



**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



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The Honorable Kenneth Weyler, Chairman  
 Fiscal Committee of the General Court and

Division of Operations  
 January 23, 2024

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 \$6,555,000 from the Highway Surplus Account to fund winter maintenance activities effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2024. 100% Highway Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

**From:** 04-096-096-960015-363615-0000 Highway Surplus Account \$6,555,000

04-096-096-960515-2928	Current Budget FY2024	Requested Change	Revised Budget FY2024
<b>Winter Maintenance</b>			
<b>Expenses:</b>			
017 500147 FT Employees Special Payment	\$3,598,840	\$0	\$3,598,840
018 500106 Overtime	5,577,403	0	5,577,403
019 500105 Holiday Pay	44,000	0	44,000
020 500200 Current Expense	13,306,102	3,500,000	16,806,102
022 500257 Rents-Leases Other than State	8,706,885	3,000,000	11,706,885
023 500291 Heat, Electricity, Water	967,000	40,000	1,007,000
024 500225 Maint. Other than Bldg-Grounds	205,995	0	205,995
030 500311 Equipment New Replacement	1,012,854	0	1,012,854
037 500174 Technology-Hardware	115,780	0	115,780
038 500175 Technology-Software	25,100	0	25,100
039 500180 Telecommunications	169,000	0	169,000
047 500240 Own Forces Maint Bldgs & Grnds	10,000	0	10,000
048 500226 Contractual Maint Bldgs & Grnds	51,143	0	51,143
049 584914 Class 049 Interagency 014 Expense	300,000	0	300,000
050 500109 Personal Service Temp	325,079	0	325,079
060 500601 Benefits	2,270,642	0	2,270,642
070 500704 In-State Travel Reimbursement	150,291	15,000	165,291
103 500741 Contracts for Op Services	136,111	0	136,111
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,972,224</b>	<b>\$6,555,000</b>	<b>\$43,527,224</b>

	<b>Current Budget FY2024</b>	<b>Requested Change</b>	<b>Revised Budget FY2024</b>
<b><u>Source of Funds</u></b>			
<b><u>Revenue:</u></b>			
000-000015 Highway Funds	\$36,972,224	\$6,555,000	\$43,527,224
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,972,224</b>	<b>\$6,555,000</b>	<b>\$43,527,224</b>

**EXPLANATION**

The Department requests authorization to transfer from the Highway Surplus Account, the amount of \$6,555,000 for winter maintenance activities and transfer funds between classes within winter maintenance. Specific explanations relating to the Department’s spending requests are as follows:

**Winter Maintenance (2928) 100% Highway Funds**

- Class 020 Increase Current Expense by \$3,500,000. This increase is to cover increased anti-icing material usage during winter storms.
- Class 022 Increase Rents-Leases Other than State by \$3,000,000. This increase is to cover use of outside contractors who assist with snow removal activities due to high vacancy levels within the Highway Maintenance Bureau.
- Class 023 Increase Heat, Electricity, Water by \$40,000. This increase is to cover increased cost of electricity and heating oil in Highway Maintenance facilities statewide.
- Class 070 Increase In-State Travel Reimbursement by \$15,000. This increase is to cover personal vehicle mileage paid to additional temporary personnel assisting in winter maintenance operations.

Due to current projected costs of winter maintenance, the expenditures in the above class lines for snow removal activities are anticipated to exceed the budget. Increases in contracted rental rates paired with high vacancy levels within the Highway Maintenance Bureau have resulted in higher costs due as the Department increases its dependency on outside contractors to support snow and ice removal activities. Although 2024 salt per ton cost rates have decreased from 2023 rates, the average per-ton cost remains 17.4% higher than when the current budget was developed two years ago. The average per-ton cost for salt over the last three years is shown in the table below:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Salt per ton cost</b>	<b>\$70.36</b>	<b>\$84.58</b>	<b>\$82.58</b>
<b>Percentage change from prior year</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>20.21%</b>	<b>(2.36)%</b>

These transfers will ensure that sufficient funds are available to pay vendors and contractors. 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 (2020–2024):

Fiscal Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Transfer Requested	\$7,310,000	\$4,992,900	\$3,945,000	\$9,695,000	\$6,555,000
Lapsed Funds related to Winter Maintenance Transfer Request	6,337,677	2,574,212	402,606	2,606,653	TBD
Transfer Funds Expended For Winter Maintenance Activities	\$972,323	\$2,418,688	\$3,542,394	\$7,088,347	TBD

See attached surplus schedule for available balance.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



William J. Cass, P.E.  
Commissioner

Attachment

State of New Hampshire

Surplus Statement - Highway Fund

12/29/2023

Fiscal Years 2021-2022 Actual 2023 Adj Auth Budget and 2024/2025 Approved Budget

(expressed in millions)

Actual Actual Actual Budget Budget  
Per ACFR Per ACFR Per ACFR Approved <sup>(1)</sup> Approved <sup>(1)</sup>

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
<b>Undesignated Fund Balance, July 1 (Budgetary)</b>	\$ 63.7	\$ 69.9	\$ 147.8	\$ 148.4	\$ 97.0
<b>Additions:</b>					
Unrestricted Revenue					
Gasoline Tax	118.4	124.1	126.8	125.0	125.6
Motor Vehicle Fees (actual includes Plea by Mail / Real ID)	130.0	133.3	126.7	133.6	133.5
Other	0.5	0.8	2.0	0.2	0.2
Less: Cost of Collection, net of lapse-DOS	(27.1)	(26.2)	(28.1)	(34.0)	(34.5)
Other Credits (FY21 \$8.1M; FY22 \$50M and FY23 \$10M)	8.1	50.0	10.0	-	-
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>229.9</b>	<b>282.0</b>	<b>237.4</b>	<b>224.8</b>	<b>224.8</b>
<b>Deductions:</b>					
Appropriations Net of Estimated Revenues-DOT	(230.5)	(190.5)	(227.0)	(237.8)	(241.4)
Appropriations Net of Estimated Revenues-DOS/Other	(34.3)	(35.5)	(37.0)	(42.3)	(45.6)
Payroll Increase - FY 24-25				(9.3)	(11.3)
<b>Appropriations Net of Estimated Revenue SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>(264.8)</b>	<b>(226.0)</b>	<b>(264.0)</b>	<b>(289.4)</b>	<b>(298.3)</b>
<b>Additional Appropriations:</b>					
Transfer from Highway Surplus - Winter Maintenance RSA 228:12	(5.0)	(3.4)	(9.7)		
Transfer from Highway Surplus - Winter Maintenance Retention Bonus	-	-	(4.3)	(4.2)	(4.3)
Transfer from Highway Surplus - Purchase of Backhoes				(4.8)	
Transfer from Highway Surplus - CBA: Increased Winter and new Non-Winter Stipends				(2.6)	(2.6)
<b>Subtotal Additional Appropriations</b>	<b>(5.0)</b>	<b>(3.4)</b>	<b>(14.0)</b>	<b>(11.6)</b>	<b>(6.9)</b>
<b>Less Lapse:</b>					
Lapse-DOT	41.3	24.0	44.7	22.3	22.8
Lapse-DOS/Other	6.8	0.2	1.7	4.0	4.0
<b>Subtotal Lapse</b>	<b>48.1</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>46.4</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>26.8</b>
Other (Debits)	(2.0)	1.1	(5.2)	(1.5)	(1.5)
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>(223.7)</b>	<b>(204.1)</b>	<b>(236.8)</b>	<b>(276.2)</b>	<b>(279.9)</b>
<b>Current Year Activity</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>(51.4)</b>	<b>(55.1)</b>
<b>Total Fund Balance, June 30 (Budgetary)</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>148.4</b>	<b>97.0</b>	<b>41.9</b>
GAAP and Other Adjustments	(34.6)	(36.1)	(35.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)
<b>Undesignated Fund Balance, June 30 (GAAP)</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>111.7</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>72.0</b>	<b>16.9</b>

Notes

(1) Source: [https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/LBA/Budget/operating\\_budgets/2024-2025/House\\_Finance/Highway%20Surplus%204-6-23.pdf](https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/LBA/Budget/operating_budgets/2024-2025/House_Finance/Highway%20Surplus%204-6-23.pdf)