

## Revised Projections On Track For State Transportation User Revenue

When preparing the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) budget for this biennium, state transportation user revenue numbers were projected based on several factors, including past revenue trends and anticipated economic activity in the state. Consequently, NDDOT needed to revise projections for the 2015-17 Biennium revenue to be approximately 13% below its original revenue projections. The charts below illustrate that the revised revenue numbers are tracking as projected.

Total Fees and Taxes Distributed		MONTH	Revenue Projection	
FY 2015	FY 2016		FY 2015	FY 2016 *
\$195,893,385.90	\$167,135,878.85	YEAR-END TOTAL	\$186,937,646.90	\$165,314,171.67

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FY 2016	FY 2017		FY 2016	FY 2017 *
\$16,085,223.18	\$14,848,759.35	JULY	\$16,085,223.18	\$15,010,204.73
\$9,881,392.19	\$11,889,762.88	AUGUST	\$9,881,392.19	\$11,671,264.51
\$14,627,521.12	\$12,702,061.05	SEPTEMBER	\$14,627,521.12	\$13,165,020.14

\*Reflects projections revised in 2016.

## Federal Funding Update

On September 29, the President signed the Continuing Appropriations Act. This law gives the NDDOT funding thru December 9, 2016, (70 Days), based on 2016 funding levels. This gave ND \$42.4 million of Obligational Authority to spend for FY 2017.

These short term funding levels make it difficult for the NDDOT to operate for we typically try to bid a larger portion of our projects in the November bid opening because we historically receive our lowest bids in this bid opening. Given we didn't have the funds needed to cover the November bid opening we ended up moving \$50,000,000 worth of projects from the November bid opening to the December bid opening. If Congress doesn't pass an appropriations bill before December, we will end up moving all of the federally funded projects from December to a later bid opening, until such time as Congress releases the remainder of our FY 2017 funding.

## NDDOT uses technology and innovation to assist customers

The NDDOT is adding more ways for customers to access services. Drivers License and Motor Vehicle customer wait times are now available online at select locations across the state. Residents can access customer wait times for the Bismarck Motor Vehicle office as well as Drivers License offices in Bismarck, Fargo, Minot, Williston, and Dickinson. The Grand Forks Drivers License office will offer online wait times beginning in December. To access the wait times, go to <http://www.dot.nd.gov/dotnet2/view/WaitTimes.aspx> or click on the link on the NDDOT homepage at [dot.nd.gov](http://dot.nd.gov).

Another service will soon be offered to Motor Vehicle customers at a select locations in Bismarck. A number of fully automated motor vehicle renewals kiosks will soon be available to motorists. The kiosks will dispense registration cards and tabs so customers can get these items on the spot. One kiosk will be located at the Bismarck Motor Vehicle Office in the Transportation Building and the other will be located at the Oasis Truck Stop in Bismarck. A third location in Bismarck is still to be determined. The kiosks are expected to be operational by mid-December.

## NDDOT and partners to hold Drugged Driving Summit

A one-day Drugged Driving Summit will be held in Bismarck on December 1 to build statewide capacity to deter drugged driving in the State of North Dakota. The Summit is sponsored by the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT), AAA-The Auto Club Group, the North Dakota Department of Human Services, the North Dakota Highway Patrol, and the North Dakota Association of Counties. Summit participants will include traffic safety professionals, attorneys, judges, elected officials, law enforcement, health professionals and others.



Agenda items include: National Perspective and Current Research on Drugs and Traffic Safety, Eliminating Substance Impairment in Transportation, Drugged Driving in North Dakota: Identification and Enforcement, Drugged Driving in North Dakota: Prosecution, Drugged Driving Impact of Changing Marijuana Laws on Impaired

Driving, Panel Discussion on Drugged Driving in North Dakota: Challenges and Solutions. Nationally, drugged driving is increasing while drunk driving is declining and the percent of fatally-injured drivers testing positive for drugs (40%) is almost the same as those testing positive for alcohol.

## Equipment ready for winter weather

The NDDOT is gearing up for winter weather. Our snowplow operators work hard to keep the traveling public safe, however, changing weather conditions can quickly alter road conditions and motorists need to pay attention to ensure safe travel. The NDDOT currently has 25 Tow Plows and 355 snow plows across the state to help maintain our highways.

We encourage motorists to “Know Before You Go” and the NDDOT has multiple tools in place to help people stay informed of winter road conditions including:

- \* **NDRoads app** - This app is available for free download at the Apple app store, Google Play and Windows Phone Store.
- \* **Travel Information Map** - Located online at [www.dot.nd.gov](http://www.dot.nd.gov). About 100 real-time cameras available to view actual road conditions at any time of day.
- \* **GovDelivery** - Sign up for the “Message Center” to receive important emails or texts about travel information including No Travel Advisories and Road Closures.
- \* **Call 511** - Call 24/7 to get road condition information.



*A NDDOT Tow Plow clearing passing lane and shoulder on Interstate 94.*

## Traffic Fatalities Show a Decrease

As of November 6, 2016, there have been 102 motor vehicle fatalities, a decrease from last year’s 111 fatalities at this same time. Of those fatalities, 42 were alcohol related, 46 were not wearing a seat belt.

ND Traffic Crashes	2016 YTD	2015 YTD
Fatalities	102	111
Alcohol related	42	45
Seat belts not worn	46	32