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Department of Transportation

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Division of Operations
March 9, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 228:12, authorize the Department of Transportation to transfer $525,000 from the Highway Surplus Account to fund winter maintenance activities effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2021. 100% Highway Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

From: 04-096-096-960015-363615-0000 Highway Surplus Account $525,000

04-096-096-960515-2928	Current Budget FY2021	Requested Change	Revised Budget FY2021
Winter Maintenance			
Expenses:			
017 500147 FT Employees Special Payment	$547,680	$0	$547,680
018 500106 Overtime	4,820,025	0	4,820,025
019 500105 Holiday Pay	34,847	0	34,847
020 500200 Current Expense	13,665,362	0	13,665,362
022 500257 Rents-Leases Other than State	8,549,773	500,000	9,049,773
023 500291 Heat, Electricity, Water	1,007,131	0	1,007,131
024 500225 Maint. Other than Bldg-Grounds	23,733	0	23,733
030 500311 Equipment New Replacement	427,950	0	427,950
037 500174 Technology-Hardware	50,000	0	50,000
038 500175 Technology-Software	100	0	100
039 500180 Telecommunications	117,119	0	117,119
047 500240 Own Forces Maint Bldgs & Grnds	13,577	0	13,577
048 500226 Contractual Maint Bldgs & Grnds	62,196	0	62,196
050 500109 Personal Service Temp	189,450	0	189,450
060 500601 Benefits	1,119,902	0	1,119,902
070 500704 In-State Travel Reimbursement	140,291	25,000	165,291
103 500741 Contracts for Op Services	136,111	0	136,111
Total	$30,905,247	$525,000	$31,430,247
Source of Funds			
Revenue:			
000-000015 Highway Funds	$30,905,247	$525,000	$31,430,247
Total	$30,905,247	$525,000	$31,430,247

EXPLANATION

The Department requests authorization to transfer from the Highway Surplus Account, the amount of $525,000 for winter maintenance activities. Specific explanations relating to the Department's spending requests are as follows:

Winter Maintenance (2928) 100% Highway Funds

Class 022 Increase Rents-Leases Other than State by $500,000
Class 070 Increase In-State Travel Reimbursement by $25,000

Due to projected costs of winter maintenance, the expenditures in the above class lines for snow removal and related activities will exceed the budget. Specifically, there are projected increased costs in rented equipment usage (Class 22) and the need for additional In-State Travel Reimbursement (Class 70).

For budgeting purposes, the Department estimates winter maintenance activities over a three-year average. In January, the Department requested through Fiscal Committee item #21-019 a request for additional funds as noted below in the table. Due to projected costs of winter maintenance, the expenditures in the above class lines for snow removal activities and related hired equipment usage will exceed the budgeted amount and the amount requested in January. At winter week 17 or 68% through the winter, the Department has expended 68% of the winter maintenance budget. At this time, the Department is requesting an additional $525,000 from the Undesignated Highway Fund balance for winter maintenance. Any funds not expended will be lapsed back into the Highway Fund during Fiscal Year end close.

Transfer requests and amounts lapsed for winter maintenance activities for the past five years (2017–2021):

Fiscal Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Transfer Requested	$9,105,750	$10,197,000	$11,126,400	$7,310,000	$4,467,900
Lapsed Funds related to Winter Maintenance Transfer Request	562,396	1,304,343	1,529,174	6,337,677	0
Transfer Funds Expended For Winter Maintenance Activities	**$8,543,354**	**$ 8,892,657**	**$9,597,226**	**$972,323**	**$4,467,900**

The surplus schedule attached includes the requested amount from this fiscal item and additional funds that are not anticipated to be needed in FY2021. The schedule indicates an additional $9M for winter maintenance, but with this request we anticipate only needing $5M resulting in an additional $4M to the balance of the Highway Fund.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

Attachment

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF UNDESIGNATED SURPLUS
HIGHWAY FUND
(Expressed in millions)

	Actual	Projected	Governor's Recommended	
	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Balance, July 1 (Budgetary)	**$ 68.0**	**$ 63.8**	**$ 23.6**	**$ 52.5**
Additions:				
Unrestricted Revenue				
Gasoline Tax	119.8	114.4	123.7	124.9
Motor Vehicle Fees	128.8	123.5	128.4	129.4
Other	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Total Unrestricted Revenue	**248.8**	**238.1**	**252.2**	**254.4**
Federal Stimulus Money for State Highways (1)			41.0	
Funding Lapse HB1817 - 2018 (3)			8.1	
Transfer In from General Fund	4.0			
Total Additions	**252.8**	**238.1**	**301.3**	**254.4**
Deductions:				
Appropriations Net of Estimated Revenues - Cost of Collections - DMV	(31.8)	(32.2)	(30.3)	(31.7)
Appropriations Net of Estimated Revenues - Safety	(33.4)	(34.3)	(34.3)	(35.7)
Appropriations Net of Estimated Revenues - Transportation (2)	(222.8)	(230.0)	(182.3)	(232.7)
Appropriation of Federal Stimulus Money for State Highways (1)			(41.0)	
Appropriations Net of Estimated Revenues - Judiciary	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)
Appropriations Net of Estimated Revenue SUBTOTAL	**(290.0)**	**(298.5)**	**(289.9)**	**(302.1)**
Additional Appropriations from Highway Surplus - Winter Maintenance (	(7.3)	(9.0)		
Other Appropriation Adjustments	(4.7)			
Less Lapse (Including cost of collections and other debits)	45.0	29.2	17.5	18.0
Total Deductions	**(257.0)**	**(278.3)**	**(272.4)**	**(284.1)**
Current Year Balance	**(4.2)**	**(40.2)**	**28.9**	**(29.7)**
Balance, June 30 (Budgetary)	**63.8**	**23.6**	**52.5**	**22.8**
GAAP and Other Adjustments	(27.9)	(27.0)	(27.0)	(22.5)
Balance, June 30 (GAAP)	**35.9**	**(3.4)**	**25.5**	**0.3**

(1) Federal funding for state highway funds including in the 2020 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act used to displace highway fund expenditures in FY22. These federal funds are allocated in 04-04-96-960515-3007.

(2) For FY22 and 23, Winter Maintenance costs are included in the Appropriations - Transportation.

(3) HB1817, Chapter Law 162:25, appropriated general funds to the Department of Transportation for bridge projects into a non-lapsing account. HB2 includes language for $8.1 million of unspent approprations to lapse to the Highway Fund.