

Transportation
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	Page #	Analyst	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Committee Recommended FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Special Transportation Fund									
Department of Motor Vehicles	115	PM	67,767,013	77,404,780	75,780,820	77,730,820	78,319,630	78,319,630	-
Department of Transportation	117	PM	816,093,260	1,022,268,696	992,998,048	1,000,595,761	1,032,815,810	1,055,045,810	22,230,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund			883,860,273	1,099,673,476	1,068,778,868	1,078,326,581	1,111,135,440	1,133,365,440	22,230,000
Cannabis Regulatory Fund									
Department of Motor Vehicles	115	PM	522,583	398,206	540,135	540,135	540,135	540,135	-
Department of Transportation	117	PM	549,991	549,962	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	-
Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund			1,072,574	948,168	1,090,135	1,090,135	1,090,135	1,090,135	-
Total - Appropriated Funds			884,932,847	1,100,621,644	1,069,869,003	1,079,416,716	1,112,225,575	1,134,455,575	22,230,000

Department of Motor Vehicles

DMV35000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Committee FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Special Transportation Fund	591	591	594	594	594	594	-
Cannabis Regulatory Fund	7	7	7	7	7	7	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Committee FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Personal Services	46,341,942	50,453,363	52,709,126	53,959,126	53,959,126	53,959,126	-
Other Expenses	18,851,458	18,956,975	19,078,262	19,778,262	20,367,072	20,367,072	-
Equipment	468,756	468,745	668,756	668,756	668,756	668,756	-
Other Current Expenses							
DMV Modernization	1,788,057	7,208,897	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	-
Commercial Vehicle Information Systems and Networks Project	316,800	316,800	324,676	324,676	324,676	324,676	-
Agency Total - Special Transportation Fund	67,767,013	77,404,780	75,780,820	77,730,820	78,319,630	78,319,630	-
Personal Services	522,583	398,206	540,135	540,135	540,135	540,135	-
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	522,583	398,206	540,135	540,135	540,135	540,135	-
Total - Appropriated Funds	68,289,596	77,802,986	76,320,955	78,270,955	78,859,765	78,859,765	-

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Current Services

Provide Funding for Increased Vehicle Valuation and Assessment Costs

Other Expenses	478,810	478,810	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	478,810	478,810	-

Background

PA 22-118 and PA 25-2 changed the process for valuing motor vehicles for property tax purposes to, among other things, generally require the use of the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP). PA 22-118 also requires DMV to include the MSRP for each vehicle in its annual reports to municipalities. These requirements have increased the volume of data DMV requires from its valuation service provider which, coupled with a new contract with that service provider, have led to increased valuation costs.

Governor

Provide funding of \$478,810 in FY 27 for increased vehicle valuation and assessment costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

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Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Other Expenses	110,000	110,000	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	110,000	110,000	-

Background

DMV spends approximately \$1.6 million annually on postage. The agency's budget was last adjusted for postage costs in FY 23 when funding was reduced by \$350,000 in anticipation of lower costs associated with more online transactions.

Governor

Provide funding of \$110,000 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Committee FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - TF	77,730,820	77,730,820	-
Current Services	588,810	588,810	-
Total Recommended - TF	78,319,630	78,319,630	-
Original Appropriation - CRF	540,135	540,135	-
Total Recommended - CRF	540,135	540,135	-

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Committee FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - TF	594	594	-
Total Recommended - TF	594	594	-
Original Appropriation - CRF	7	7	-
Total Recommended - CRF	7	7	-

Department of Transportation

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Committee FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Special Transportation Fund	3,567	3,567	3,567	3,567	3,567	3,567	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Committee FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Personal Services	199,281,277	223,464,007	236,076,271	236,076,271	236,076,271	236,076,271	-
Other Expenses	65,814,075	67,639,197	63,434,586	63,434,586	63,434,586	64,434,586	1,000,000
Equipment	2,102,963	2,106,004	1,376,329	1,376,329	2,176,329	2,176,329	-
Minor Capital Projects	613,716	798,680	449,639	449,639	449,639	449,639	-
Other Current Expenses							
Highway Planning And Research	4,686,570	4,076,169	3,060,131	3,060,131	3,905,131	3,905,131	-
Rail Operations	231,583,406	283,570,938	316,004,297	318,803,218	338,466,521	341,466,521	3,000,000
Bus Operations	163,507,463	292,425,217	296,608,656	301,407,448	310,765,967	328,865,967	18,100,000
ADA Para-transit Program	40,449,546	40,449,542	51,982,687	51,982,687	53,535,914	53,535,914	-
Non-ADA Dial-A-Ride Program	576,361	576,361	576,361	576,361	576,361	576,361	-
Pay-As-You-Go Transportation Projects	38,908,422	41,388,794	18,054,208	18,054,208	18,054,208	18,054,208	-
Port Authority	400,000	400,000	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation Asset Management	5,798,832	3,003,158	3,004,254	3,004,254	3,004,254	3,004,254	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Transportation to Work	2,370,629	2,370,629	2,370,629	2,370,629	2,370,629	2,500,629	130,000
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Town Aid Road Grants - TF	60,000,000	60,000,000	-	-	-	-	-
Agency Total - Special Transportation Fund	816,093,260	1,022,268,696	992,998,048	1,000,595,761	1,032,815,810	1,055,045,810	22,230,000
Other Expenses	549,991	549,962	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	-
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	549,991	549,962	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	-
Total - Appropriated Funds	816,643,251	1,022,818,658	993,548,048	1,001,145,761	1,033,365,810	1,055,595,810	22,230,000

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Policy Revisions

Provide Funding to Extend Microtransit Pilot

Bus Operations	-	10,500,000	10,500,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund	-	10,500,000	10,500,000

Background

Microtransit refers to transportation by an accessible multi-passenger vehicle that uses a digital network or software application to offer on-demand service in response to individual or aggregate consumer demand. Among other things, microtransit is

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intended to fill in gaps in the state's public transportation system and many of the existing service areas provide connections to fixed route bus stops or rail stations.

PA 22-40 required DOT to establish a two-year microtransit pilot program, including in rural areas of the state not covered by public transportation. In March 2024, the agency awarded \$19.5 million to the following nine transit districts and municipalities:

- Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT) - New London Smart Ride (all of New London) and HOP (parts of Stonington, Groton and, until December 2025, Waterford)
- Norwalk Transit District - Wheels2U (Norwalk)
- Valley Transit District - VTGo (Ansonia, Derby, and parts of Shelton)
- Greater Hartford Transit District - GHTDLink (parts of Enfield and East Windsor)
- Milford Transit District - Milford Micro (parts of Milford)
- River Valley Transit - XtraMile (Madison, Guilford, and parts of Middletown and East Hampton)
- Greater Bridgeport Transit - GBT Connect (Trumbull)
- City of Stamford - StamFORWARD (parts of Stamford)
- City of New Haven - Via NHV (parts of New Haven)

Nearly 352,000 riders have used these services from March 2024 through December 2025, with recent totals averaging approximately 28,000 monthly riders.

The Governor's Recommended Budget does not include funding for these microtransit services to continue into FY 27.

Committee

Provide funding of \$10.5 million in FY 27 to extend the existing microtransit pilot programs by an additional year.

Provide Funding for Greater Bridgeport Transit

Bus Operations	-	7,600,000	7,600,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund	-	7,600,000	7,600,000

Background

The Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority (GBT) provides fixed route and ADA Paratransit bus services in Bridgeport, Fairfield, Stratford and Trumbull with services extending to Shelton, Derby, Milford, Westport, Norwalk and Monroe. GBT is the largest transit district in the state.

Committee

Provide funding of \$7,600,000 in FY 27 for Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority to close an anticipated funding shortfall.

Provide Funding to Increase Service on Shore Line East

Rail Operations	-	3,000,000	3,000,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund	-	3,000,000	3,000,000

Background

Shore Line East is a regional rail service that operates between New London and New Haven, with select weekday thru service to Stamford. Legislative efforts to increase service in recent years are part of an effort to ensure that transportation services in the region are keeping pace with growth in business and related workforce demands. Current service levels on Shore Line East are approximately 60% of pre-pandemic (2019) levels.

Committee

Provide funding of \$3 million in FY 27 to increase service levels on Shore Line East.

Provide Funding for Bus Fare Reductions on CTtransit for Students and Veterans

Bus Operations	2,500,000	2,500,000	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	2,500,000	2,500,000	-

Background

Section 37 of PA 25-65 requires DOT to, among other things, provide reduced bus fare of up to 50% to veterans and people 18 or younger (those under 5 currently ride free). No additional funding was provided in the FY 26 and FY 27 Budget for this requirement and the agency has not yet implemented any new fare discounts for these groups.

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides \$3.5 million related to this requirement: \$2.5 million to DOT for reduced fares on CTtransit for students and veterans (up to 50%) and \$1 million to the Department of Veterans Affairs for free bus passes for veterans. CTtransit provides bus service in parts of 86 municipalities.

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Governor

Provide funding of \$2,500,000 in FY 27 to support bus fare reductions on CTtransit for students and veterans.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding to Address Homeless Encampments

Other Expenses	-	500,000	500,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund	-	500,000	500,000

Background

DOT has seen an increase in recent years of homeless encampments on state property within highway and public transportation rights-of-way (e.g., underpasses, on/off ramps, etc.). In 2022 the agency developed an internal Homeless Encampment Policy aimed at ensuring that the relocation of individuals experiencing homelessness and related encampments is carried out in a reasonable, humane, and environmentally responsible manner. Typically, the agency only engages in site remediation if there is an external request (e.g., from municipal officials) or a direct safety issue (e.g., flammable materials). Costs for remediating these sites include hazardous material clean-up, fencing/barrier installation signage, etc. The agency does not have a dedicated funding source for these efforts and, in the past, has utilized funds from various capital and operating budget accounts as have been available and eligible for these purposes.

Committee

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 27 for ongoing environmental clean-up and security associated with homeless encampment sites on highway and public transportation rights-of-way.

Provide Funding for a Fallen Worker Memorial

Other Expenses	-	500,000	500,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund	-	500,000	500,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$500,000 in FY 27 for a one-time cost to establish a memorial to honor transportation workers who lost their lives in the line of duty.

Provide Funding for Rides for Jobs

Transportation to Work	-	130,000	130,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund	-	130,000	130,000

Background

The Transportation to Work account supports various programs that provide improved access to employment for low-income workers who meet certain eligibility requirements. Funding for this account has not increased since FY 17.

Among the programs funded by Transportation to Work is the Rides for Jobs program, which provides transportation services, including taxi vouchers, bus passes, mileage reimbursement, etc., to eligible low-income individuals for employment related activities. The program is administered by Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium, Inc.

Committee

Provide funding of \$130,000 in FY 27 to Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium, Inc. to support projected needs for the Rides for Jobs program.

Require a Report on Road Safety in Greater Bridgeport**Committee**

Require DOT to report on road safety projects in the Greater Bridgeport area including, but not limited to, the status of road safety audits, road diets, and related safety efforts.

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Current Services

Adjust Funding for Rail Operations to Reflect Revenue and Spending Projections

Rail Operations	19,663,303	19,663,303	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	19,663,303	19,663,303	-

Background

The Rail Operations account is used to fund state subsidies related to the New Haven Line, Shore Line East, and Hartford Line.

The Governor's Recommended Budget adjusts this account to reflect current revenue and spending trends and to maintain current service levels. One notable adjustment within this item of the Governor's Recommended Budget is projected savings of \$8.8 million based on using diesel engines between New Haven and New London on Shore Line East (which is currently all electric). This initiative partly offsets various other adjustments within the Rail Operations account.

Governor

Provide funding of \$19,663,303 in FY 27 to reflect current revenue and spending projections.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Bus Operations to Reflect Revenue and Spending Projections

Bus Operations	6,858,519	6,858,519	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	6,858,519	6,858,519	-

Background

The Bus Operations account represents the state's operating subsidy for bus services including CTtransit, express bus services, microtransit, and services provided by transit districts. This account also funds the State Matching Grant Program for municipal dial-a-ride services.

The Governor's Recommended Budget adjusts this account to reflect current revenue and spending trends and to maintain current service levels. Included within this adjustment is an increase in the per-semester U-Pass fee from \$40 to \$50, which provides savings of approximately \$1.5 million within the overall Bus Operations adjustment.

Governor

Provide funding of \$6,858,519 in FY 27 to reflect current revenue and spending projections.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for ADA Paratransit Services to Reflect Revenue and Spending Projections

ADA Para-transit Program	1,553,227	1,553,227	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	1,553,227	1,553,227	-

Background

The ADA Paratransit Program is designed to meet the ADA service criteria established by the federal government to provide transportation accessibility services in all areas with local fixed transit routes. Services must be provided within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of a fixed bus route or rail station, at the same hours and days, for no more than twice the regular fixed route fare, and individuals must be found eligible by a Connecticut regional ADA service provider.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,553,227 in FY 27 to reflect current revenue and spending projections.

Committee

Same as Governor

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Adjust Research Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Highway Planning And Research	845,000	845,000	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	845,000	845,000	-

Background

DOT's Highway Planning and Research account provides the state match to federal planning and research program funding.

Governor

Provide funding of \$845,000 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Equipment Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Equipment	800,000	800,000	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	800,000	800,000	-

Background

DOT's equipment account funds various purchases including for information technology, materials testing, surveying, facilities services, traffic monitoring, and bridge safety, among other things.

Governor

Provide funding of \$800,000 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Committee FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - TF	1,000,595,761	1,000,595,761	-
Policy Revisions	2,500,000	24,730,000	22,230,000
Current Services	29,720,049	29,720,049	-
Total Recommended - TF	1,032,815,810	1,055,045,810	22,230,000
Original Appropriation - CRF	550,000	550,000	-
Total Recommended - CRF	550,000	550,000	-

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Committee FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - TF	3,567	3,567	-
Total Recommended - TF	3,567	3,567	-