



Budget Brief: Equipment Management

SUMMARY

The Equipment Management program of the Department of Transportation is organized into two primary programs: Equipment Purchases, and Central Repair Shops.

The Equipment Management Division is responsible for management, maintenance and repair of the department's 4,100 units. The fleet's current replacement value is \$210,000,000. They have 88 employees and expend over \$20,000,000 to manage, operate, and maintain the fleet. They spend over \$8,300,000 to purchase replacement units and radios for the fleet.

ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The base budget for the Equipment Management Division of the Department of Transportation line item for FY 2010 is \$17,806,100. This funding is for the Equipment Purchases and Shops programs.

Equipment Purchases

The Equipment Management System maintains a computerized system containing an accounting of expenditures on each individual vehicle and maintenance-type piece of equipment; requests and executes work programs for buying replacement vehicles and maintenance equipment; provides specialized training programs to improve the skills of equipment operators and mechanics; analyzes computer reports in an effort to discover ways of improving fleet operations, reducing maintenance and repair costs and increasing the usage of equipment.

Anticipated purchases are \$7,749,000 for road equipment. Other expenditures include \$60,000 for small shop tools and equipment, \$100,000 for 150 800 and 150 MHZ radios, and \$100,000 for fleet upgrades. Total program funding recommendation for this program is \$8,359,000.

Shops

The Central Repair Shops carry out a program of preventive maintenance and repair of all department-owned vehicles, trucks and maintenance equipment. All maintenance districts of the Department of Transportation have maintenance and repair crews located within the district. Region Two maintenance is handled at the central shops located at the Calvin L. Rampton complex. The base budget for FY 2010 is \$9,447,100.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Base Budget Bill recommendation includes a base budget for FY 2010 for the Equipment Management line item in the amount of \$17,806,100.

BUDGET DETAIL

The base budget for Equipment Management line item is \$17,806,100. Of this amount \$3,389,700 is from the Transportation Fund and \$14,416,400 is from Dedicated Credits. The appropriation covers the budgets of Equipment Purchases and Shops.