



Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan's 2025 Budget Minnesota Department of Public Safety

House Transportation Finance and Policy
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Minnesota Department of Public Safety



Deputy Commissioner Cassandra O'Hern

Mission

Serving all communities to build a safer Minnesota.

Minnesota Department of Public Safety



Transportation

Policy and Finance Committees

- Minnesota State Patrol
- Office of Traffic Safety
- Driver and Vehicle Services
- Office of Pipeline Safety
- Office of State Safety Oversight
- Administration and related services

Public Safety

Policy and Finance Committee

- Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement
- State Fire Marshal
- Office of Justice Programs
- Emergency Communication Networks
- Homeland Security and Emergency Management
- Bureau of Criminal Apprehension



- **Operating adjustment**

- FY26 — \$4.1 million
- FY27 — \$6.1 million
- Includes General Fund, Special Revenue and Trunk Highway Funds

- **Grant administration authority**

- Provide DPS with flexibility to ensure grant funds are properly administered
- Combat fraud, waste and abuse of public funds

Minnesota State Patrol



Col. Christina Bogojevic

Mission

Protect and serve all people in the state through assistance, education and enforcement; provide support to allied agencies; and provide for the safe, efficient movement of traffic on Minnesota's roadways.

Vision

To eliminate vehicle crashes in Minnesota through highly professional service and implementation of evolving best practices.



Minnesota State Patrol



- **State Patrol Metro Headquarters Building**
 - Current building is not secure, nondescript and lacks best practices
 - FY26 and FY27 — \$48.513 million each year
- **State Patrol recruitment and hiring initiatives**
 - Seeks to improve recruitment to keep up with attrition
 - FY26 and FY27 — \$1.045 million each year
 - FY28 and FY29 — \$10.365 million each year
- **Excessive speed penalty modified**
 - Excessive speeding is a growing and dangerous problem
 - Modification would increase penalties for going more than 35 mph over the posted speed limit



Office of Traffic Safety



Director Mike Hanson

Mission

To prevent traffic deaths and serious injuries by changing human behavior in Minnesota through policy development and support, stakeholder engagement, program delivery, leadership, and research and evaluation.





- **Planning and administration match**

- OTS relies on federal funds to accomplish mission and goals. Federal NHTSA funds require a 50% match for planning and administration.
- Proposal would increase the state match to maximize federal dollars and support the work of the agency.
- FY26 and FY27 — \$485,000 each year

- **Seat belt requirement for Class II ATVs**

- Class II ATV use on public roads has increased. Crashes have also increased. Requiring seat belts will prevent serious injury and death when a crash occurs.



Driver and Vehicle Services



Director Pong Xiong

Mission

Deliver customer focused driver and vehicle services by optimizing technology and building efficiencies that value employees, support business partners and earn the trust of all Minnesotans.

Driver and Vehicle Services



- **No-fee transaction payments to service providers**
 - Provide compensation to Deputy Registrars, Driver's License Agents, and Full-Service Providers for transactions where they complete the work and currently receive no fee
 - Estimated \$2.189 million in annual payments
- **Rulemaking authority for Ignition Interlock Device Program**
 - Authorize rulemaking and provide resources to manage and complete rulemaking process
 - FY26 — \$457,000
 - FY27 — \$133,000

Driver and Vehicle Services



- **Online driver's license renewal**

- Allow option to renew driver's licenses online once every eight years
- FY26 and FY27— \$2.074 million each year in estimated revenue

- **Commercial learner's permit length extension**

- Allow those seeking a CDL to hold their permit for an additional six months. Aligns with federal standards.

Driver and Vehicle Services



- **Replace license plates at time of vehicle transfer**
 - Require customers to purchase a new plate when purchasing a vehicle. Helps ensure plates on the road are registered to the current owner of the vehicle.
 - FY26 — \$726,000 in estimated revenue
 - FY27 — \$1.452 million in estimated revenue
- **Dealer plate changes**
 - Create some limitation on dealer plates to prevent misuse.
- **Background check expansion for auto dealers**
 - Recommends expanding background checks on applications to become an auto dealer to be full nationwide criminal background checks through the FBI.

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Questions?

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