

State of Alaska FY2026 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 2024

The prisoner transport volume for the Division of Alaska State Troopers (AST) increased 25 percent from FY2023 to FY2024. The division moved 52,335 prisoners in FY2023 and 65,423 prisoners in FY2024.

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

Key Component Challenges

The cost and logistics of prisoner transport depend on several factors: the notice period provided by the Alaska Court System (ACS) to Judicial Services (JS), the types of transport available, and the availability of officers to staff these transports. Additionally, ensuring public safety when transporting high-risk prisoners remain a key consideration. The transport scheduling is jointly determined by ACS and the Department of Corrections (DOC), with DOC operating under a court mandate to limit inmate population at each facility. This mandate often requires the Department of Public Safety's assistance to balance the inmate population among various institutions.

In Anchorage, JS works closely with the courts to minimize unnecessary transports of defendants with multiple cases in different jurisdictions. For example, if a defendant has multiple open felony cases in Kenai and a single misdemeanor in Anchorage, Anchorage JS will prioritize keeping the defendant in Kenai to address the felony cases, provided this does not conflict with statutory or court rule appearance requirements.

Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2026

AST anticipates an increase of prisoner transport activities and heightened court security as court operations continue to normalize. The ACS is managing a substantial backlog of cases requiring hearings, alongside the addition of new cases each day. While electronic monitoring might slightly slow the growth in prisoner movements, it is not expected to substantially decrease the need for transports.

To address these challenges, AST is collaborating with the ACS and DOC to install and implement video conferencing capabilities, aiming to reduce the frequency of prisoner transports. As technological infrastructure advances, new options for utilizing video conferencing may become available. However, while video conferencing may help lower the number of physical transports, there will be additional costs associated with maintaining and operating of the video conferencing systems.

AST's primary goal remains ensuring secure prisoner transport without 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

	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Enrolled	FY2025 Authorized	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor Adjusted Base	FY2026 Governor	FY2025 Management Plan vs FY2026 Governor	
1000 Personal Services	10.2	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0%
2000 Travel	1,024.0	1,085.5	1,085.5	1,080.0	1,080.0	1,080.0	0.0	0.0%
3000 Services	1,362.7	900.0	900.0	930.0	930.0	930.0	0.0	0.0%
4000 Commodities	8.7	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0%
5000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
7000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
8000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Totals	2,405.6	2,010.5	2,010.5	2,035.0	2,035.0	2,035.0	0.0	0.0%
Fund Sources:								
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	2,370.5	1,940.5	1,940.5	1,940.5	1,940.5	1,940.5	0.0	0.0%
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other)	35.1	70.0	70.0	94.5	94.5	94.5	0.0	0.0%
Unrestricted General (UGF)	2,370.5	1,940.5	1,940.5	1,940.5	1,940.5	1,940.5	0.0	0.0%
Designated General (DGF)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%
Other Funds	35.1	70.0	70.0	94.5	94.5	94.5	0.0	0.0%
Federal Funds	0.0	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	0.0%
Permanent Part Time	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Non Permanent	0	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 FY2025 Enrolled To FY2025 Authorized *****												
FY2025 Enrolled	Enrolled	2,010.5	15.0	1,085.5	900.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund		1,940.5										
1007 I/A Rcpts		70.0										
Subtotal		2,010.5	15.0	1,085.5	900.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2025 Authorized To FY2025 Management Plan *****												
Transfer Authority from Alaska State Trooper Detachments for Anticipated Travel Expenditures	Trin	24.5	0.0	24.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
1007 I/A Rcpts		24.5										
Transfer authority from Alaska State Trooper Detachments for anticipated travel related to prisoner relocation costs to align with the approved travel plan. . The remaining authority is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures.												
Align Authority with Anticipated Expenditures	LIT	0.0	0.0	-30.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Transfer authority from travel for anticipated services costs. The remaining travel authority is sufficient to cover anticipated expenditures.												
Subtotal		2,035.0	15.0	1,080.0	930.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
***** Changes From FY2026 Governor Adjusted Base To FY2026 Governor *****												
Totals		2,035.0	15.0	1,080.0	930.0	10.0	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		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
2000	Travel		1,024.0	1,080.0	1,080.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
2000 Travel Detail Totals			1,024.0	1,080.0	1,080.0
2000	In-State Employee Travel	Cost of transporting prisoners, and other individual in custody, within Alaska.	429.7	488.8	488.8
2001	In-State Non-Employee Travel	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.	455.7	457.1	457.1
2002	Out of State Employee Travel	Cost of transporting prisoners, and other individual in custody, between Alaska and other locations.	119.9	116.6	116.6
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.	18.4	17.5	17.5
2006	Other Travel Costs	Other travel related costs.	0.3	0.0	0.0

Line Item Detail (1676)
Department of Public Safety
Services

Component: Prisoner Transportation (512)

Line Number	Line Name		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
3000	Services		1,362.7	930.0	930.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
3000 Services Detail Totals			1,362.7	930.0	930.0
3000	Education Services	Education services to include conference registration fees and tuition.	6.7	6.9	6.9
3006	Delivery Services	Miscellaneous freight and delivery of goods.	0.1	0.1	0.1
3033	Inter-Agency Aircraft	PubSaf - Aircraft Section (2537) RSA with DPS Aircraft for costs associated with transporting prisoners.	1,215.9	783.0	783.0
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		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
4000	Commodities		8.7	10.0	10.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
4000 Commodities Detail Totals			8.7	10.0	10.0
4000	Business	Business supplies such as pens, office paper, etc.	0.0	1.0	1.0
4002	Household/Institutional	Clothing, uniforms, cleaning, food and non-food supplies.	7.8	8.0	8.0
4020	Equipment Fuel	Equipment fuel.	0.9	1.0	1.0

Revenue Detail (1681)
Department of Public Safety

Component: Prisoner Transportation (512)

Revenue Type (OMB Fund Code) Revenue Source	Component	Comment	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
5007 I/A Rcpts (1007 I/A Rcpts)			35.1	94.5	94.5
5301 Inter-Agency Receipts		Revenue from escorted transportation of mental health consumers from their communities to either the Alaska Psychiatric Institute, or to a community with a hospital providing local designated treatment and evaluation services.	35.1	94.5	94.5

Inter-Agency Services (1682)
Department of Public Safety

Component: Prisoner Transportation (512)

				FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
Component Totals				1,355.9	923.0	923.0
With Department of Public Safety				1,215.9	783.0	783.0
With Department of Corrections				140.0	140.0	140.0
Object Class	Servicing Agency	Explanation		FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Management Plan	FY2026 Governor
3033 Inter-Agency Aircraft	PubSaf - Aircraft Section (2537)	RSA with DPS Aircraft for costs associated with transporting prisoners.		1,215.9	783.0	783.0
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