Department of Transportation

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Brief Summary

Information contained in this document is based on the Governor's FY2026 Budget and may not correspond with the final budget adopted by the Legislature.

Source of Funds

Distribution of General Funds



Key Personnel

- Joel Jundt, Secretary
- Kellie Beck, Finance and Management
- Craig Smith, Operations
- Mike Behm, Planning and Engineering

Mission of the Department of Transportation

The mission of the Department of Transportation to provide a safe, efficient and effective transportation system.

Department of Transportation Budget Units

- Secretariat (1110)
- Finance and Management (1111)
- Planning and Engineering (1112)

- Operations (1113)
- Construction Contracts Info (1120)

Major Items Summary - Department of Transportation

	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendation					
	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
FY 2026 Base Budget	\$718,399	\$851,917,545	\$397,245,780	\$1,249,881,724	1,014.3	\$718,399	\$851,917,545	\$397,245,780	\$1,249,881,724	1,014.3
1. Bureau Billing Increases	\$0	\$0	\$625,688	\$625,688	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0
2. Increased cost of janitorial services	\$0	\$0	\$324,568	\$324,568	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000	0.0
3. Software Cost Increases: Finance Office	\$0	\$0	\$2,286,710	\$2,286,710	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$1,063,369	\$1,063,369	0.0
4. Supply and Capital Asset Cost Increases: Aberdeen Region	\$0	\$0	\$433,454	\$433,454	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$217,820	\$217,820	0.0
5. Supply and Capital Asset Cost Increases: Mitchell Region	\$0	\$0	\$1,600,693	\$1,600,693	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$1,443,347	\$1,443,347	0.0
6. Supply and Capital Asset Cost Increases: Pierre Region	\$0	\$0	\$705,607	\$705,607	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$587,423	\$587,423	0.0
7. Supply and Capital Asset Cost Increases: Rapid City Region	\$0	\$0	\$263,649	\$263,649	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$153,908	\$153,908	0.0
8. Transit Program: Match 2% Increase in Federal Grants	\$0	\$0	\$26,133	\$26,133	0.0	\$0	\$0	\$26,133	\$26,133	0.0
FY 2026 Total Budget	\$718,399	\$851,917,545	\$403,512,282	\$1,256,148,226	1,014.3	\$718,399	\$851,917,545	\$400,745,780	\$1,253,381,724	1,014.3
Change from Base Budget % Change from Base Budget	\$0 0.0%	\$0 0.0%	\$6,266,502 1.6%	\$6,266,502 0.5%	0.0 0.0%	\$0 0.0%	\$0 0.0%	\$3,500,000 0.9%		0.0 0.0%

1. Bureau Billing Increases

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$0	\$0	\$625,688	\$625,688	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00

The agency requests an increase of **\$625,688** in **other fund** expenditure authority for the services provided by the bureaus of Finance and Management, Information and Technologies, and Human Resources and Administration. The centralized services provided by these bureaus facilitate many of the routine operations of state agencies.

The governor does not recommend this request.

2. Increased cost of janitorial services

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$0	\$0	\$324,568	\$324,568	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000	0.00

The agency requests an increase of \$324,568 in **other fund** expenditure authority for the increased cost of janitorial services at rest stops and agency office buildings.

The governor recommends an increase of \$8,000 in other fund expenditure authority.

3. Software Cost Increases: Finance Office

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$0	\$0	\$2,286,710	\$2,286,710	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$1,063,369	\$1,063,369	0.00

The agency requests an increase of \$2,286,710 in **other fund** expenditure authority for an array of software products that the secretariat uses to understand weather conditions, advise citizens, and maintain South Dakota's transportation infrastructure.

The governor recommends an increase of \$1,063,369 in **other fund** expenditure authority.

4. Supply and Capital Asset Cost Increases: Aberdeen Region

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$0	\$0	\$433,454	\$433,454	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	<i>\$0</i>	\$217,820	\$217,820	0.00

The agency requests an increase of **\$433,454** in **other fund** expenditure authority for the purchase of supplies and capital goods for Transportation's maintenance of infrastructure in the Aberdeen Region.

The governor recommends an increase of **\$217,820** in **other fund** expenditure authority.

5. Supply and Capital Asset Cost Increases: Mitchell Region

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$0	\$0	\$1,600,693	\$1,600,693	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$1,443,347	\$1,443,347	0.00

The agency requests an increase of **\$1,600,693** in **other fund** expenditure authority for the purchase of supplies and capital goods for Transportation's maintenance of infrastructure in the Mitchell Region.

The governor recommends an increase of **\$1,443,347** in **other fund** expenditure authority.

6. Supply and Capital Asset Cost Increases: Pierre Region

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$0	\$0	\$705,607	\$705,607	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	<i>\$587,423</i>	<i>\$587,423</i>	0.00

The agency requests an increase of **\$705,607** in **other fund** expenditure authority for the purchase of supplies and capital goods for Transportation's maintenance of infrastructure in the Pierre Region.

The governor recommends an increase of **\$587,423** in **other fund** expenditure authority.

7. Supply and Capital Asset Cost Increases: Rapid City Region

	General	Federal	Other	Total	FTE
Agency Request	\$0	\$0	\$263,649	\$263,649	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	<i>\$0</i>	\$153,908	\$153,908	0.00

The agency requests an increase of **\$263,649** in **other fund** expenditure authority for the purchase of supplies and capital goods for Transportation's maintenance of infrastructure in the Rapid City Region.

The governor recommends an increase of **\$153,908** in **other fund** expenditure authority.

8. Transit Program: Match 2% Increase in Federal Grants

	General	Federal	Otner	iotai	FIE
Agency Request	\$0	\$0	\$26,133	\$26,133	0.00
Governor's Recommendation	\$0	\$0	\$26,133	\$26,133	0.00

The agency requests an increase of \$26,133 in **other fund** expenditure authority to match an increase in federal grant amounts.

The agencies and communities receiving these grants are listed in the table below.

Aberdeen Ride Line	River Cities Public Transit (Pierre)
Brandon City Transit	Rosebud Sioux Tribe Transportation
Brookings Area Transit Authority	Prairie Hills Transit (Spearfish)
DellsXpress (Dell Rapids)	Standing Rock Public Transit
People's Transit (Huron)	ROCS Transit (Wagner)
Jefferson Lines (Intercity Bus Provider)	Community Transit of Watertown and Sisseton Inc.
East Dakota Transit (Madison)	Southeast Public Transit (Yankton)
Palace Transit (Mitchell)	RTAP Training Activities
SDDOT Administrative Costs	

The governor recommends this request.

Department of Transportation Budget Request FY 2026 FY 2024 Budget FY 2026 Change By Fund Category FY 2023 Actual FY 2024 Actual FY 2025 Budget Governors Revised **Agency Request** From FY2025 Recommended General \$533,182 \$675,424 \$691,928 \$718,399 \$718,399 \$718,399 \$0 Federal \$522,203,691 \$640,095,969 \$849,979,775 \$851,917,545 \$851,917,545 \$851,917,545 \$0 Other \$390,546,375 \$400,723,162 \$413,270,527 \$397,245,780 \$403,512,282 \$400,745,780 \$3,500,000 \$1,256,148,226 \$1,253,381,724 \$3,500,000 Total \$913,283,248 \$1,041,494,554 \$1,263,942,230 \$1,249,881,724 FY 2026 FY 2024 Budget FY 2026 Change By Program FY 2023 Actual FY 2024 Actual FY 2025 Budget Governors Revised **Agency Request** From FY2025 Recommended \$4,761,181 \$4,761,181 \$4,761,181 Secretariat \$4,051,926 \$4,708,400 \$4,633,639 \$0

By Program	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
Finance and Management	\$23,569,947	\$34,310,315	\$49,450,392	\$51,745,001	\$54,057,844	\$52,834,503	\$1,089,502
Planning and Engineering	\$28,951,231	\$32,626,974	\$35,271,881	\$36,659,549	\$36,659,549	\$36,659,549	\$0
Operations	\$150,815,945	\$156,999,328	\$159,796,399	\$167,102,835	\$171,056,494	\$169,513,333	\$2,410,498
Construction Contracts - Info	\$705,894,199	\$812,849,538	\$989,613,158	\$989,613,158	\$989,613,158	\$989,613,158	\$0
Total	\$913,283,248	\$1,041,494,554	\$1,238,765,469	\$1,249,881,724	\$1,256,148,226	\$1,253,381,724	\$3,500,000
By Object Expenditure Personnel Costs	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$85,011,153	\$95,353,590	\$100,386,913	\$104,086,986	\$104,086,986	\$104,086,986	\$0
Salaries	\$65,440,891	\$73,579,526	\$76,387,959	\$79,630,149	\$79,630,149	\$79,630,149	\$0
Benefits	\$19,570,262	\$21,774,064	\$23,998,954	\$24,456,837	\$24,456,837	\$24,456,837	\$0
Operating Expenditures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2024 Budget Revised	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2026 Agency Request	FY 2026 Governors Recommended	Change From FY2025
	\$828,272,094	\$946,140,964	\$1,163,555,317	\$1,145,794,738	\$1,152,061,240	\$1,149,294,738	\$3,500,000
Travel	\$1,817,390	\$1,787,551	\$2,149,399	\$2,391,586	\$2,391,586	\$2,391,586	\$0
Contractual Services	\$743,922,266	\$857,487,154	\$1,075,922,709	\$1,055,617,050	\$1,058,854,016	\$1,056,688,419	\$1,071,369
Supplies	\$36,949,231	\$26,770,450	\$29,881,448	\$33,839,146	\$36,442,549	\$35,849,644	\$2,010,498
Grants	\$15,556,305	\$22,912,824	\$21,180,429	\$21,100,624	\$21,126,757	\$21,126,757	\$26,133
Capital Outlay	\$29,493,339	\$36,913,971	\$34,421,332	\$32,846,332	\$33,246,332	\$33,238,332	\$392,000
Other Expenses and Budgeted Operating Transfers Out	\$533,563	\$269,013	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$913,283,248	\$1,041,494,554	\$1,263,942,230	\$1,249,881,724	\$1,256,148,226	\$1,253,381,724	\$3,500,000
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	993.22	1,008.52	1,014.3	1,014.3	1,014.3	1,014.3	0.00

Funding Sources	(Governor's Recommended)	
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	General	Federal	Other	General%	Federal%	Other%
STATE HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$0	\$392,687,921	0.0%	0.0%	98.0%
FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS (COVID-19)	\$0	\$20,000,000	\$0	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%
RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION FUND	\$0	\$0	\$359,388	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
RAILROAD TRUST	\$0	\$0	\$4,004,480	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$718,399	\$0	\$0	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FEDERAL TRANSIT	\$0	\$17,120,904	\$0	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%
HIGHWAY-CRASH RECORDS	\$0	\$764,413,941	\$0	0.0%	89.7%	0.0%
AERONAUTICS	\$0	\$32,268,873	\$0	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%
RAILROAD	\$0	\$18,113,827	\$0	0.0%	2.1%	0.0%
AERONAUTICS-P&D FUND	\$0	\$0	\$2,768,334	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%
AIRCRAFT CLEARING-ADMIN & WARE	\$0	\$0	\$181,628	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
AIRCRAFT CLEARING-KING AIR 90	\$0	\$0	\$277,366	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
AIRCRAFT CLEARING-KING AIR 350	\$0	\$0	\$466,663	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%