

TRANSPORTATION

The programs within the Transportation Agency promote the state's transportation infrastructure. The Agency includes the Department of Transportation, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the California Highway Patrol, the Board of Pilot Commissioners, the Office of Traffic Safety, the High Speed Rail Authority, and the California Transportation Commission.

The Budget includes total funding of \$20 billion (\$83.4 million in General Fund and \$19.9 billion in Other Funds) for all programs overseen by this Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has over 19,500 employees and a budget of \$12.8 billion. Caltrans designs and oversees the construction of state highways, operates and maintains the highway system, funds three intercity passenger rail routes, and oversees funding for local mass transit projects. Approximately 50,000 road and highway lane miles and 12,910 state bridges are maintained, and 812 public-use and special-use airports and heliports are inspected. The largest sources of funding for transportation projects are excise taxes paid on fuel consumption, federal funds also derived from fuel taxes, and weight fees on trucks. Approximately 13 percent of the state transportation revenues are used to offset debt service costs, which are expected to be nearly \$1 billion in 2013-14.

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Significant Adjustment:

- *Continue Use of Miscellaneous Transportation Revenue for Transportation Debt Service*—A transfer of \$67 million in special fund revenues to partially offset General Fund transportation debt service costs. The State Highway Account generates a portion of its revenue from rental income and the sale of surplus property. The Budget continues the partial offset of transportation debt service costs with this revenue source on a permanent basis.

CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) has a budget of approximately \$1.9 billion, all from non-General Fund sources, and more than 11,000 positions to ensure the safe, convenient, and efficient transportation of people and goods across the state highway system.

Significant Adjustment:

- *Air Fleet Replacement*—An increase of \$17 million from the Motor Vehicle Account to replace three helicopters and one airplane. CHP has an air fleet of 15 helicopters and 15 airplanes, which are responsible for speed enforcement, patrolling rural roadways, emergency response, and homeland security missions. The Budget provides one-time funding to replace the four aircraft with the most flight hours, each over 14,000 hours.