

[SF 2314](#) **DOT Appropriations**

The FY 2013 Transportation Appropriations Act, SF 2314, is the final FY 2013 operations budget for the DOT. SF 2314 amends HF 683, the FY 2012 Transportation Appropriations Act, which is published as 2011 Iowa Acts, chapter 125.

Total funding appropriated to the DOT for FY 2013, including appropriations enacted in 2011 for FY 2013, is \$350.5 million. This includes \$47.4 million from the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF), \$303.1 million from the Primary Road Fund (PRF) and 2,870 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. This is a decrease from the 3,109 FTE positions authorized in HF 683, the FY 2012 Transportation Appropriations Act, and 3,373 FTEs authorized in SF 2381, the FY 2011 Transportation Appropriations Act. The decrease in FTEs authorized for FY 2013 is due to the lack of funding for salary adjustments in FY 2012.

A detailed fiscal analysis of SF 2314, prepared by the Legislative Services Agency, is at the following link: [SF 2314 NOBA](#).

Section 1

Amends 2011 Iowa Acts, chapter 125, section 2, to:

- reduce the PRF appropriation to the DOT operations budget unit for FY 2012 by \$280,000, and
- reduce the PRF appropriations to the DOT highways budget unit for FY 2012 by 800,000.

The deappropriation was made with the intent of immediately realizing potential savings in utility costs for FY 2012, and took effect upon enactment, April 4, 2012.

This section is effective upon enactment, April 4, 2012.

Section 2

Amends 2011 Iowa Acts, chapter 125, section 3, to make additional appropriations 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 Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for utility services (includes certain personnel, information technology, I3 budget system, and other services) and for 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

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issuance of driver's licenses and vehicle registration and titles; transfer to the Department of Public Safety 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.

This appropriation reduces the RUTF appropriation for scale replacement projects by \$200,000 for FY 2013. The original appropriation of \$550,000 was enacted during the 2011 legislative session and maintained the same funding as for FY 2012. The DOT has identified five scales that are in need of replacement and are older than the expected service life of 15 years. The original intent was to replace the Dallas County 90-foot scale and the Brandon 40-foot southbound scale.

Moneys appropriated for payment of costs associated with the production of driver's licenses remain available for expenditure through June 30, 2014.

Moneys appropriated for Motor Vehicle Division field facility maintenance projects and for scale replacement projects remain available for expenditure through 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 3

Amends 2011 Iowa Acts, chapter 125, section 4, to make additional appropriations from the Primary Road Fund to the DOT for FY 2013. 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 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

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locations; deferred maintenance projects at field facilities; wastewater treatment improvements at various locations; and replacement of the New Hampton combined facility.

The appropriation to produce transportation maps reduces the level of funding by two-thirds, to \$80,667, compared to the appropriation made for FY 2012.

Moneys appropriated in subsections Code section 125.4(10-15) for various construction projects and facility improvements remain available for expenditure through 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

Requires the DOT to submit quarterly electronic reports to various entities regarding implementation of efficiency measures identified in the January 2012 "Road Use Tax Fund Efficiency Report." The reports shall provide details of activities undertaken and savings realized in the previous quarter related to program and partnership efficiencies; updates concerning measures that have not been implemented; efforts involving other governmental or stakeholder interest groups; any new efficiency measures identified or undertaken; and identification of any legislative action that may be required to achieve efficiencies. The first report is due by October 1, 2012.

Section 5

Provides that section 1, amending 2011 Acts, chapter 235, section 2, subsection 1, paragraphs "a" and "c," takes effect upon enactment, April 4, 2012.