

Legislative Budget Office of the Legislative Service Commission

Transportation Budget in Brief

H.B. 54 – As Introduced

Agency/Fund Group	FY 2024 (Actual)	FY 2025 (Estimate)	FY 2026 (Appropriation)	FY 2027 (Appropriation)
<b>Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)</b>				
Highway Operating Fund	\$3,814,669,695	\$3,937,780,414	\$4,442,866,990	\$4,103,820,475
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
<b>DOT Total</b>	<b>\$3,973,290,334</b>	<b>\$4,715,945,430</b>	<b>\$4,865,697,037</b>	<b>\$4,526,677,864</b>
<b>% Change</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>18.7%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>-7.0%</b>
<b>Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Local Transportation Improvement Program</b>				
Dedicated Purpose Fund/OPWC Total	\$56,890,834	\$58,323,792	\$62,324,768	\$67,330,375
<b>% Change</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>
<b>Department of Development (DEV) Roadwork Development Grant Program</b>				
Dedicated Purpose Fund/DEV Total	\$21,127,352	\$25,200,000	\$15,200,000	\$15,200,000
<b>% Change</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>19.3%</b>	<b>-39.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Transportation Budget (H.B. 54)</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,051,308,520</b>	<b>\$4,799,469,222</b>	<b>\$4,943,221,805</b>	<b>\$4,609,208,239</b>
<b>% Change</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>

**H.B. 54 as introduced:**

- Appropriations total \$4.94 billion in FY 2026 and \$4.61 billion in FY 2027.
- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) comprises almost the entire budget (98.3%) except for appropriations for transportation-related programs administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) and the Department of Development (DEV).
- Most H.B. 54 appropriations are from the Highway Operating Fund Group (89.5%), with smaller amounts from the Capital Projects Fund Group (8.8%), and the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group (1.7%). No appropriations are made from the General Revenue Fund (GRF).

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## Department of Transportation:

- ODOT is primarily funded in H.B. 54. Under the executive proposal, ODOT's budget totals \$9.50 billion for the biennium: \$9.39 billion (98.9%) in H.B. 54 and \$107.0 million (1.1%) in the main operating budget. All the funding in the main operating budget is from the GRF.

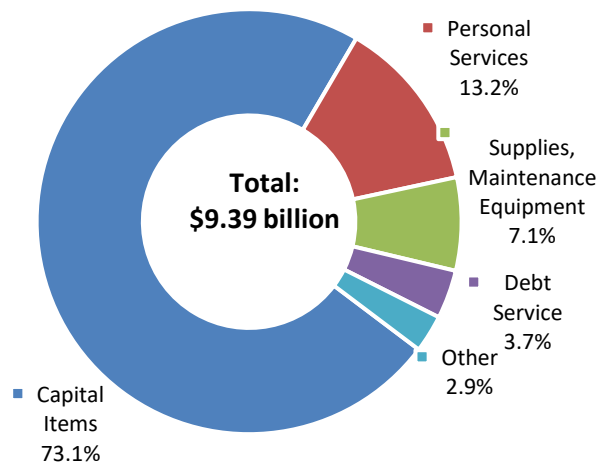
## Spending Category

- The largest spending category in ODOT's H.B. 54 budget is capital items at \$6.87 billion (73.1%).
- Personal services is the next largest area at \$1.24 billion (13.2%). ODOT is the second largest state employer after the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. ODOT's employee headcount in January 2025 was about 5,370, just over 10% of the total state employee headcount in that month.

## Highway Construction and Maintenance Funding Sources

- Of ODOT's total H.B. 54 appropriation over the biennium, \$8.33 billion (88.7%) 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; \$297.2 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 \$20.8 million for aviation.

ODOT H.B. 54 Appropriations by Spending Category



H.B. 54 Highway Construction and Maintenance Funding Sources

