

Department of Transportation

DOT57000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Special Transportation Fund	3,567	3,567	3,567	3,567	3,567	3,567	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Actual FY 25	Governor Estimated FY 26	Original Appropriation FY 27	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference -Gov FY 27
Personal Services	199,281,277	223,464,007	236,076,271	236,076,271	236,076,271	236,076,271	-
Other Expenses	65,814,075	67,639,197	63,434,586	63,434,586	63,434,586	63,534,586	100,000
Equipment	2,102,963	2,106,004	1,376,329	1,376,329	2,176,329	2,176,329	-
Minor Capital Projects	613,716	798,680	449,639	449,639	449,639	449,639	-
Other Current Expenses							
Highway Planning And Research	4,686,570	4,076,169	3,060,131	3,060,131	3,905,131	3,905,131	-
Rail Operations	231,583,406	283,570,938	316,004,297	318,803,218	338,466,521	341,466,521	3,000,000
Bus Operations	163,507,463	292,425,217	296,608,656	301,407,448	310,765,967	325,065,967	14,300,000
ADA Para-transit Program	40,449,546	40,449,542	51,982,687	51,982,687	53,535,914	53,535,914	-
Non-ADA Dial-A-Ride Program	576,361	576,361	576,361	576,361	576,361	576,361	-
Pay-As-You-Go Transportation Projects	38,908,422	41,388,794	18,054,208	18,054,208	18,054,208	18,054,208	-
Port Authority	400,000	400,000	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation Asset Management	5,798,832	3,003,158	3,004,254	3,004,254	3,004,254	3,004,254	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Transportation to Work	2,370,629	2,370,629	2,370,629	2,370,629	2,370,629	2,500,629	130,000
Grant Payments to Local Governments							
Town Aid Road Grants - TF	60,000,000	60,000,000	-	-	-	-	-
Agency Total - Special Transportation Fund	816,093,260	1,022,268,696	992,998,048	1,000,595,761	1,032,815,810	1,050,345,810	17,530,000
Other Expenses	549,991	549,962	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	-
Agency Total - Cannabis Regulatory Fund	549,991	549,962	550,000	550,000	550,000	550,000	-
Total - Appropriated Funds	816,643,251	1,022,818,658	993,548,048	1,001,145,761	1,033,365,810	1,050,895,810	17,530,000

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Policy Revisions

Provide Funding to Extend Microtransit Pilot

Bus Operations	-	10,500,000	10,500,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund	-	10,500,000	10,500,000

Background

Microtransit refers to transportation by an accessible multi-passenger vehicle that uses a digital network or software application to offer on-demand service in response to individual or aggregate consumer demand. Among other things, microtransit is intended to fill in gaps in the state's public transportation system and many of the existing service areas provide connections to fixed route bus stops or rail stations.

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PA 22-40 required DOT to establish a two-year microtransit pilot program, including in rural areas of the state not covered by public transportation. In March 2024, the agency awarded \$19.5 million to the following nine transit districts and municipalities:

- Southeastern Area Transit (SEAT) - New London Smart Ride (all of New London) and HOP (parts of Stonington, Groton and, until December 2025, Waterford)
- Norwalk Transit District - Wheels2U (Norwalk)
- Valley Transit District - VTGo (Ansonia, Derby, and parts of Shelton)
- Greater Hartford Transit District - GHTDLink (parts of Enfield and East Windsor)
- Milford Transit District - Milford Micro (parts of Milford)
- River Valley Transit - XtraMile (Madison, Guilford, and parts of Middletown and East Hampton)
- Greater Bridgeport Transit - GBT Connect (Trumbull)
- City of Stamford - StamFORWARD (parts of Stamford)
- City of New Haven - Via NHV (parts of New Haven)

Nearly 352,000 riders have used these services from March 2024 through December 2025, with recent totals averaging approximately 28,000 monthly riders.

PA 26-21 extends DOT's microtransit program, which previously had been set to expire at the end of FY 26, by an additional year.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$10.5 million in FY 27 to extend the existing microtransit pilot programs by an additional year.

Provide Funding to Increase Service on Shore Line East

Rail Operations	-	3,000,000	3,000,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund	-	3,000,000	3,000,000

Background

Shore Line East is a regional rail service that operates between New London and New Haven, with select weekday thru service to Stamford. Legislative efforts to increase service in recent years are part of an effort to ensure that transportation services in the region are keeping pace with growth in business and related workforce demands. Current service levels on Shore Line East are approximately 60% of pre-pandemic (2019) levels.

Section 480 of PA 26-68, the FY 27 Revised Budget, as amended by PA 26-76, requires that \$3 million of funds provided in this account for FY 27 be used for increasing service on Shore Line East.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$3 million in FY 27 to increase service levels on Shore Line East.

Provide Funding for Bus Fare Discounts and Passes

Bus Operations	2,500,000	2,500,000	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	2,500,000	2,500,000	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides \$2.5 million to DOT to implement a 50% fare discount program on CTtransit for students and veterans.

Section 7 of PA 26-21, as amended by Section 64 of PA 26-76, and Section 65 of PA 26-76 implement a related series of bus programs including: (1) a 50% CTtransit fare discount program for high school students, (2) a 50% CTtransit fare discount program for veterans, and (3) grants to local and regional boards of education for purchasing CTtransit and transit district bus passes.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2.5 million in FY 27 to support bus fare reductions on CTtransit for students and veterans.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$2.5 million in FY 27 to support the following related bus programs: (1) a 50% CTtransit fare discount program for high school students, (2) a 50% CTtransit fare discount program for veterans, and (3) grants to local and regional boards of education for purchasing CTtransit and transit district bus passes.

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Provide Funding for Greater Bridgeport Transit

Bus Operations	-	3,800,000	3,800,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund	-	3,800,000	3,800,000

Background

The Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority (GBT) provides fixed route and ADA Paratransit bus services in Bridgeport, Fairfield, Stratford and Trumbull with services extending to Shelton, Derby, Milford, Westport, Norwalk and Monroe. GBT is the largest transit district in the state.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$3.8 million in FY 27 for Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority to partly close an anticipated funding shortfall.

Provide Funding for Rides for Jobs

Transportation to Work	-	130,000	130,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund	-	130,000	130,000

Background

The Transportation to Work account supports various programs that provide improved access to employment for low-income workers who meet certain eligibility requirements. Funding for this account has not increased since FY 17.

Among the programs funded by Transportation to Work is the Rides for Jobs program, which provides transportation services, including taxi vouchers, bus passes, mileage reimbursement, etc., to eligible low-income individuals for employment related activities. The program is administered by Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium, Inc.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$130,000 in FY 27 to Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium, Inc. to support projected needs for the Rides for Jobs program.

Provide Funding for Commuter Tax Credit Administration

Other Expenses	-	100,000	100,000
Total - Special Transportation Fund	-	100,000	100,000

Background

Section 1 of PA 26-21 establishes an employer tax credit for qualified commuter transportation benefits that is partly administered by DOT. Among other things, DOT must review and approve employer applications and commuter benefit plans, verify certain expenditures, and issue vouchers in the amount of the applicable credit percentage.

Legislative

Provide funding of \$100,000 in FY 27 to support administration costs associated with the qualified commuter transportation benefit tax credit.

Require a Report on Road Safety in Greater Bridgeport

Legislative

Require DOT to report on road safety projects in the Greater Bridgeport area including, but not limited to, the status of road safety audits, road diets, and related safety efforts.

Current Services

Adjust Funding for Rail Operations to Reflect Revenue and Spending Projections

Rail Operations	19,663,303	19,663,303	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	19,663,303	19,663,303	-

Background

The Rail Operations account is used to fund state subsidies related to the New Haven Line, Shore Line East, and Hartford Line.

The Governor's Recommended Budget adjusts this account to reflect current revenue and spending trends and to maintain current service levels. One notable adjustment within this item of the Governor's Recommended Budget is projected savings of

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\$8.8 million based on using diesel engines between New Haven and New London on Shore Line East (which is currently all electric). This initiative partly offsets various other adjustments within the Rail Operations account.

Governor

Provide funding of \$19,663,303 in FY 27 to reflect current revenue and spending projections.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for Bus Operations to Reflect Revenue and Spending Projections

Bus Operations	6,858,519	6,858,519	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	6,858,519	6,858,519	-

Background

The Bus Operations account represents the state's operating subsidy for bus services including CTtransit, express bus services, microtransit, and services provided by transit districts. This account also funds the State Matching Grant Program for municipal dial-a-ride services.

The Governor's Recommended Budget adjusts this account to reflect current revenue and spending trends and to maintain current service levels. Included within this adjustment is an increase in the per-semester U-Pass fee from \$40 to \$50, which provides savings of approximately \$1.5 million within the overall Bus Operations adjustment.

Governor

Provide funding of \$6,858,519 in FY 27 to reflect current revenue and spending projections.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding for ADA Paratransit Services to Reflect Revenue and Spending Projections

ADA Para-transit Program	1,553,227	1,553,227	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	1,553,227	1,553,227	-

Background

The ADA Paratransit Program is designed to meet the ADA service criteria established by the federal government to provide transportation accessibility services in all areas with local fixed transit routes. Services must be provided within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of a fixed bus route or rail station, at the same hours and days, for no more than twice the regular fixed route fare, and individuals must be found eligible by a Connecticut regional ADA service provider.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,553,227 in FY 27 to reflect current revenue and spending projections.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Adjust Research Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Highway Planning And Research	845,000	845,000	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	845,000	845,000	-

Background

DOT's Highway Planning and Research account provides the state match to federal planning and research program funding.

Governor

Provide funding of \$845,000 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor

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Adjust Equipment Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Equipment	800,000	800,000	-
Total - Special Transportation Fund	800,000	800,000	-

Background

DOT's equipment account funds various purchases including for information technology, materials testing, surveying, facilities services, traffic monitoring, and bridge safety, among other things.

Governor

Provide funding of \$800,000 in FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Legislative

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - TF	1,000,595,761	1,000,595,761	-
Policy Revisions	2,500,000	20,030,000	17,530,000
Current Services	29,720,049	29,720,049	-
Total Recommended - TF	1,032,815,810	1,050,345,810	17,530,000
Original Appropriation - CRF	550,000	550,000	-
Total Recommended - CRF	550,000	550,000	-

Positions	Governor Revised FY 27	Legislative FY 27	Difference from Governor
Original Appropriation - TF	3,567	3,567	-
Total Recommended - TF	3,567	3,567	-