

# ***WEST VIRGINIA HIGHWAYS***

## ***Revenues and Expenditures***

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### **Expenditures**

The expenditures of the WVDOH are subject to the legislative budget process of the State of West Virginia. The budget is legally enacted through passage of a legislative bill and approval of the Governor. Formal budgetary control is exercised by the Governor through the Department of Administration, which provides pre-approval of the WVDOH's spending against appropriation authority; the State Auditor is statutorily charged with similar responsibilities. The internal accounting system of the WVDOH is used to accumulate and segregate expenditures and compare them against Legislative appropriations. A computerized accounting system with daily input of expenditures from all facilities throughout the State is used to provide management with current information. This expenditure data, in conjunction with actual revenue collection data, is used by WVDOH management to track current cash status and to forecast future cash requirements. These forecasts are used to adjust planned expenditures to a level appropriate to the forecasted cash availability.

Following the generation of revenues, the allocation of funds, and the completion of the budgetary process, highway funds may be expended upon State-maintained roads for the general purposes of expansion, preservation and improvement. Transportation projects that are selected for funding are intended to provide a public benefit that is greater than the associated costs. The expenditures for these projects may be grouped into the following categories: current, capital outlay and debt service, all of which are further described as follows:

- ***Current*** – costs associated with the preservation of the highway system and with the daily operations of the highway program; for accounting purposes, the following categories are used by the WVDOH:
  - *Road Maintenance* – costs required to keep the highway system in usable condition, including the cost of snow and ice removal, highway beautification, vegetation management, erosion control, and air quality programs; sub-classified into the following programs:
    - ◆ Expressway, Trunkline and Feeder (X-T-F) system;
    - ◆ the State Local Service system (SLS);
    - ◆ contract paving and secondary roads;
    - ◆ small bridge repair and replacement; and
    - ◆ the litter control program

- *Support and Administrative Operations* – general expenses of administering the State highway program, including general overhead, engineering and research costs that are not assigned to specific road projects, and expenses associated with highway planning and research, highway litigation, and highway publications
- *Division of Motor Vehicles Operations* – general expenses associated with the operation of the WVDMV, including salaries, printing costs, etc.
- *Claims* – civil judgements awarded against the WVDOH in the West Virginia State Court of Claims (must be approved and funded by legislative action)
- **Capital Outlay** – costs associated with highway improvements, including land acquisition and other right-of-way costs, preliminary and construction engineering, construction and reconstruction, resurfacing, rehabilitation, and restoration costs of roadway and structure, and installation of traffic service facilities such as guard rails, fencing, signs, and signals; road construction programs are classified in the following categories:
  - *Interstate Highways*
  - *Appalachian Highways*
  - *Other Federal-aid Programs*
  - *Non-Federal-aid Construction* (includes the Industrial Access Roads Program)
- **Debt Service** – payment toward the outstanding balance of all general obligation bonds authorized and issued under prior constitutional amendment.

The expenditures within each of these categories for WV Fiscal Year 2000 are shown in Table 3.2.

**TABLE 3.2**  
**West Virginia Division of Highways: Expenditures**  
**Year ended June 30, 2000**

CATEGORY	EXPENDITURES
Current	
Road Maintenance	
Expressway, Trunkline and Feeder (X-T-F)	\$80,921,668
State Local Service (SLS)	\$147,313,220
Contract Paving and Secondary Roads	\$56,041,802
Small Bridge Repair and Replacement	\$24,948,561
Litter Control Program	\$1,559,656
Support and Administrative Operations	\$57,278,996
Division of Motor Vehicles Operations	\$25,694,607
Claims	\$279,775
Capital Outlay	
Road Construction	
Interstate Highways	\$87,968,307
Appalachian Highways	\$113,863,551
Other Federal-aid Programs	\$257,009,936
Nonfederal-aid Construction	\$194,817,631
Bond issue costs	\$629,661
Debt Service	\$47,526,408
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,095,853,779</b>

SOURCE: West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways. *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report—Year Ended June 30, 2000*. Charleston, WV: 2000.