SUMMARY

Technology is an important aspect of the Department of Transportation’s ability to deliver their strategic goals. It has been over six years since the department has had an increase in budget for technological advances. They are requesting increases in following areas and costs:

1. Annual software support and maintenance costs - DOT reports that most software costs for such programs as Oracle Database, Bentley CADD, and Deighton dTIMS have increased from 5% to 12%. These software packages alone have increased $500,000.

2. Annual Software Licensing – $350,000

3. Security Modifications - $150,000

4. Integrated Project Delivery - $900,000 – The department will use these funds to enhance productivity in the Financial Management, Schedule Management, Electronic Data Management, Automation of Business Processes, Field Data Management, and Risk Management.

The Department has requested an ongoing increase of $1,900,000 from the Transportation Fund to be used for the above data processing functions.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Analyst recommends that the Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee appropriate $1,900,000 from Transportation Funds in FY 2015 for enhancement of DOT data processing capabilities.