Investment in North Dakota’s transportation services is essential to the state’s economic vitality and residents’ quality of life. The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) is committed to strategically investing in programs as we serve our customers of the transportation system.

NOTE: The green line is the target performance for each measure.

### Traveler Safety

NDDOT considers safety in every stage of a project and in every investment decision. The Department incorporates safety enhancements in many areas which can range from state highway design to local county road projects. One of NDDOT’s main goals is to enhance safety on roadways and reduce motor vehicle fatalities, so the Department is monitoring the total number of fatalities and serious injuries in a calendar year.

### Pavement Management

The Department is committed to a smooth ride on state highways so we evaluate and measure pavement smoothness. The average system International Roughness Index (IRI). IRI is a worldwide standard for measuring pavement smoothness. Smooth pavements create a more pleasant driving experience and a safer ride.

### Bridge Management

Bridges are an important part of the transportation system therefore the NDDOT rehabilitates and replaces bridges throughout the state in a cost effective manner. Bridges are regularly inspected by the Department to assist with its bridge management program.
Snow and Ice Control

The Department ensures that the transportation system is functional year round, and responding to winter weather events allows this functionality in winter months. The Department works hard on snow and ice control throughout the state.

Drivers License

The Department issues driver’s licenses in order to ensure that roadway users are proficient in the operation of a motor vehicle and demonstrate knowledge of the rules of the road.

Motor Vehicle

Nearly one million motor vehicle registrations and transactions are completed each year. Registrations are available through branch offices and online services.

Transit

The Department helps to provide statewide transit bus services to ensure that all members of the public have access to the transportation system.

The chart shows the average amount of wait time (minutes) for counter service.

The chart measures paperwork turnaround for vehicle titles.

The chart shows transit ridership across the state measured by millions of trips.
Rail

The NDDOT administers a rail loan program to support projects and improve North Dakota’s rail system. This program has provided funding for 41 projects and helped to rehabilitate 731 miles of branch line tracks since 1982. Lightweight rail can move railcars weighing up to 268,000 lbs, and larger unit trains need 286,000 lb rail to safely move across the state. This measure displays the number of miles of lightweight rail statewide as compared to an optimal level of mileage to move smaller freight.

Bicycle and Pedestrian

North Dakota presently manages approximately 7,400 miles of highway throughout the state and leveraging these assets for additional public benefit is in every North Dakotan’s best interest. Public benefits, such as health and economic opportunity, are enhanced due to improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities. This chart shows the percentage of the state highways with adjacent bicycle and pedestrian facilities within North Dakota communities.

Operating Road and Bridge Maintenance Performance

Performance in this area can be impacted by heavy winters as the funding for this work is shared with snow and ice control work.

Mobility

NDDOT works to resolve unique freight challenges statewide by incorporating infrastructure projects that eliminate freight restrictions; thereby improving both freight and personal mobility.