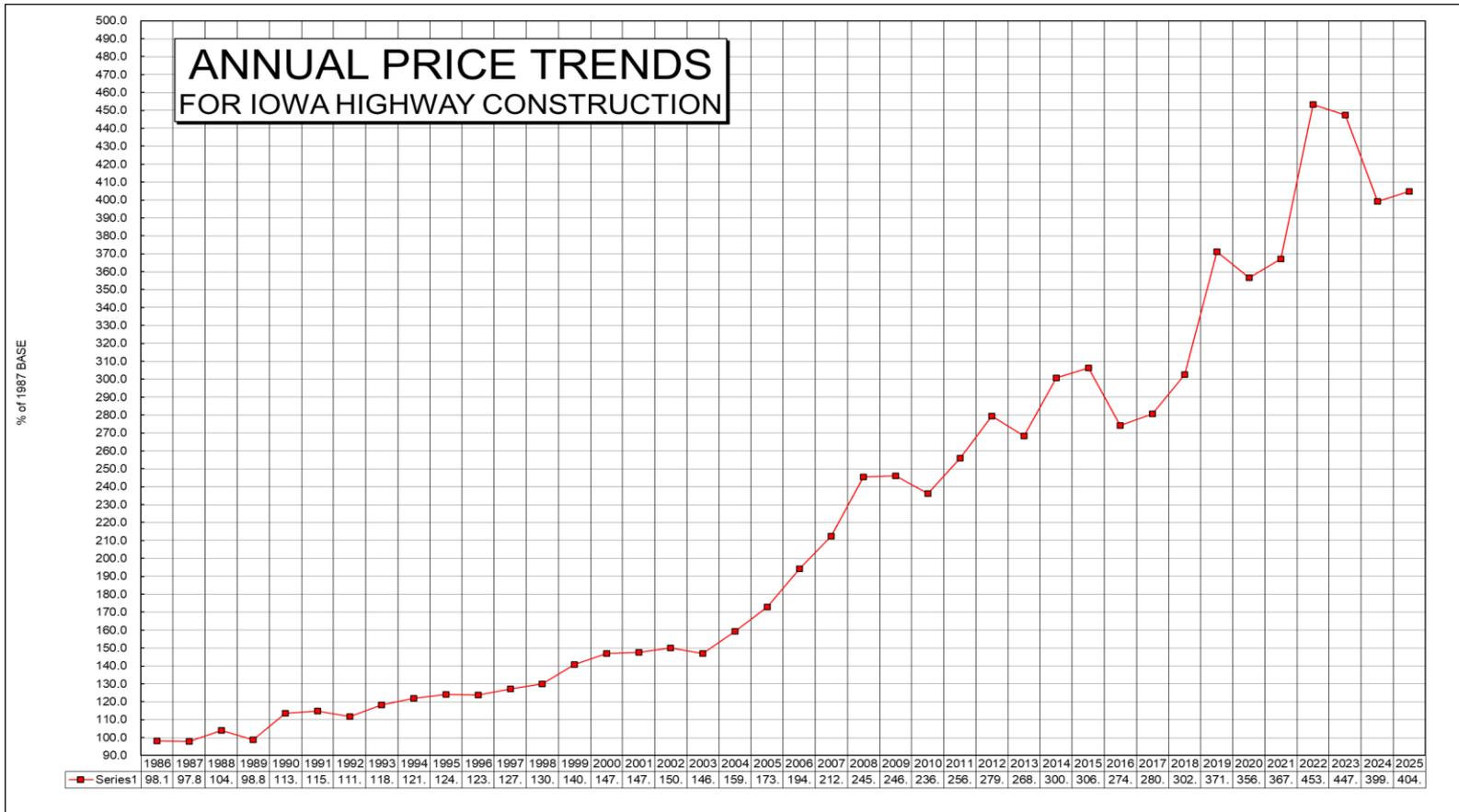
## Governor's Recommendation

Road Use Tax Fund  
Primary Road Fund



# Projects Cost More

## Iowa Construction Cost Index

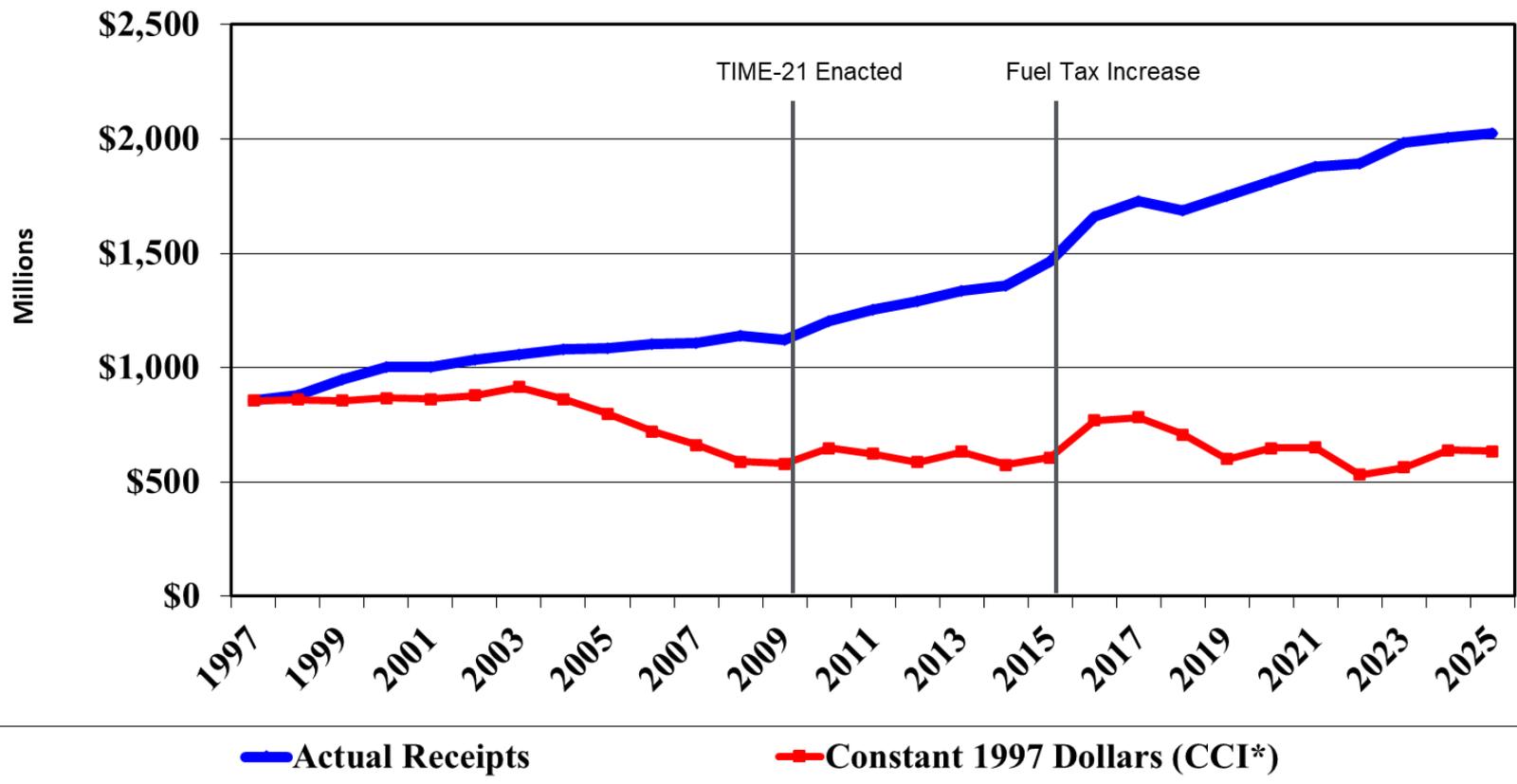


CY 2022: +23%  
CY 2023: -1%

CY 2024: -11%  
CY 2025: +1.4%

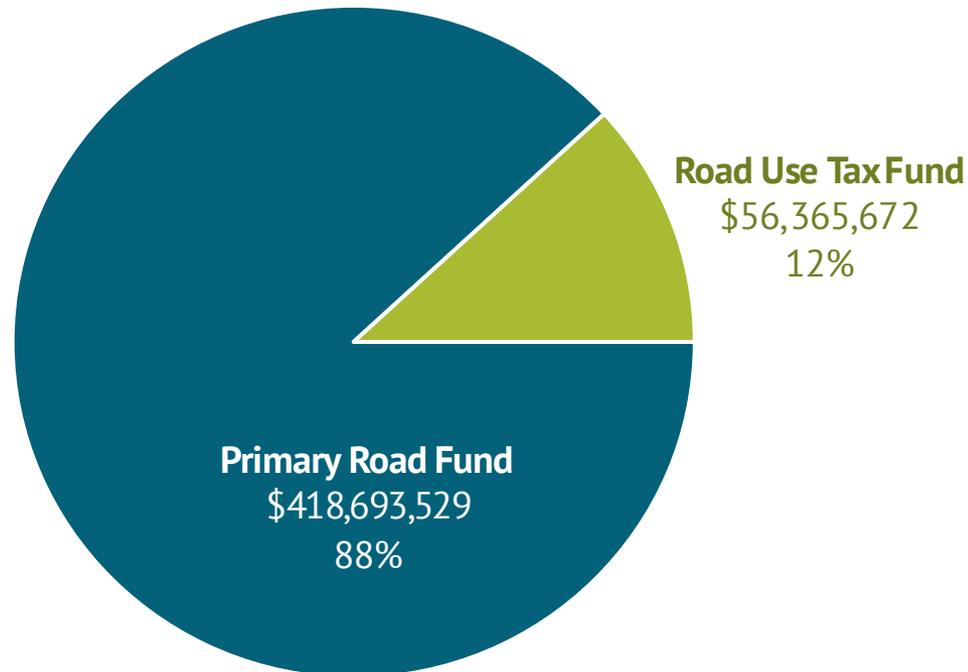
# Buying Power is Declining

## Historic RUTF Revenue



# Budget Recommendation

**\$475,059,201\***



*\*Excludes MVD 360 Capital Appropriation*

# Budget Comparison *(\$000 Omitted)*

## FY26 Budget to FY27 Recommendation



## Line-Item YTY Changes (000 omitted)

Item	FY26 to FY27 Changes
Garage Replacement	(\$5,897)
Facility Routine Maintenance & Prevention	\$1,000
Transportation Maps	\$195
Replace Equipment and Depreciation Adjustment	(\$14,624)
Workers' Compensation	\$1,156
<b>Total</b>	<b>(\$18,170)</b>

## Capital *(\$000 Omitted)*

Appropriation	FY 2026 Budget	Adjustments	FY 2027 Governor's Recommendation
Facility Major Maintenance & Enhancements	\$6,300	-	\$6,300
Facility Routine Maintenance & Prevention	\$8,050	\$1,000	\$9,050
MVD Field Facilities Maintenance	\$400	-	\$400
New Waterloo Facility	\$18,897	(\$18,897)	\$0
New Alton Facility	\$0	\$13,000	\$13,000
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$33,647</b>	<b>(\$4,897)</b>	<b>\$28,750</b>
MVD 360	\$20,000	-	\$20,000*
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$53,647</b>	<b>(\$4,897)</b>	<b>\$48,750</b>

*\*Approved in FY26 Budget*

# Alton Garage

## Why a New Facility is Needed:

- Larger equipment
- Safe operations
- Land constrained

## What's Included:

- 12 maintenance bays
- 2 wash bay
- 1 mechanic bay
- Cold storage
- Brine storage

Recommended  
**\$13M**

**\$5.9M**  
decrease



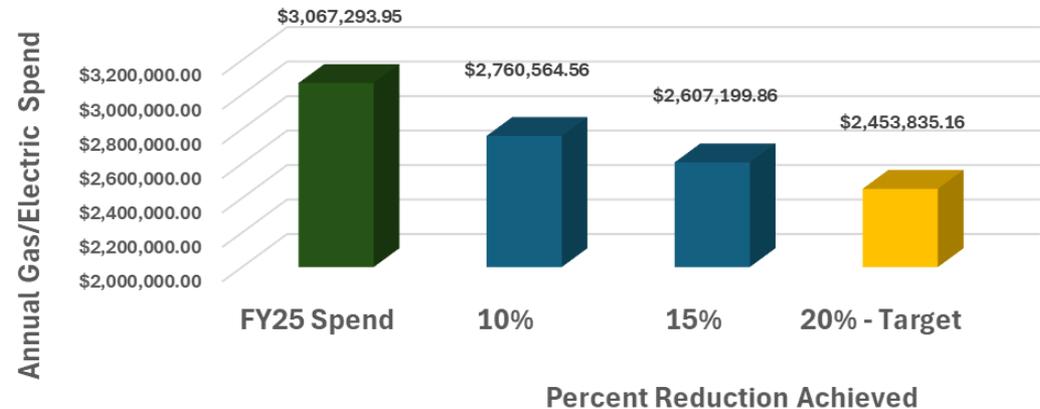
# Utility Cost Reductions

## Opportunities:

- Roof and Wall Insulation
- Air Curtains for Overhead doors to reduce thermal loss
- Window replacement
- Water heater updates and retrofits
- HVAC overhauls
- Lighting updates

**Recommended  
\$1M**

Future Gas/Electric Savings Potential



Gas/Electric	Vendors	FY25 Spend
Electric	99	\$2,295,578
Natural Gas	19	\$771,715
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>\$3,067,293</b>

## Special Purpose *(\$000 Omitted)*

Appropriation	FY 2026 Budget	Adjustments	FY 2027 Governor's Recommendation
Replacement Equipment	\$40,818	(\$17,195)	\$23,623
Workers' Compensation	\$3,880	\$1,156	\$5,036
Unemployment Compensation	\$145	-	\$145
DAS/OCIO Utility Service	\$3,578	\$9,446	\$13,024
TraCS/MACH	\$300	-	\$300
County Treasurer Support	\$1,406	-	\$1,406
Mississippi River Parkway Commission	\$40	-	\$40
Transportation Maps	\$0	\$195	\$195
Indirect Cost Allocation	\$750	-	\$750
Statewide Interoperable Communications System	\$442	-	\$442
State Auditor Reimbursement	\$770	-	\$770
<b>Total Special Purpose</b>	<b>\$52,130</b>	<b>(\$6,398)</b>	<b>\$45,732</b>

# Equipment Efficiencies

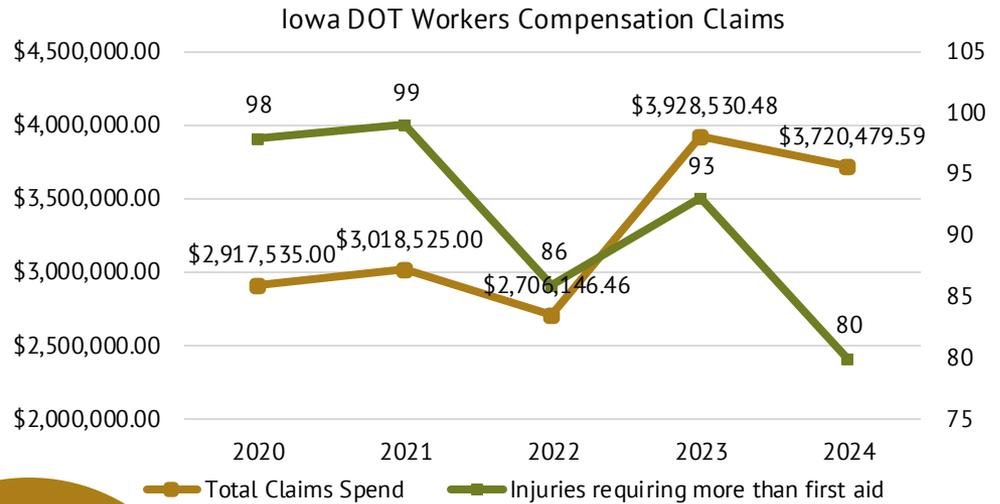
**\$14.6M**  
decrease

- Leasing 32 tractors vs. owning
- Reduced 33 light fleet
- Reduced from 55 to 5 plow configurations



# Workers Compensation

- Worker's Comp Premium has increased



Recommended  
**\$1.1M**



## DOT Efforts to Control Costs:

- Injuries are down
- Employee safety programs
- Mobile patcher and safety equipment
- Slips/trips/falls training

# Transportation Maps

- Produced and distributed biennially during odd fiscal years
- FY27 is a production year

Recommended  
**\$195K**



## Administrative Alignments *(\$000 Omitted)*

Administrative Items	FY 2027 Governor's Recommendation
Updated Equipment Depreciation State Accounting Policy (Special Purpose)	(\$2,571)
Updated Equipment Depreciation State Accounting Policy (Operations)	\$2,571
Alignment of DOM DoIT fixed costs (Special Purpose)	\$9,446
Alignment of of DOM DoIT fixed costs (Operations)	(\$9,446)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>

## Budget Summary *(\$000 Omitted)*

Appropriation Type	FY 2026 Budget	Adjustments	FY 2027 Governor's Recommendation
Agency Operations	\$407,453	(\$6,875)	\$400,578
Special Purpose	\$52,130	(\$6,398)	\$45,732
Capital Projects	\$33,647	(\$4,897)	\$28,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$493,230</b>	<b>(18,170)</b>	<b>\$475,060</b>
MVD 360	\$20,000	-	\$20,000*
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$513,230</b>	<b>(18,170)</b>	<b>\$495,060</b>
<b>FTEs</b>	<b>2,657</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,657</b>

3.7%  
reduction

\*Approved in FY26 Budget

# DOT RIIF\* Funding

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## Governor's Recommendation

\*Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund



# RIIF Funding: Modal Program Appropriations

(\$000 Omitted)

Appropriation	FY 2026 Budget	Adjustments	FY 2027 Governor's Recommendation
Commercial Service Vertical Infrastructure	\$1,900	-	\$1,900
General Aviation Vertical Infrastructure	\$1,000	-	\$1,000
State Recreational Trails	\$2,500	-	\$2,500
Public Transit Infrastructure	\$1,200	-	\$1,200
Railroad Revolving Loan and Grant Program	\$2,000	-	\$2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$8,600</b>



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*Thank you!*

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