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Senate Bill 2763 of the 1992 Regular Legislative Session transferred the duties and responsibilities of the State Highway Department to the newly formed Mississippi Department of Transportation. The Department vests the oversight of its operations and transportation resources to a three-member elected commission representing three geographic areas in the state: Northern, Central, and Southern districts. In accordance with state law, the commissioners have the authority and responsibility for the supervision of all modes of transportation in the state dealing with aeronautics, highways, public transit, ports, and rail safety.

1. Maintenance

General Funds

Special Funds

Totals

State Support Funds

This program consists of all activities necessary for the preservation of the state and federal highways of Mississippi. Additionally, routine activities on roadways, shoulders, and traffic service maintenance are performed as needed.

2. Construction

This program is responsible for the construction and reconstruction of all highways and bridges under its jurisdiction.

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3. Administration and Other

This program is responsible for promulgating all rules, regulations, and policies required to effectively accomplish the statutory responsibilities of the Department. Agency equipment purchases (including road equipment), as well as buildings and lots, are accounted for in this program.

4. Bonded Debt Service

This program is responsible for providing a means for paying all debt service costs attributable to the department by accounting for costs related to the bond debt (issuance costs, principal payments, interest payments, and bank service and charges).

5. Law Enforcement

This program is responsible for protecting the highways from excessive wear or damage caused by overweight trucks and for collecting fees and fuel taxes properly.

6. Aeronautics and Rails

This program is responsible for overseeing and supporting viable, safe, and effective intermodal transportation systems within the State of Mississippi, along with providing public transit to persons living in rural and small urban areas.

	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Estimated	FY 2021 Requested	FY 2021 Recommended
Summary By Program				
1. Maintenance				
Total Funds	195,646,417	201,411,761	200,000,000	198,508,136
2. Construction				
Total Funds	735,528,566	722,697,615	719,091,372	708,442,575
3. Administration & Other				
Total Funds	44,734,478	54,492,168	54,492,168	53,813,650
4. Bonded Debt Service				
Total Funds	74,550,932	75,115,728	75,188,440	75,115,728
5. Law Enforcement				
Total Funds	15,306,263	16,174,972	16,148,839	15,618,863
6. Aeronautics & Rails				
Total Funds	35,088,744	35,344,306	35,079,181	35,113,712