



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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PROGRAM PRESENTATION
Arizona Department of Transportation

Background

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) was established in 1974 and is statutorily charged under A.R.S. § 28-331 with providing an “integrated and balanced state transportation system.” ADOT is granted the exclusive control and jurisdiction over state highways, state routes, state owned airports and all state owned transportation systems.

ADOT also is required to register motor vehicles and aircrafts, license drivers, collect revenues, enforce motor vehicle and aviation statutes, and perform related functions, including the following: 1) state transportation planning; 2) design and construct transportation facilities; 3) maintain and operate state public transportation systems; 4) investigate and develop new public transit systems in cooperation with local governments; and 5) implement administrative safety programs. In order to carry out these responsibilities, ADOT is organized into six divisions: Motor Vehicle; Transportation Planning; Highways; Aeronautics; Public Transit; and Administrative Services.

ADOT’s last performance audit was completed by the Auditor General in July 2007.

Fiscal Information

For FY 2008-2009, ADOT was appropriated \$84,600 from the state General Fund. ADOT receives additional monies through various appropriated funds such as the State Highway Fund (SHF), Transportation Equipment Fund, Motor Vehicle Liability Fund and State Aviation Fund, among others. These additional appropriations totaled \$468,425,200 for FY 2008-2009.

ADOT was appropriated \$5,865,900 in federal funds from the U.S. Government in FY 2008-2009. Federal monies are used for federal highway construction and maintenance, rural public transit, technical studies, rail planning and rehabilitation, highway statistical reporting, fatal accident reporting, safety, issuing commercial drivers licenses, fuel tax evasion and aviation projects.

In 2006, the Legislature established the Statewide Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) Account as a separate account within the SHF to expedite approved transportation projects in Arizona. STAN Account monies by statute can only be used to pay for materials, labor, acquisition of right-of-way, design and other engineering services or other directly related costs. In FY 2006-2007, the STAN Account received an initial deposit of \$307 million (\$245 million from the state General Fund and \$62 million from the SHF). An additional \$20 million was deposited from the SHF in FY 2007-2008.

Committee Activity

The ADOT presentation to the NRIPD Committee included an overview of the department and its finances. Among the topics of discussion were:

- Overview of ADOT and its funding;
- Impact of budget reductions on ADOT operations;
- Efforts taken in light of reductions; and,
- Possible federal stimulus monies for ADOT projects.

FY 2008-2009 Budget Action

Laws 2009, First Special Session, Chapter 1, included an agency state General Fund reduction for ADOT of \$12,100 in FY 2008-2009. Total EBT, FRAT and other fund transfers totaled \$173,128,100. This includes a transfer of \$104,000,000 from the STAN Account.

Attachments

- List of fund transfers (ADOT section)
- FY 2010 JLBC Baseline Book – Individual Agency (ADOT section only)
- ADOT handouts to the NRIPD Committee

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