

# **State of Alaska FY2024 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 2022**

The prisoner transport volume for the Division of Alaska State Troopers (AST) decreased approximately 15 percent from FY2021 to FY2022. The division moved 40,197 prisoners in FY2021 and 34,257 prisoners in FY2022. This number is dramatically increasing as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, and the Alaska Court System resumes normal activities.

There were no prisoner escapes, and 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) decide 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 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 FY2024**

The Division of Alaska State Troopers (AST) anticipates an increase of prisoner moves as well as a rise in court security needs once court activity returns to normal. The Alaska Court System currently has an extensive backlog of 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 the growth.

Initial statistics from FY2022 indicate there is an increase in prisoner transports, as the court system recovers from COVID-19 restrictions and resumes normal activity.

AST continues to coordinate with the ACS and DOC to install and implement video conferencing capabilities, 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 priority 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

	<b>FY2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2023 Conference Committee</b>	<b>FY2023 Authorized</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2024 Governor</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan vs FY2024 Governor</b>	
71000 Personal Services	12.3	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0%
72000 Travel	873.8	900.0	900.0	1,252.5	1,252.5	0.0	0.0%
73000 Services	883.8	769.3	769.3	416.8	416.8	0.0	0.0%
74000 Commodities	6.3	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%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,776.2</b>	<b>1,704.3</b>	<b>1,704.3</b>	<b>1,704.3</b>	<b>1,704.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Fund Sources:</b>							
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	1,731.2	1,634.3	1,634.3	1,634.3	1,634.3	0.0	0.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	45.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	0.0	0.0%
<b>Unrestricted General (UGF)</b>	<b>1,731.2</b>	<b>1,634.3</b>	<b>1,634.3</b>	<b>1,634.3</b>	<b>1,634.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Designated General (DGF)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Positions:</b>							
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**

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Scenario/Change Record Title	Trans Type	Totals	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants, Benefits	Miscellaneous	Positions		NP
										PFT	PPT	
***** Changes From FY2023 Conference Committee To FY2023 Authorized *****												
<b>FY2023 Conference Committee</b>												
ConfCom		1,704.3	15.0	900.0	769.3	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		1,634.3										
1007 I/A Rcpts		70.0										
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,704.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>900.0</b>	<b>769.3</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2023 Authorized To FY2023 Management Plan *****												
<b>Align Authority with Anticipated Expenditures</b>												
LIT		0.0	0.0	352.5	-352.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Transfer authority from services to travel for anticipated travel costs. The remaining authority is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures.												
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>1,704.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>1,252.5</b>	<b>416.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
***** Changes From FY2023 Management Plan To FY2024 Governor *****												
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,704.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>1,252.5</b>	<b>416.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Public Safety**  
**Travel**

**Component:** Prisoner Transportation (512)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
2000	Travel		873.8	1,252.5	1,252.5
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
<b>2000 Travel Detail Totals</b>			<b>873.8</b>	<b>1,252.5</b>	<b>1,252.5</b>
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Cost of transporting prisoners, and other individual in custody, within Alaska.	513.5	813.5	813.5
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.	234.8	313.5	313.5
2002	Out of State Employee Travel	Cost of transporting prisoners, and other individual in custody, between Alaska and other locations.	104.9	104.9	104.9
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.	20.6	20.6	20.6

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Public Safety**  
**Services**

**Component:** Prisoner Transportation (512)

<b>Line Number</b>	<b>Line Name</b>		<b>FY2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2024 Governor</b>
3000	Services		883.8	416.8	416.8
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>FY2022 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2023 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2024 Governor</b>
<b>3000 Services Detail Totals</b>			<b>883.8</b>	<b>416.8</b>	<b>416.8</b>
3011	Other Services	Printing, copier services, honorariums for presenters/trainers. Law enforcement services. Commissioned sales for the State Travel Office.	0.3	0.0	0.0
3033	Inter-Agency Aircraft	PubSaf - Aircraft Section (2537) RSA with DPS Aircraft for costs to transport prisoners.	743.5	276.8	276.8
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

**Line Item Detail (1676)**  
**Department of Public Safety**  
**Commodities**

**Component:** Prisoner Transportation (512)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
4000	Commodities		6.3	20.0	20.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
<b>4000 Commodities Detail Totals</b>			<b>6.3</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>
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.	6.3	9.0	9.0
4020	Equipment Fuel	Equipment fuel.	0.0	1.0	1.0

**Revenue Detail (1681)**  
**Department of Public Safety**

**Component:** Prisoner Transportation (512)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
<b>5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)</b>			<b>45.0</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>70.0</b>
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts			45.5	0.0	0.0
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts	H&SS - 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.	-0.5	70.0	70.0

**Inter-Agency Services (1682)**  
**Department of Public Safety**

**Component:** Prisoner Transportation (512)

				FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
<b>Component Totals</b>				<b>883.5</b>	<b>416.8</b>	<b>416.8</b>
With Department of Public Safety				743.5	276.8	276.8
With Department of Corrections				140.0	140.0	140.0
<b>Object Class</b>	<b>Servicing Agency</b>	<b>Explanation</b>		FY2022 Actuals	FY2023 Management Plan	FY2024 Governor
3033	Inter-Agency Aircraft	PubSaf - Aircraft Section (2537)	RSA with DPS Aircraft for costs to transport prisoners.	743.5	276.8	276.8
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