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The Flexible Transportation Fund Report is completed in accordance with NDCC 24-02-37.3, #8, which requires the NDDOT to provide a periodic report to the budget section regarding the status of the fund and projects receiving allocations from the fund. The bill also requires that any project that utilizes more than \$10 million dollars of the flex fund needs prior approval from the budget section unless the funds are used to match federal or private dollars and the flex fund portion does not exceed 50% of the total project cost.

The 2023-2025 <u>Flexible Transportation Fund</u> (Flex Fund) was established by the 68th Legislative Assembly to complement the State Highway Fund and further support an interconnected transportation system and support NDDOT operations. The bill that was passed allows the funds to be used to:

- Improve transportation infrastructure on and off the state highway system.
- Match federal discretionary grant and other funds that may become available.
- Support costs including staffing, facilities, and operational expenditures.

The Flex Fund is comprised of \$171.5 million in collected motor vehicle excise tax, \$51 million from the Strategic Investment and Improvement Fund (SIIF) and \$2 million in accrued interest for a total of \$224.5 million.

In total we have 61 construction projects that Flex Fund dollars have been committed to and an additional 21 other projects where preliminary engineering activities were committed. The total amount committed is \$224.5 million.

The NDDOT developed a strategic plan to ensure that the Flex Fund was used in a manner which provides the greatest benefit to the citizens of North Dakota and meets the requirement of HB 1012. This plan included a:

SET-ASIDE PORTION

- State law required that a minimum of 25% of the motor vehicle excise tax collected for this fund be set aside for projects that meet the criteria below. We estimate that this amounts to \$42.9 million for county and township road and bridge projects. Funding is required to be allocated to projects that meet the following criteria:
 - County must be classified as a non-oil-producing county.
 - o Projects must benefit counties and organized and unorganized townships.
 - Funding must be used for maintenance and improvements to paved and unpaved roads and bridges.



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- Projects that match federal funds where the roadway serves as a local corridor will be given priority.
- Townships must maintain roadways and must levy at least 18 mills for general purposes to be eligible.

Motor vehicle excise tax collections exceeded the estimated amounts and, as a result, three additional projects were selected to ensure a minimum of 25% of the Flex Fund was spent on the set-aside. The addition of these projects brings the total estimated awarded funds to \$47.8 million.

PARTNER ALLOCATION

• \$40.9 million for county, city and township transportation infrastructure projects, as well as assisting locals with matching fund needs.

STATE PROJECTS

• \$135.8 million for infrastructure on the state highway system, to match federal discretionary grants, and state support costs.

FLEX FUND APPLICATIONS

Set-Aside & Partner Allocation

An application and process for project selection were developed and applications were due December 31, 2023. In total, 264 applications were received requesting \$432.3 million in funds. Of the 264 applications, 165 applications totaling \$205.5 million in Flex Fund requests are eligible for the set-aside, 97 applications totaling \$225.2 million in Flexible Transportation Fund requests are eligible for the partner allocation.

FLEX FUND RESULTS

In total, \$88.7 million was awarded to 66 local entities (\$47.8 million set-aside + \$40.9 million partner allocation). An interactive map showing the results <u>can be found on the website</u>, with information on the project type, cost, and ownership and a detailed breakdown of the locations. A list of projects, including committed funds, can be found below.



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SET-ASIDE PROJECTS

Local Public Agency	Project Description	Flex Funds Committed	Flex Funds Spent to Date	Status
Adams County	Road Reclamation	\$300,000.00	\$21,295.12	Construction
Bucyrus Twp -Adams County	Graveling and Culvert Installation	\$48,000.00	\$53,411.27	Complete
Bucyrus Twp - Adams County	Graveling	\$63,000.00	\$47,219.67	Construction
Barnes County	Milling, Structural Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay and Fiber HMA Additives of Barnes County 6 and Cass County 26.	\$2,833,640.00	\$0	Construction
Barnes County	Reclaim Asphalt Surface of Highway 17	\$584,040.00	\$454,375.48	Construction
Normania Twp -Benson County	Culvert Replacement	\$20,200.00	\$14,187.50	Complete
Wellington Twp- Bottineau County	Graveling 80th Street	\$31,050.00	\$29,803.50	Complete
Lansford Twp-Bottineau County	Graveling and Stabilization of Roadway.	\$75,000.00	\$18,325.00	Construction
Sergius Twp-Bottineau County	Regraveling	\$57,440.00	\$40,212.00	Complete
Cavalier County	PE Only: Road Reconstruction and Paving	\$568,761.00	\$160,971.82	Design
Dickey County	Reconstruction of Dickey County Highway 12	\$1,426,491.00	\$0	Design
Emmons County	Culvert Work on CMC 1536 Where it Crosses Sanger Lake	\$152,000.00	\$129,938.29	Construction
Emmons County	PE Only: Grade Raise on CMC 1523.	\$177,273.00	\$120,696.27	Design
Foster County	Paving Section of CMC 1602	\$4,090,000.00	\$217,200.00	Design



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Grand Forks County	Remove Existing Timber Bridge and Construct a Low Water Crossing	\$771,596.00	\$0	Construction
Grand Forks County*	Reconstruction of 6 Miles of Traill/Grand Forks County Road 25/Eagle Avenue NE (CMC-1838)	\$4,703,672.00	\$4,048,218.02	Completed
Griggs County	Reconstruction of CMC2026/Bridge Avenue	\$3,087,732.34	\$11,370.89	Construction
Kidder County	County-wide Chip Sealing and Marking Project	\$477,000.00	\$47,594.80	Construction
Kidder County	Gravel Road that Accesses Camp Grassick	\$50,000.00	\$0	Construction
Peace Twp-Kidder County	Rebuild the Sides of 37th Ave SE (between 49th St SE and 51st St SE)	\$32,696.00	\$0	Construction
LaMoure County	Milling, Structural Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay with Fiber HMA Additives of LaMoure County 35 (CMC 2308)	\$1,998,625.00	\$1,707,700.51	Construction
LaMoure County	Reclaiming the Existing Asphalt Road	\$224,600.00	\$105,230.90	Construction
LaMoure County	Reclaiming the Existing Asphalt Road	\$159,860.00	\$0	Construction
McIntosh County	Mill and Overlay with Fiber HMA Additives of McIntosh County 9	\$1,335,125.00	\$0	Construction
McIntosh County	Paving, Pipe Replacement, and Widening of 37th Ave SE	\$1,698,812.00	\$2,185,714.46	Construction
McLean County	Structure Replacement	\$748,000.00	\$100,693.90	Design
Mercer County	Asphalt Overlay and Grading of 51st Ave SW	\$788,350.00	\$531,562.25	Construction
Pembina County	Bridge Improvements on County Road 12	\$1,101,299.00	\$15,957.11	Design
Pembina County	Installation of a New Structure, and Concrete Slope Protection, Gravel Surfacing, Grading, and Incidentals	\$965,800.00	\$0	Construction
Cavalier South Twp- Pembina County	Regraveling	\$119,637.00	\$119,637.00	Complete



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Rush Lake Twp-Pierce County	Graveling and Repairing Road Bed Wash Out	\$87,160.00	\$87,160.00	Complete
Ransom County	County Road 6 Truck Route	\$641,800.00	\$0	On Hold
Ransom County	Mill and Overlay Ransom County Highway 54 with HMA Fibers	\$457,900.00	\$370,039.26	Construction
Richland County	Reconstruction of County Road #16 (CMC 3934)	\$2,500,000.00	\$1,948,842.61	Construction
Colfax Twp-Richland County	Removal of Y Intersection	\$95,000.00	\$97,665.26	Complete
Sheridan County	Mill and Overlay of CMC 4225	\$1,866,150.00	\$55,758.42	Construction
Chicago Twp-Stutsman County	Repair Road Boils, Widen and Riprap Section of Road, and an Asphalt Overlay	\$3,317,145.40	\$0	Design
Walsh County	PE Only: Bridge Replacement	\$160,000.00	\$93,651.31	Design
Walsh County	Bridge Replacement	\$1,204,600.00	\$106,394.69	Construction
Walsh County	Bridge Replacement	\$307,100.00	\$188,820.79	Construction
Ward County	Reconstruct and Pave a 7-mile Segment of County Road 14	\$3,312,456.00	\$0	Construction
Cameron Twp-Ward County	Graveling and Culvert Installation	\$61,435.00	\$56,060.46	Construction
Berlin Twp-Wells County	Culvert Replacement	\$4,444.00	\$5,980.44	Complete
Berlin Twp-Wells County	Grade Raise, Graveling and Culvert Installation	\$52,476.92	\$0	Twp cancelled project
Towner County**	Reshape and re-surface CMC road	\$1,950,400	\$0	Contracting
Traill County**	Two Bridge Replacements	\$2,617,200	\$0	Contracting
Dickey County**	Bridge Replacement	\$488,800	\$0	Contracting
	TOTAL	\$47,813,765.92	\$13,439,079.83	

Please note: Funds spent on projects may vary from funds committed, as we reimburse based on bids received with actual costs incurred.



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PARTNER ALLOCATION PROJECTS

Local Public Agency	Project Description	Flex Funds Committed	Flex Funds Spent to Date	Status
City of Fargo	Reconstruction of NP Avenue Between 8th Street North and Broadway	\$1,427,804.00	\$0	Construction
City of Casselton	Construct a 1.1-mile Shared-use Path Along ND 18/Governor's Dr in Casselton	\$750,000.00	\$395,605.18	Construction
City of West Fargo	Reconstruction of 9th St NE and 7th Ave NE/7th Ave N From Existing Rural Section to the New Urbanized Section. Including a Quiet Zone Rail Crossing, Roundabout and Multi-use path.	\$8,800,000.00	\$0	Construction
Missouri Ridge Twp- Williams County	PE Only: Asphalt paving of 60th St.	\$50,000.00	\$20,000	Design
Equality Twp-Williams County	PE Only: Blading and Graveling of 62nd St	\$47,700.00	\$40,000.00	Complete
Blooming Valley Twp- Divide County	Gravel 6 miles of township road	\$97,195.00	\$0	Construction
Divide County	Paving County Road 3	\$2,534,616.00	\$2,258,863.14	Construction
Burke County	PE Only: Paving County Road 8.	\$595,247.00	\$504,000.00	Complete
City of Beach	Reconstruction of Main Street and Centrail Avenue.	\$4,328,400.00	\$0	Design
Stark County	Paving of CMC 4527 and 107th Ave	\$7,575,000.00	\$6,337,526.21	Construction
Short Creek Twp-Burke County	Project #Short Creek 01: Regravelling	\$139,221.00	\$158,400.00	Construction
Billings County	PE Only: Multi-use path on East River Road.	\$175,000.00	\$114,996.40	Design
City of Grand Forks	Construction of 47th Ave S from Columbia Rd. to S 34th S.	\$5,069,000.00	\$0	Design
City of Bismarck	Reconstruct East Century Avenue	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000	Complete



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Dunn County	PE Only: Culvert installation on Spring Creek .	\$20,000.00	\$0	Design
City of New Salem	Pavement reconstruction.	\$869,000.00	\$0	Construction
Bowman County	PE Only: Grade Raise, culvert replacement, and gravelling.	\$72,000.00	\$48,162.50	Design
Bowman County	Bridge replacement with concrete culverts	\$800,000.00	\$618,651.33	Complete
Bowman Twp-Bowman County	PE Only: Road reconstruction and paving.	\$100,000.00	\$0	Design
City of Napoleon	Construction of a multi-use trail along Lake Avenue in south Napoleon.	\$50,000.00	\$43,719.10	Construction
City of Regent	Reconstruction of Main Avenue	\$4,214,648.00	\$199,071.33	Design
City of Beulah	PE Only: Phase 2 of the Main Street corridor improvements.	\$1,262,095.00	\$60,562.73	Design
	TOTAL	\$40,976,926	\$12,799,557.92	

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STATE SYSTEM PROJECTS

NORTH

Be Legendary.

Project Description	Flex Funds Current Committed	Flex Funds Spent as of 7/16/25	Status
4 Section Buildings	\$8,600,000	\$7,650,457	Construction
Match for approx. \$110 50 million in Federal August Redistribution Projects 2023/2024 – Approx. 3015 Projects	\$7,750,000	\$6,686,342	Used for federal discretionary grants instead (see below)
Scenic Byway Metigoshe Shared Use Path Match	\$260,000	\$76,829	Construction
10-year Plan Project ND 14 Sterling to Wing Major Reconstruction*	\$22,215,668	\$20,037,342	Construction
10-year Plan Project ND 49 Heart Butte Dam N to Glen Ullin Major Reconstruction*	\$22,989,312	\$22,680,788	Construction
US 85 Right of Way & Utilities Phases (ND 200 to Long X) **	\$11,000,000	\$2,760,324	Underway
US 85 Preliminary Engineering Phase (I-94 to ND 200) ***	\$11,000,000	\$2,178,808	Underway
Western ND Rest Area Study	\$111,861	\$71,965	Underway
Preliminary Engineering Phase - Minot Air Base Turn Lane	\$200,000	\$9,304	Underway
Preliminary Engineering Phase - Sunset Drive Interchange	\$3,250,000	\$1,125,307	Contract came in lower
Match to FHWA Climate Chage Grant – Pavement Evaluation Process	\$60,000	\$0	Under development
Match to FRA Grand Forks 42 nd St railroad separation grant	\$10,150,000	\$0	Under development
Match to FHWA ND Tribal Trail Connection grant	\$9,850,000	\$0	Under development



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I-94 Cleveland grade raise	\$3,500,000	\$3,384,583	Construction
Match to Medora Chateau Rd reconstruction	\$3,000,000	\$396,442	Construction
Match to Mandan Memorial Hwy reconstruction	\$18,000,000	\$0	Construction
Dickey County Applied Digital roadways	\$3,000,000	\$0	Under development
TOTAL	\$135,848,341	\$67,374,596	

^{*} Received Budget Committee approval in September 2023.

^{**} Total project costs (all phases including construction) are over \$200 million

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