

# **State of Alaska FY2007 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

The prisoner transportation component is the central funding source for moving state-charged prisoners. Those prisoners include those needing pre-arraignment and post-arraignment escort, as well as transfer of convicted prisoners between in-state facilities and out-of-state prisons. The Alaska Court System (ACS), the Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Department of Law (DOL) require the transports. Public Safety provides these services through the coordination of the travel of state troopers, municipal police officers, and court services officers. DOC conducts moves only when it is cost-effective to use its own personnel and only for transfers between institutions.

### FY2007 Resources Allocated to Achieve Results

<b>FY2007 Component Budget: \$1,701,700</b>	<b>Personnel:</b>	
	Full time	0
	Part time	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>

### Key Component Challenges

Though the new courthouse in Fairbanks has been open now for four years, the number of transports continues to rise. In FY2005, 7,019 prisoners were transported in Fairbanks alone. In the first two months of FY2006, 1,645 prisoners were moved – an increase of 20 percent over the same quarter in FY2005. The department has added an additional CSO to the Fairbanks unit using existing funds, and the Governor's FY2006 budget added another CSO in Fairbanks. The department is currently in the process of filling this position.

In April 2002, a new jail opened in Anchorage adding 300 prisoner beds. The new jail increased the number of prisoner transports not only in Anchorage, but also around the state as these beds are used to ease overcrowding at other correctional institutions. This has resulted in an increase in the number of prisoners transported by the Anchorage Judicial Services unit (JS). There was an increase in FY2005 to 28,789, and the trend during the first two months of FY2006 indicates that the number will increase to a high of 30,000. Additionally, Anchorage JS is still providing a second court services officer, for security purposes, in the courtroom located within the new Anchorage Jail. This continuing requirement means two officers are tied up with that function for the entire day, further stretching available resources. With more judicial officers being added around the state along with the addition of more police officers in Anchorage, these numbers will only steadily increase.

Prisoner transportation costs continue to increase with the increase in air and ground transportation costs. New airport security measures are increasing the time spent transporting prisoners outside the local area, and thus, increasing the expense of those transports. The increases in transportation costs are compounded by the increase in the number of prisoners. The department has put in practice numerous cost saving procedures, but most of these costs are out of the department's control. The decision to transport prisoners is made by the court system and DOC. DOC is under mandate by the courts to limit the number of inmates at all institutions, which sometimes requires DPS's help to balance the inmate population among different institutions.

Though the Kotzebue jail has reopened, there is still a significant need for transports to Nome, as inmates cannot be housed longer there than 20 days. There is a significant burden on both the Nome and Kotzebue trooper posts to

provide inter-facility escorts numerous times each month.

In the first two months of F2006, prisoner transports have increased statewide. If this trend continues, roughly 65,000 prisoner transports will occur in FY2006, an increase of 8 percent over FY2005. The department has added six new CSO positions statewide to date using existing resources, and four more were funded by the legislature in FY2006. To date, four of the new CSO's have completed training and the department is currently in the process of hiring four more. The process of filling normal vacancies and completing the extensive recruitment/background process has delayed some of the progress that was anticipated to occur. Additionally some CSO's are reaching retirement eligibility. This will require another recruiting process. Nonetheless, staffing increases represent a significant step forward.

## Significant Changes in Results to be Delivered in FY2007

It is expected that regardless of whether the new CSO positions are approved, AST will continue to see the number of prisoner moves increase by 6 to 8 percent every year. These moves will be complicated by new courtrooms being added in both Palmer and Kenai. These additional courtrooms increase the numbers of CSO's required to be on duty at any given time, and complicate the security situation in the affected locations. AST's expectation is to continue to provide prisoner moves with zero escapes.

## Major Component Accomplishments in 2005

The Alaska State Troopers moved 59,891 prisoners; 95 percent of the moves made were within the time frame needed. The number of prisoners moved has increased 7 percent over FY2004, 11 percent over FY2003, 16 percent over FY2002, and 21 percent over FY2001, and 35 percent over FY2000.

## 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)  
 Search & Rescue (AS 18.60.120 - AS 18.60.175)  
 Village Public Safety Officer Definition (AS 01.10.060(c)(7)(C))  
 VPSO Program (AS 18.65.670)  
 VPSO Regulations (13 AAC 96.010-900)  
 Concealed Handgun Permits (AS 18.65.700)  
 Security Guard Licensing (AS 18.65.400 - AS 18.65.410)  
 Sex Offender Registration (AS 12.63.010 - AS 12.63.100)  
 Central Registry of Sex Offenders (AS 18.65.087)  
 Department to assist other agencies (AS 18.65.090)  
 Document and disseminate information regarding homicides (AS 44.41.040)  
 Document and investigate missing persons (AS 18.65.610)  
 Investigate fires resulting from crimes (AS 18.70.030)  
 Investigate sexual assault and child exploitation (AS 18.65.086)  
 DUI Forfeiture Requirements (AS 28.35.036-.037)  
 DPS DNA collection and registration requirements (AS 44.41.035)  
 Duty of Law Enforcement to Provide VCCB information (AS 18.67.175)  
 Rights of Crime Victims to be notified orally and in writing by Law Enforcement (AS 12.61.010)  
 Aeronautics (AS 02)  
 Criminal (AS 11)  
 Environment (AS 46)  
 Fish & Game (AS 16)  
 Fish & Game (5 AAC)  
 Guide/Outfitting (12 AAC)  
 Guide/Outfitting (AS 08)  
 Health & Safety (AS 18)

Limited Entry (20 AAC)  
State Government (AS 44)  
Training (13 AAC 85)  
Training (AS 44.41.020(a))

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**Prisoner Transportation  
Component Financial Summary**

*All dollars shown in thousands*

	<b>FY2005 Actuals</b>	<b>FY2006 Management Plan</b>	<b>FY2007 Governor</b>
<b>Non-Formula Program:</b>			
<b>Component Expenditures:</b>			
71000 Personal Services	90.4	0.0	0.0
72000 Travel	1,541.0	1,445.8	1,445.8
73000 Services	200.2	245.9	245.9
74000 Commodities	17.5	10.0	10.0
75000 Capital Outlay	0.0	0.0	0.0
77000 Grants, Benefits	0.0	0.0	0.0
78000 Miscellaneous	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>1,849.1</b>	<b>1,701.7</b>	<b>1,701.7</b>
<b>Funding Sources:</b>			
1004 General Fund Receipts	1,596.0	1,656.7	1,656.7
1007 Inter-Agency Receipts	253.1	45.0	45.0
<b>Funding Totals</b>	<b>1,849.1</b>	<b>1,701.7</b>	<b>1,701.7</b>

**Estimated Revenue Collections**

Description	Master Revenue Account	FY2005 Actuals	FY2006 Management Plan	FY2007 Governor
<b>Unrestricted Revenues</b>				
None.		0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Unrestricted Total</b>		<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Restricted Revenues</b>				
Interagency Receipts	51015	253.1	45.0	45.0
<b>Restricted Total</b>		<b>253.1</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>		<b>253.1</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>

**Summary of Component Budget Changes  
From FY2006 Management Plan to FY2007 Governor***All dollars shown in thousands*

	<u>General Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<b>FY2006 Management Plan</b>	<b>1,656.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>1,701.7</b>
<b>FY2007 Governor</b>	<b>1,656.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>1,701.7</b>