

HF 683

DOT Appropriations

The FY 2012 and FY 2013 Transportation Appropriations Act, HF 683, is a two-year budget for the DOT. For FY 2012, the Act appropriates \$346 million to the DOT, including \$47.6 million from the Road Use Tax Fund, \$298.4 million from the Primary Road Fund, and 3,109 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. According to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA), this is a net decrease of \$4.8 million and no change in FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2011. However, this is a reduction of 264 FTE positions compared to the number of FTEs authorized in the FY 2011 Transportation Appropriations Act.

Only partial funding is provided for FY 2013. The funding level is generally 50 percent of the FY 2012 appropriations except for driver's license production costs and DOT capital projects funded at 100 percent of the FY 2012 funding level/request.

A detailed fiscal analysis of HF 683, prepared by the LSA, is at the following link:
[HF 683 Final NOBA.](#)

Division I – Transportation FY 2011 – 2012

Section 1

Appropriates moneys from the Road Use Tax Fund to the DOT for FY 2012. Includes funding for: producing driver's licenses; salaries, support, maintenance and miscellaneous purposes for various DOT areas; payment to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for utility services and workers' compensation claims; unemployment compensation; payment to the General Fund for indirect cost recoveries; reimbursement to the state auditor for audit expenses; various costs associated with the county issuance of driver's licenses and vehicle registration and titles; transfer to the Department of Public Safety (DPS) for operation of a toll-free telephone road and weather conditions information system; participation in the Mississippi River Parkway Commission; motor vehicle division field facility maintenance projects; and scale replacement projects at various locations.

The scale replacement funding is a new appropriation for FY 2012 and will allow the DOT to replace one large scale that is 20 years old and one small scale that is 17 years old. Membership in NASCO, North America's Corridor Coalition, was not funded. HF 45, Section 12, prohibits the DOT from renewing membership in the coalition, beginning July 1, 2011.

Section 1 (continued)

Moneys appropriated in Section 1, subsection 1, for the payment of costs associated with the production of driver's licenses do not revert.

Moneys appropriated in Section 1, subsections 11 and 12, for motor vehicle division field facility maintenance projects and for scale replacement projects remain available for expenditure until June 30, 2015. However, if the projects are completed in an earlier fiscal year, unencumbered or unobligated moneys revert at the close of that fiscal year.

Section 2

Appropriates moneys from the Primary Road Fund to the DOT for FY 2012. Includes funding for: salaries, support, maintenance and miscellaneous purposes for various DOT areas and specifies the number of full-time equivalent positions; payments to the DAS for utility services and workers' compensation claims; unemployment compensation; disposal of hazardous wastes; payment to the General Fund for indirect cost recoveries; reimbursement to the state auditor for audit expenses; costs associated with producing transportation maps; inventory and equipment replacement; utility improvements; roofing projects and heating, cooling and exhaust system improvements at various locations; deferred maintenance projects at field facilities; elevator upgrades at the Ames complex; wastewater treatment improvements at various locations; and replacement of the Swea City garage.

Moneys appropriated in subsections 10-16 for various construction projects and facility improvements remain available for expenditure until June 30, 2015. However, if the projects are completed in an earlier fiscal year, unencumbered or unobligated moneys revert at the close of that fiscal year.

Division II – Transportation FY 2012 – 2013

Section 3

Appropriates moneys from the Road Use Tax Fund to the DOT for FY 2013. Includes funding for: producing driver's licenses; salaries, support, maintenance and miscellaneous purposes for various DOT areas; payment to the DAS for utility services and workers' compensation claims; unemployment compensation; payment to the General Fund for indirect cost recoveries; reimbursement to the state auditor for audit expenses; various costs associated with the county issuance of driver's and vehicle registration titles; transfer

Section 3 (continued)

to the DPS for operation of a toll-free telephone road and weather conditions information system; participation in the Mississippi River Parkway Commission; motor vehicle division field facility maintenance projects; and scale replacement projects at various locations.

Moneys appropriated in Section 1, subsection 1, for the payment of costs associated with the production of driver's licenses do not revert.

Moneys appropriated in Section 1, subsection 12, for motor vehicle division field facility maintenance projects remain available for expenditure until June 30, 2016. However, if the projects are completed in an earlier fiscal year, unencumbered or unobligated moneys revert at the close of that fiscal year.

Section 4

Appropriates moneys from the Primary Road Fund to the DOT for FY 2013. Includes funding for: salaries, support, maintenance and miscellaneous purposes for various DOT areas and specifies the number of full-time equivalent positions; payments to the DAS for utility services and workers' compensation claims; unemployment compensation; disposal of hazardous wastes; payment to the General Fund for indirect cost recoveries; reimbursement to the state auditor for audit expenses; costs associated with producing transportation maps; inventory and equipment replacement; utility improvements; roofing projects and heating, cooling and exhaust system improvements at various locations; deferred maintenance projects at field facilities; wastewater treatment improvements at various locations; and replacement of the New Hampton combined facility.

Moneys appropriated in subsections 10-15 for various construction projects and facility improvements remain available for expenditure until June 30, 2016. However, if the projects are completed in an earlier fiscal year, unencumbered or unobligated moneys revert at the close of that fiscal year.

Division III – Conditional Effective Date and Applicability

Section 5

Provides that, unless otherwise provided, the bill takes effect upon enactment and applies retroactively to July 1, 2011.