Infrastructure

Trails and Pathways

Since 2011, the State has had a renewed emphasis on the benefits of an integrated non-motorized pathway and recreational trail network to provide opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists to travel safely and efficiently and to expand outdoor recreation opportunities while enjoying the natural, cultural, and historic assets of Delaware. It also recognizes the benefits of integrated multi-modal transportation infrastructure in improving the economic and environmental sustainability of communities. The following table lists the funding for trails and pathways from the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) since FY 2020.

Table A.3 Trails and pathways funding, fiscal years 2022-2026, in millions

Agency	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY2024
DNREC	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
DelDOT	$1.0	$1.6	$1.0	$1.0	$1.8
Total	$1.0	$1.6	$1.0	$1.0	$1.8

Roads and Bridges

DelDOT is responsible for maintaining approximately 85 percent of all roads in Delaware compared with other states, which maintain about 20 percent of their roads. The state also is responsible for transit services. Responding to the demands of Delawareans for a safe, efficient transportation system is a challenge, especially in light of recent growth and development trends. Table A.4 demonstrates several trends that are relevant to transportation planning.

Table A.4 Transportation trends and indicators, fiscal years 2022-2026

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Licensed Drivers	850,424	772,631	783,303	796,876	805,040
Registered Motor Vehicles*	978,016	1,008,423	1,013,617	1,025,122	1,033,202
Vehicle Miles Traveled* (billions)	10.1	9.9	9.7	9.7	9.7
DART R2 Rail Ridership	404,032	499,837	663,683	654,866	549,071
DART Fixed Route Ridership (millions)	4.1	5.0	5.4	5.3	5.0

Paratransit Ridership	696,195	811,075	858,178	866,880	867,096
Transportation Trust Fund Revenues (thousands)	$597,241	$617,595	$613,505	$606,772	$683,038
State Capital Expenditures (thousands)	$300,099*	$315,737	$359,907	$ 326,080*	$211,751
Federal Capital Expenditures (thousands)	$259,657	$268,263	$331,583	$373,878	$377,540
Total Capital Expenditures (thousands)	$559,756	$584,000	$691,490	$699,958	$589,291

Source: Delaware Office of Management and Budget; Delaware Department of Transportation
* ** Without US 301/Rehab of I-95 (State Capital Expenditures with GARVEE Loan for US301/Rehab of I-95 equal $376,157 for a total of $707,740)

Water and Wastewater

While the operation of drinking water and wastewater systems has traditionally been the domain of Delaware's local governments, the state Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and DNREC do provide significant funding to allow for the improvement and expansion of these systems. Table A.5 lists recent state and federal expenditures on wastewater projects through the Water Pollution Control Revolving Funds, which is a program that is administered by DNREC to provide support for community wastewater service projects.

Table A.5 Wastewater funding to local governments, fiscal years 2022-2026

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Projects Funded	8 + 2 increase	6	12 + 3 Increase		
Water Pollution Control Funds (State Match)*	$1,555,800	$2,010,000	$1,759,900	12	8 + 4 Increase
Water Pollution Control Funds (Federal Base Grant)	$7,779,000	$5,681,000	$3,683,000	$3,034,400	$3,976,400
Water Pollution Control Funds (Federal Supplemental Grant)		$8,738,000	$10,233,000	$4,008,000	$7,788,000
Water Pollution Control Funds (Federal Emerging Contaminants Grant)		$459,000	$1,043,000	$11,164,000	$12,094,000
Water Pollution Control Revolving Funds (Principal and Interest Repayments)*	$20,739,205	$36,067,915	$77,338,154	$1,052,000	$1,100,000

Water Pollution Control Funds (Total)**	$30,074,005	$52,955,915	$94,057,054	$66,626,502	$39,404,752
21st Century Wastewater Fund*	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0

Source: DNREC Environmental Finance
* State Funds