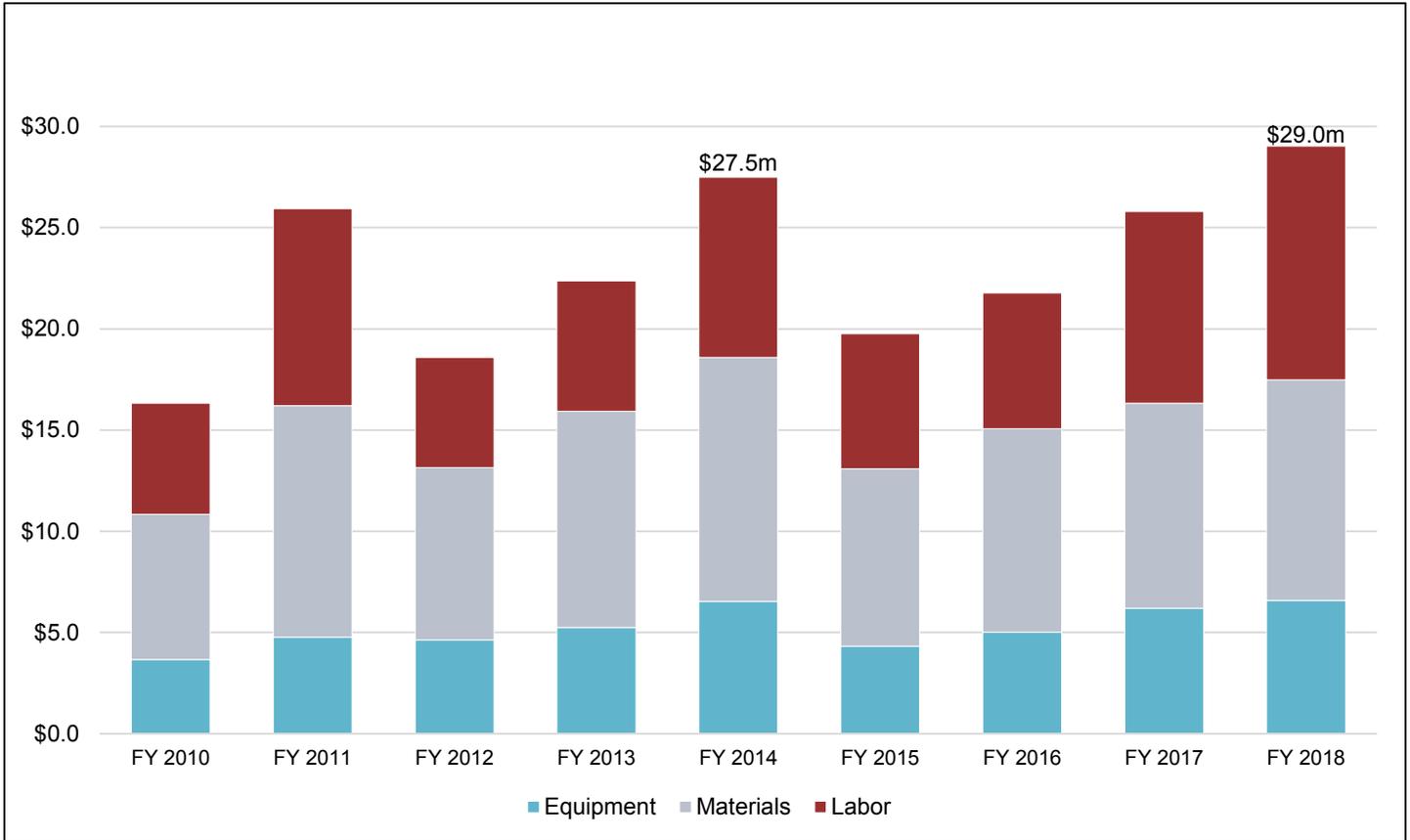


Montana Winter Highway & Road Maintenance Costs (\$ in millions)



This chart depicts the cost of Montana Department of Transportation’s winter highway and road maintenance efforts by fiscal year. The data for FY 2010 through FY 2017 includes the entire winter season within a state fiscal year — the data for FY 2018 covers winter maintenance activities only through April 2.

The average full winter maintenance cost from FY 2010 through FY 2017 averaged \$22.3 million. FY 2018 costs through March are \$29.0 million — 30% higher than the average full year amount. Weather forecasts for the first week of April indicate more winter weather is on the way, making additional winter highway maintenance costs likely for FY 2018. Additional significant tasks that will add more cost in FY 2018 include the plowing of Going to the Sun Road and the Beartooth Highway, activities typically undertaken in April and May.

Year-to-date in FY 2018, the most significant component of winter highway/road maintenance costs are personal service costs (39.8% of the total), including the overtime costs required for plowing roads. Material costs in FY 2018 account for 37.6% of the total costs to date, as opposed to another high cost year, FY 2014, where the major component of the overall costs was the road materials (47.8% of the total).

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