

Legislative Budget Office of the Legislative Service Commission

Transportation Budget in Brief

H.B. 54 – As Enacted

Agency/Fund Group	FY 2024 (Actual)	FY 2025 (Estimate)	FY 2026 (Appropriation)	FY 2027 (Appropriation)
Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)				
Highway Operating Fund	\$3,814,669,695	\$3,937,780,414	\$4,414,005,267	\$4,074,342,499
Capital Projects Fund	\$136,906,022	\$178,400,000	\$420,000,000	\$420,000,000
Dedicated Purpose Fund	\$21,714,617	\$599,765,016	\$2,830,047	\$2,857,389
DOT Total	\$3,973,290,334	\$4,715,945,430	\$4,836,835,314	\$4,497,199,888
% Change	—	18.7%	2.6%	-7.0%
Revenue Distribution Fund (RDF) Gasoline Excise Tax Distribution to Local Governments				
RDF Total	\$947,607,303	\$938,492,000	\$987,200,000	\$1,007,500,000
% Change	—	-1.0%	5.2%	2.1%
Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Local Transportation Improvement Program				
Dedicated Purpose Fund	\$56,890,834	\$58,323,792	\$62,324,768	\$67,330,375
% Change	—	2.5%	6.9%	8.0%
Department of Development (DEV) Roadwork Development Grant Program				
Dedicated Purpose Fund	\$21,127,352	\$25,200,000	\$15,200,000	\$15,200,000
% Change	—	19.3%	-39.7%	0.0%
Transportation Budget (H.B. 54)				
Total	\$4,998,915,823	\$5,737,961,222	\$5,901,560,082	\$5,587,230,263
% Change	—	14.8%	2.9%	-5.3%

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- Appropriations total \$5.90 billion in FY 2026 and \$5.59 billion in FY 2027.
- Appropriations for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) comprise 81.2% of the budget. Appropriations are also provided to distribute gasoline excise tax revenues to local governments (17.4%) and for transportation-related programs administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC, 1.1%) and the Department of Development (DEV, 0.3%).

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- Most H.B. 54 appropriations are from the Highway Operating Fund Group (73.9%), with smaller amounts from the Revenue Distribution Fund Group (17.4%), the Capital Projects Fund Group (7.3%), and the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group (1.4%). No appropriations are made from the General Revenue Fund (GRF).

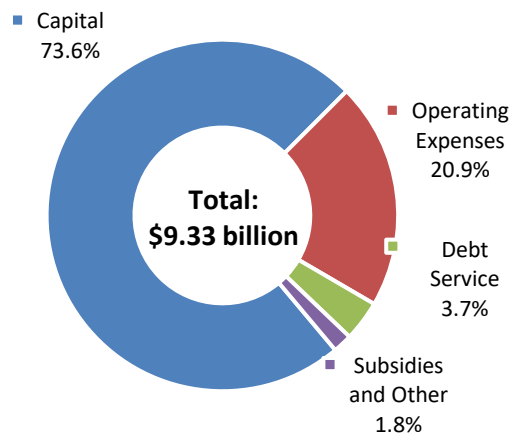
Department of Transportation:

- ODOT is primarily funded in H.B. 54. ODOT's budget totals \$9.33 billion in H.B. 54. ODOT also receives appropriations in the main operating budget, including appropriations from the GRF.

Spending Category

- The largest spending category in ODOT's H.B. 54 budget is capital items at \$6.87 billion (73.6%).
- Operating expenses is the next largest area at \$1.95 billion (20.9%). ODOT is the second largest state employer after the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. ODOT's employee headcount in March 2025 was about 5,240, just over 10% of the total state employee headcount in that month.

ODOT H.B. 54 Appropriations by Spending Category



Highway Construction and Maintenance Funding Sources

- Of ODOT's total H.B. 54 appropriation over the biennium, \$8.33 billion (89.2%) is for highway construction and maintenance. These appropriations are funded by federal highway aid (46.8%), state motor fuel tax (40.8%), local participation (2.3%), state highway bonds (5.0%), and federal GARVEE bonds (5.0%).
- H.B. 54's ODOT appropriations also include about \$348.0 million for debt service; \$238.9 million for administration; \$184.1 million for planning and research; \$133.5 million for public transit; \$49.2 million for the state infrastructure bank revolving loan program; \$32.6 million for rail; and \$20.9 million for aviation.

H.B. 54 Highway Construction and Maintenance Funding Sources

