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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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

Division of Operations
January 28, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 228:12, authorize the Department of Transportation to transfer \$3,776,578 from the Highway Surplus Account to fund winter maintenance activities, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2026. 100% Highway Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted as follows:

From: 04-096-096-960015-363615-0000 Highway Surplus Account \$3,776,578

04-096-096-960515-2928	Current Budget FY2026	Requested Change	Revised Budget FY2026
Winter Maintenance			
Source of Funds			
Revenue:			
000-000015 Highway Funds	\$46,902,118	\$3,776,578	\$ 50,678,696
Total	\$46,902,118	\$3,776,578	\$ 50,678,696
Expenses:			
017 500147 FT Employees Special Payment	\$3,598,840	\$0	\$3,598,840
018 500106 Overtime	6,493,822	500,000	6,993,822
019 500105 Holiday Pay	44,800	0	44,800
020 500200 Current Expense	17,995,911	1,000,000	18,995,911
022 500257 Rents-Leases Other than State	13,518,673	2,000,000	15,518,673
023 500291 Heat, Electricity, Water	1,092,000	0	1,092,000
024 500225 Maint. Other than Bldg-Grounds	143,355	0	143,355
030 500311 Equipment New Replacement	1,056,790	0	1,056,790
037 500174 Technology-Hardware	50,042	0	50,042
038 500175 Technology-Software	25,100	0	25,100
039 500180 Telecommunications	169,000	0	169,000
047 500240 Own Forces Maint Bldgs & Grnds	30,000	0	30,000

04-096-096-960515-2928	Current Budget FY2026	Requested Change	Revised Budget FY2026
048 500226 Contractual Maint Bldgs & Grnds	44,000	0	44,000
049 584914 Class 049 Interagency 014 Expense	100,000	0	100,000
050 500109 Personal Service Temp	397,934	35,000	432,934
060 500601 Benefits	1,815,449	201,578	2,017,027
070 500704 In-State Travel Reimbursement	190,291	40,000	230,291
103 500741 Contracts for Op Services	136,111	0	136,111
Total	\$46,902,118	\$3,776,578	\$ 50,678,696

EXPLANATION

The Department requests authorization to transfer from the Highway Surplus Account, the amount of \$3,776,578 for additional winter maintenance expenditures. Specific explanations relating to the Department's spending requests from the Highway Surplus account are as follows:

Winter Maintenance (2928) 100% Highway Funds

- Class 018 Increase Overtime by \$ 500,000. This anticipated increase is to cover additional overtime expenditures during snow and ice removal during and following winter storms.
- Class 020 Increase Current Expense by \$1,000,000. This anticipated increase is to cover anti-icing materials usage.
- Class 022 Increase Rents-Leases Other than State by \$2,000,000. This estimated increase is to cover the use of private contractors and equipment who assist with snow removal activities.
- Class 050 Increase Personal Service Temp by \$35,000. This increase is to cover increased usage of part-time and seasonal employees assisting with winter maintenance activities.
- Class 060 Increase Benefits by \$201,578. Additional benefit expenses are the result of increased overtime and part-time labor usage to clear roads during and after winter storm events.
- Class 070 Increase In-State Travel Reimbursement by \$40,000. This increase is to cover additional employee call-back mileage as prescribed in the Collective Bargaining Agreement for winter maintenance cleanup activities.

Due to current projected winter maintenance costs, the expenditures in the above class lines for snow removal activities are anticipated to exceed the current budget.

These transfers are required to address negative lapses associated with employee pay, to increase funding available for temporary and seasonal help, to address anticipated need for anti-icing materials, and to ensure vendors and contractors are paid for services provided on a timely basis.

As in previous years, any funds not expended will be lapsed back into the Highway Fund during Fiscal Year end close. Please see below charts for the five-year trends for salt cost per ton and the actual lapses back to the Highway Fund related to winter maintenance transfers.

5-Year Cost Trend for Salt per ton

Fiscal Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Salt per ton cost	\$70.36	\$84.58	\$82.58	\$80.94	\$82.57
Percentage change from prior year	--	20.21%	(2.36%)	(2.00%)	2.02%

5-Year Winter Maintenance Lapse back to the Highway Fund

Fiscal Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total Transfer Amount Requested	\$3,945,000	\$9,695,000	\$6,555,000	\$10,001,710	\$ 13,218,436
Lapsed Funds related to Winter Maintenance Transfer Request	402,606	2,606,653	2,650,380	2,501,920	TBD
Transfer Funds Expended for Winter Maintenance Activities	\$3,542,394	\$7,088,347	\$3,904,620	\$7,499,790	TBD

See attached surplus schedule for the available balance in the Highway Fund.

Your approval of this resolution is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,



William J. Cass, P.E.
Commissioner

Attachment

**State of New Hampshire
Surplus Statement - Highway Fund
Fiscal Years 2023-2026**

(expressed in millions)

Actual
Per ACFR *Actual*
Per ACFR *Actual*
Per ACFR

	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Undesignated Fund Balance, July 1 (Budgetary)	\$ 147.8	\$ 148.4	\$ 123.9
Additions:			
Unrestricted Revenue			
Gasoline Tax	126.8	128.5	127.2
Motor Vehicle Fees (actual includes Plea by Mail / Real ID)	126.7	137.3	141.7
Other	2.0	0.9	0.8
Less: Cost of Collection, net of lapse-DOS	(28.1)	(31.3)	(33.0)
Other Credits (FY23 \$10M; FY26 \$9.0M) ⁽²⁾	10.0	-	-
Total Additions	237.4	235.4	236.7
Deductions:			
Appropriations Net of Estimated Revenues-DOT	(227.0)	(244.3)	(250.5)
Appropriations Net of Estimated Revenues-DOS/Other	(37.0)	(39.9)	(41.5)
Appropriations Net of Estimated Revenue SUBTOTAL	(264.0)	(284.2)	(292.0)
Additional Appropriations:			
Transfer from Highway Surplus - Winter Maintenance RSA 228:12 ⁽³⁾	(9.7)	(6.6)	(5.7)
Transfer from Highway Surplus - Block Grant Shortfall RSA 235:23, I	-	-	-
Transfer from Highway Surplus - Winter Maintenance Retention Bonus	(4.3)	(4.2)	(3.5)
Transfer from Highway Surplus - Purchase of Leased Backhoes	-	(4.8)	-
Transfer from Highway Surplus - CBA: Increased Winter and new Non-Winter Stipends	-	(1.3)	(5.6)
Subtotal Additional Appropriations	(14.0)	(16.9)	(14.8)
Less Lapse:			
Lapse-DOT ⁽⁴⁾	44.7	40.9	53.1
Lapse-DOS/Other ⁽⁴⁾	1.7	4.4	9.0
Subtotal Lapse	46.4	45.3	62.1
Other (Debits)	(5.2)	(4.1)	(5.6)
Total Deductions	(236.8)	(259.9)	(250.3)
Current Year Activity	0.6	(24.5)	(13.6)
Total Fund Balance, June 30 (Budgetary)	148.4	123.9	110.3
GAAP and Other Adjustments ⁽²⁾	(35.0)	(37.7)	(47.2)
Undesignated Fund Balance, June 30 (GAAP)	113.4	86.2	63.1

Notes

- (1) FY26 numbers from Committee of Conference 6/19/25
- (2) FY26 includes Motor Vehicle Fee Increase (HB2) \$10.5M; Passenger MV Inspection Repeal (HB2 / HB649) \$(1.6)M; Expedited Driveway Permit \$0.1M
- (3) Assuming approval of request in February 2026