

State of Alaska FY2023 Governor's Operating Budget

Department of Public Safety Prisoner Transportation Component Budget Summary

Component: Prisoner Transportation**Contribution to Department's Mission**

Preserve public peace; protect life, property, and resources.

Core Services

- Transport prisoners needing pre-arraignment and post-arraignment escort, as well as convicted prisoners between in-state facilities and out-of-state prisons.
- Coordinate transport of prisoners using the services of state troopers, municipal police officers, and court services officers.

Major Component Accomplishments in 2021

The prisoner transport volume for the Division of Alaska State Troopers (AST) decreased by approximately 54 percent from FY2020 to FY2021. The division moved 86,374 prisoners in FY2020 and 40,197 prisoners in FY2021. It is expected that this number will drastically increase once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted and the Alaska Court System resumes normal activities.

There were no prisoner escapes, and there have been no significant injuries to any personnel during prisoner transports throughout the year.

Key Component Challenges

The cost of prisoner transports depends greatly on the amount of time the Alaska Court System (ACS) provides to Judicial Services to arrange transport, the types of transport available and the availability of officers to staff the transport. Additionally, Judicial Services must always keep public safety in mind when arranging transport of prisoners who pose greater risk. The department has implemented numerous cost saving procedures, but most of the costs associated with prisoner transportation are out of the department's control. The Alaska Court System (ACS) and the Department of Corrections (DOC) make decisions regarding when to transport prisoners. The DOC is under mandate by the courts to limit the number of inmates at all institutions, which often requires Department of Public Safety assistance to balance the inmate population among different institutions.

Anchorage Judicial Services (JS) continues to work with the courts to ensure that defendants with multiple cases in more than one jurisdiction are only transported when essential; this new effort began in FY2021 and is a significant departure from past practice. If a defendant has multiple open felony cases in Kenai, and a single Anchorage misdemeanor, Anchorage JS will attempt to ensure that the defendant remains in Kenai to complete the felony cases, provided this arrangement will not conflict with statutory or court rule appearance requirements.

In response to Covid-19 restrictions, JS units, the Alaska Court System and the Department of Corrections implemented new and creative processes to allow prisoners their hearings but avoid transportation to the courts. All entities continue to explore electronic media options to limit prisoner and staff exposure to COVID-19.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2023

The Division of Alaska State Troopers (AST) anticipates a much greater number of prisoner moves as well as an increase in court security needs once court activity returns to normal. The Alaska Court System currently has a backlog of 1,700 cases requiring hearings, and these will be in addition to the new cases added daily. Electronic monitoring is not expected to reduce the increase in prisoner moves, only to marginally slow its growth.

Initial statistics from FY2021 indicate that there will be an increase in prisoner transports, once Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

AST continues to coordinate with the Alaska Court System and the Department of Corrections to install and implement video conferencing capabilities, in an effort to minimize the impacts of the anticipated increase in moves. As technology infrastructure advances, additional options in the use of video systems may become available. While this may reduce the number of transports, there will be increased service and equipment costs associated with the annual operations of the video conferencing systems.

AST's expectation is to continue to provide prisoner transport with no escapes.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

DPS-Powers and duties of department (AS 44.41.020)
State Troopers (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.110)
Police Protection (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.790)
Law enforcement duties (AS 18.65.010 - AS 18.65.086)
Controlled Substances (AS 11.71.010 - AS 11.71.900)
Judicial Services (AS 22.20.100 - AS 22.20.140)
Prisoner Transportation (AS 33.30.071 and AS 33.30.081)

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Component Detail All Funds
Department of Public Safety

Component: Prisoner Transportation (512)
RDU: Alaska State Troopers (160)

Non-Formula Component

	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Conference Committee	FY2022 Authorized	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor	FY2022 Management Plan vs FY2023 Governor	
71000 Personal Services	7.9	0.5	0.5	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	778.4	1,164.4	1,164.4	1,149.9	900.0	-249.9	-21.7%
73000 Services	887.8	769.3	769.3	769.3	769.3	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	7.9	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	0.0	0.0%
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	1,682.0	1,954.2	1,954.2	1,954.2	1,704.3	-249.9	-12.8%
Fund Sources:							
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	1,659.6	1,884.2	1,884.2	1,884.2	1,634.3	-249.9	-13.3%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	22.4	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	1,659.6	1,884.2	1,884.2	1,884.2	1,634.3	-249.9	-13.3%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	22.4	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Positions:							
Permanent Full Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%

Change Record Detail - Multiple Scenarios with Descriptions
Department of Public Safety

Component: Prisoner Transportation (512)
RDU: Alaska State Troopers (160)

Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2022 Conference Committee To FY2022 Authorized *****												
FY2022 Conference Committee												
	ConfCom	1,954.2	0.5	1,164.4	769.3	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		1,884.2										
1007 I/A Rcpts		70.0										
Subtotal		1,954.2	0.5	1,164.4	769.3	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2022 Authorized To FY2022 Management Plan *****												
Align Authority for Anticipated Expenditures												
	LIT	0.0	14.5	-14.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Transfer authority from services to personal services to cover expenditures from unbudgeted Emergency Jail Guards being called out for Title 47 prisoner transports to be charged to the Reimbursable Service Agreement with the Department of Health and Social Services.												
Subtotal		1,954.2	15.0	1,149.9	769.3	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2022 Management Plan To FY2023 Governor *****												
Transfer Authority to Alaska State Trooper Detachments to Align with Anticipated Expenditures												
	Trout	-249.9	0.0	-249.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		-249.9										
Transfer authority from travel to Alaska State Trooper Detachments for anticipated travel costs. The remaining authority is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures.												
Totals		1,704.3	15.0	900.0	769.3	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Public Safety
Travel

Component: Prisoner Transportation (512)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
2000	Travel		778.4	1,149.9	900.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
2000 Travel Detail Totals			778.4	1,149.9	900.0
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Cost of transporting prisoners, and other individual in custody, within Alaska.	428.7	634.9	485.0
2001	In-State Non-Employee Travel	Instate travel costs for non-employee (individuals in custody & prisoners) performed by local government police officer, village public safety officers, village police officers, and court service officers.	264.6	400.0	300.0
2002	Out of State Employee Travel	Cost of transporting prisoners, and other individual in custody, between Alaska and other locations.	70.4	95.0	95.0
2003	Out of State Non-Employee Travel	Out of state travel costs for transporting non-employees (individuals in custody & prisoners) between Alaska and other locations performed by local government police officer, village public safety officers, village police officers, and court service officers.	14.7	20.0	20.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Public Safety
Services

Component: Prisoner Transportation (512)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000	Services		887.8	769.3	769.3
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			887.8	769.3	769.3
3004	Telecommunications	Long distance, local, cellular, and basic telephone equipment purchases.	0.0	1.8	1.8
3011	Other Services	Printing, copier services, honorariums for presenters/trainers. Law enforcement services. Commissioned sales for the State Travel Office.	0.6	5.0	5.0
3033	Inter-Agency Aircraft	PubSaf - AK W-life Troopers Aircraft Sect (492)	747.2	622.5	622.5
3036	Inter-Agency Safety	Correct - Department-wide	140.0	140.0	140.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Public Safety
Commodities

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Line Number	Line Name		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
4000	Commodities		7.9	20.0	20.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
4000 Commodities Detail Totals			7.9	20.0	20.0
4000	Business	Business supplies such as pens, office paper, etc.	0.0	10.0	10.0
4002	Household/Institutional	Clothing, uniforms, cleaning, food and non-food supplies.	7.6	9.0	9.0
4020	Equipment Fuel	Equipment fuel.	0.3	1.0	1.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Public Safety

Component: Prisoner Transportation (512)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)			22.4	70.0	70.0
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	Health - Department-wide	IA Revenues from escorted transportation of mental health consumers from their communities to either the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API), or to a community with a hospital providing local designated treatment and evaluation services.	22.4	70.0	70.0

Inter-Agency Services (1682)
Department of Public Safety

Component: Prisoner Transportation (512)

				FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
Component Totals				887.2	762.5	762.5
With Department of Public Safety				747.2	622.5	622.5
With Department of Corrections				140.0	140.0	140.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation		FY2021 Actuals	FY2022 Management Plan	FY2023 Governor
3033	Inter-Agency Aircraft	PubSaf - AK W-life Troopers Aircraft Sect (492)	RSA with DPS Aircraft for costs to transport prisoners.	747.2	622.5	622.5
3036	Inter-Agency Safety	Correct - Department-wide	RSA with Corrections for costs to transport prisoners between state correctional facilities, hospitals, mental health facilities, courts, etc.	140.0	140.0	140.0