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**1. Organization of the department.**

- a. History. The state highway department was created, in its organizational concept, by chapter 159 of the 1927 Session Laws. Extensive changes in duties and responsibilities were made by the enactment of chapter 177 of the 1953 Session Laws and various amendments made thereafter. On January 1, 1990, the highway department became the department of transportation (chapter 72 of the 1989 Session Laws).
- b. Department of transportation responsibilities. The general responsibilities of the department of transportation are predicated upon North Dakota Century Code titles 24 and 39, title 23 of the United States Code, and title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Under North Dakota Century Code title 24, the department of transportation is responsible for the planning, construction, maintenance, and protection of the state highway system. Additional responsibilities are found under various chapters of North Dakota Century Code title 39 and relate to the supervision of the driver's licensing process in the state and regulation of the use of the state highway system by recreational vehicles, the regulation of outdoor advertising adjacent to state highways, and the prescribing of uniform standards for traffic signs.

**2. Mission statement.** The mission statement of the North Dakota department of transportation is:

Providing a transportation system that safely moves people and goods.

**3. Inquiries.** General inquiries regarding the department may be addressed to:

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**4. Internet address.** For more information regarding the department, visit:

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