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1929  
Arkansas  
Highway and  
Department of  
Lands

1977  
Arkansas State  
Highway and  
Transportation  
Department

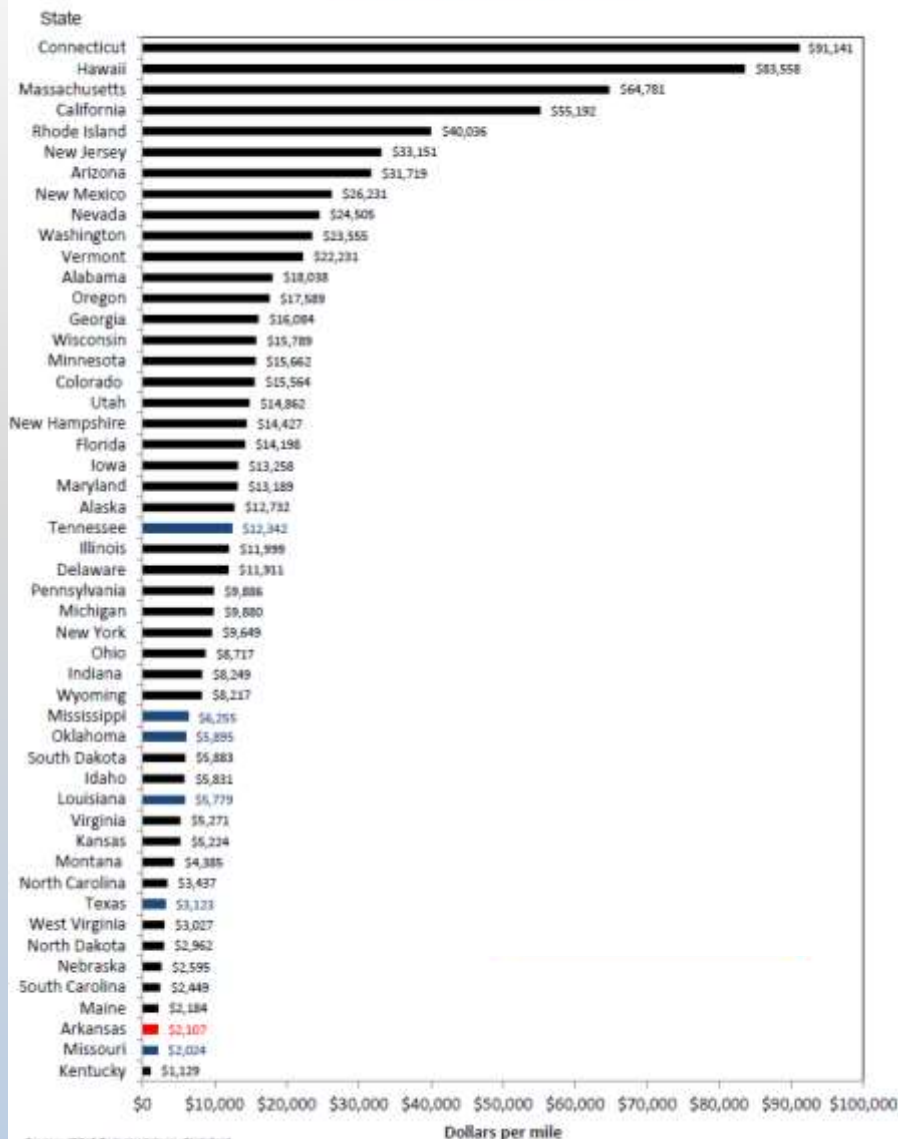
2017  
Arkansas  
Department of  
Transportation

*Provide safe and **efficient** transportation solutions to support Arkansas' economy and enhance the quality of life for generations to come.*

**Adopted June 7, 2017**

## Administrative Cost Per Mile

Arkansas Ranks 48th in the Nation



Source: "2013 Federal Highway Statistics"  
Note: Excludes Toll Facilities

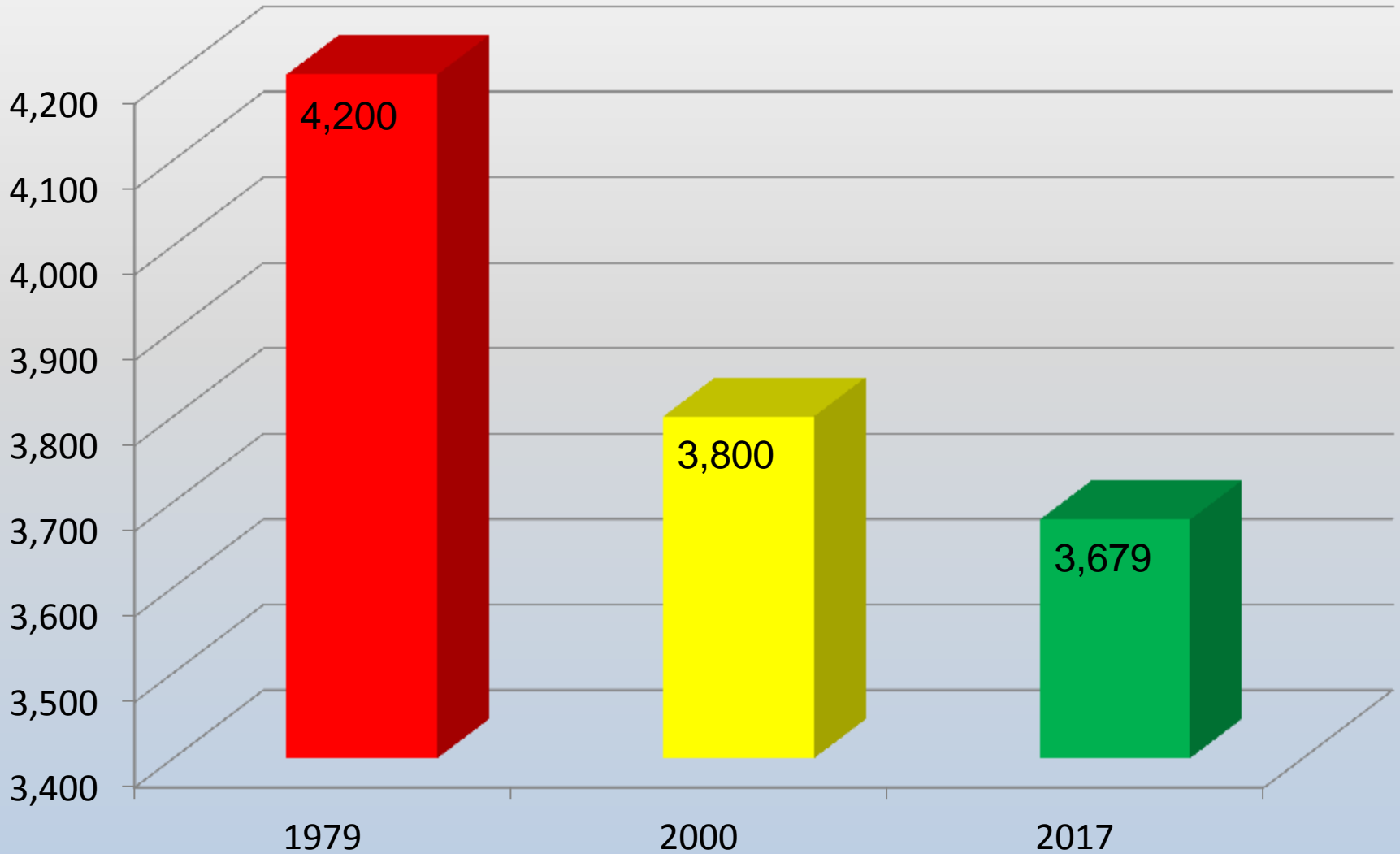
Arkansas = \$2,107

Surrounding States Average = \$4,334

National Average = \$9,224

Arkansas has the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Lowest  
Administrative Cost Per  
Mile  
in the Nation

## Department Employees



# Promises Made



# Promises Kept



## 1999 IRP

- 50 Projects
- 356 Miles
- \$973 Million



## 2011 IRP

- 83 Projects
- 494 Miles
- \$1.51 Billion



## 2012 CAP

- 36 Projects
- 185 Miles
- \$1.9 Billion



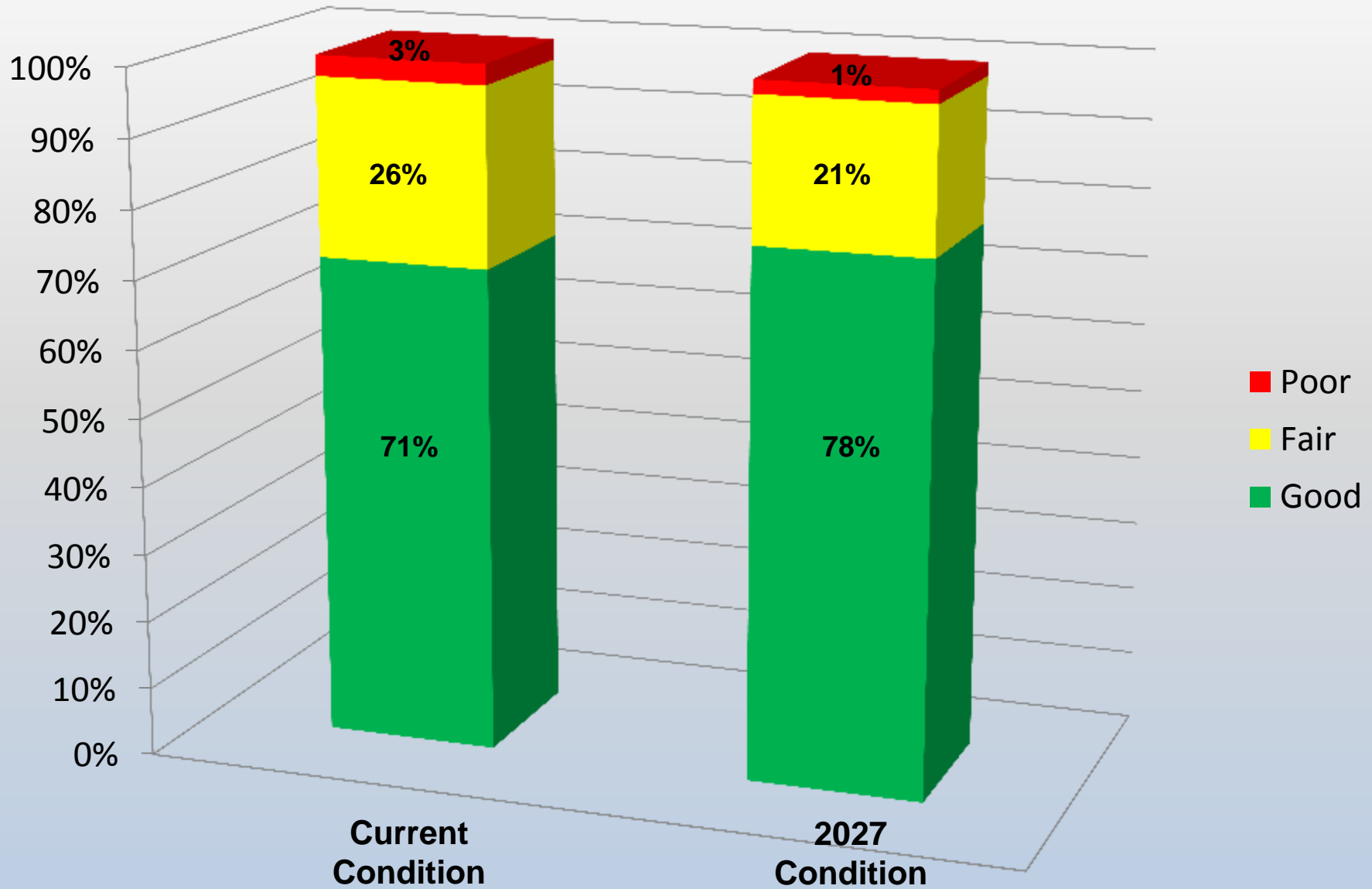
# Highway Condition



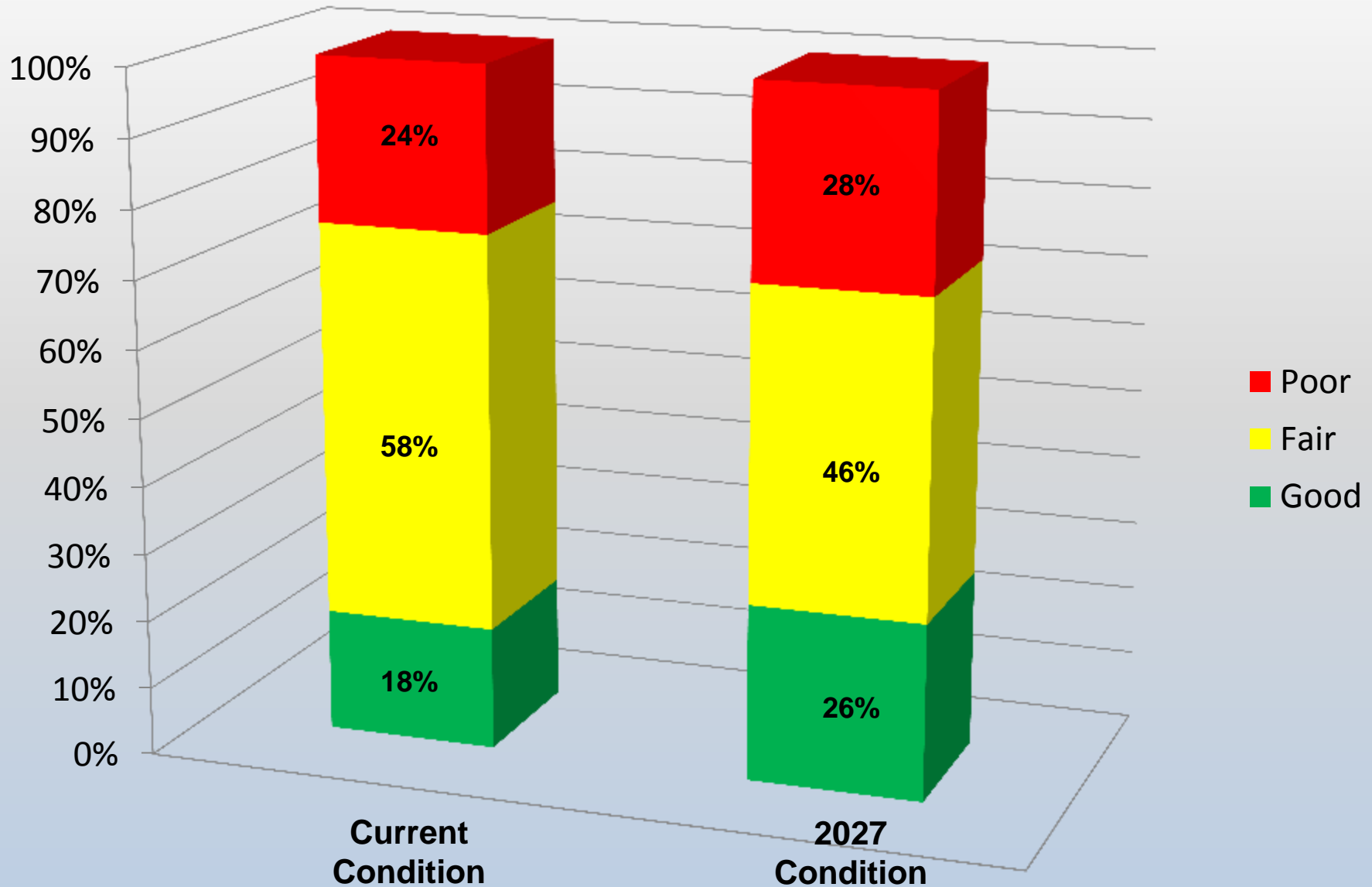
# and Needs



# Interstates



# All State Highways – Including Interstates



# Funding



# Update

- Great amount of uncertainty at the federal level
- State funds stagnant at best



# Federal vs. State Funding

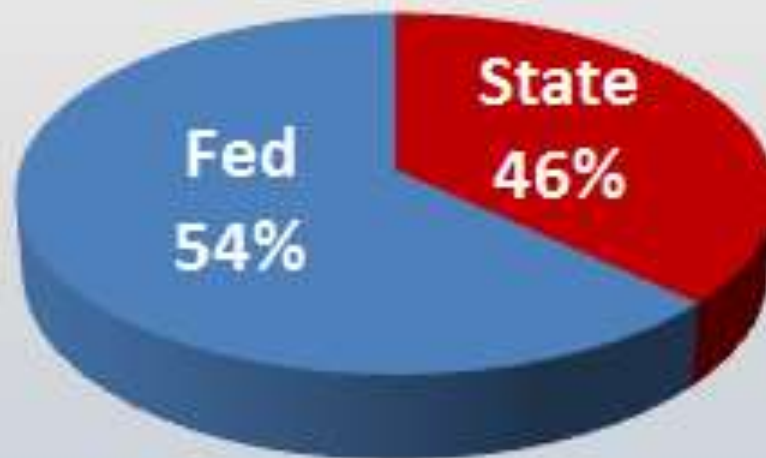
**1993**

**Hwy. Funding Breakdown**



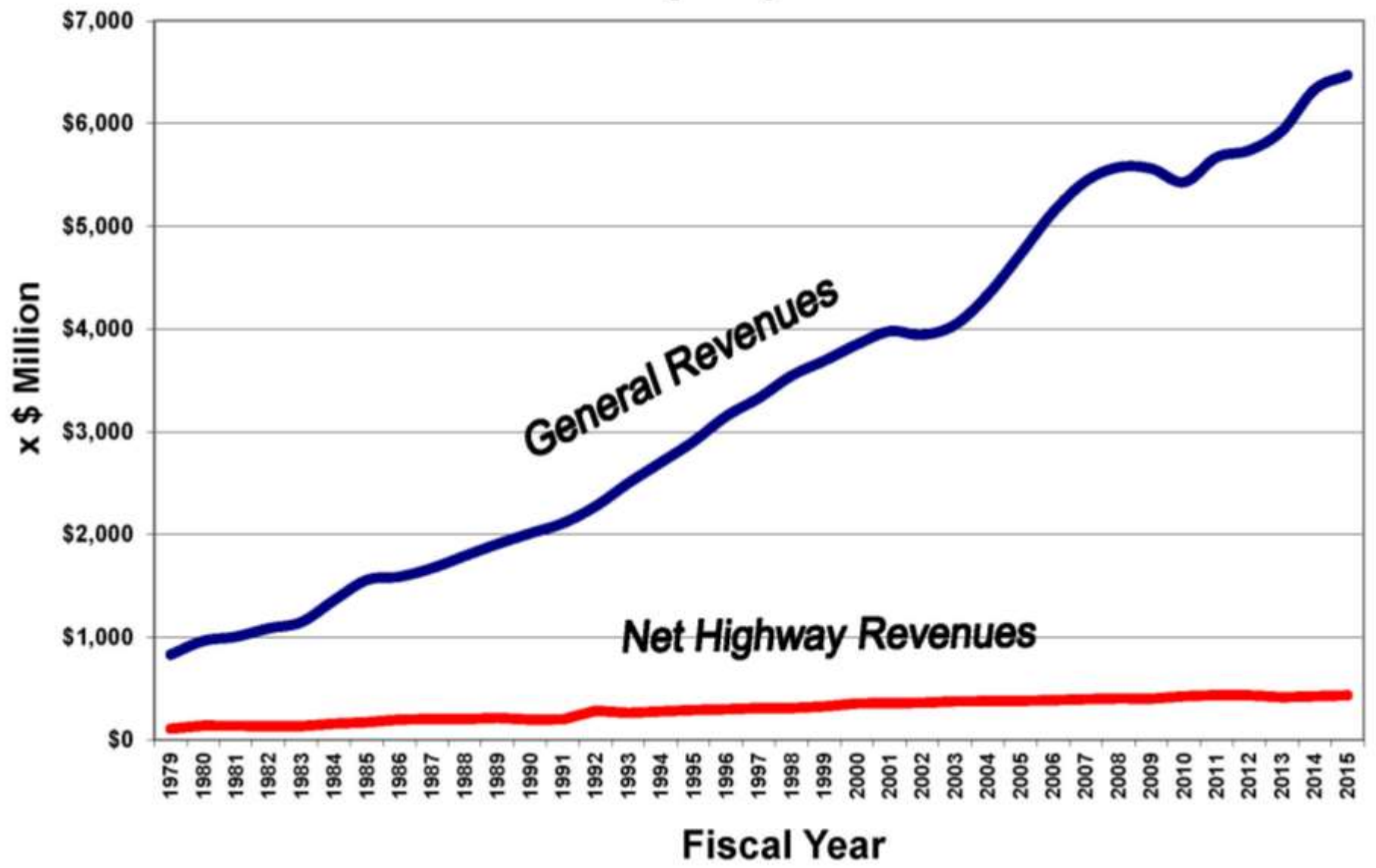
**2016**

**Hwy. Funding Breakdown**





# Arkansas State General Revenues vs AHTD Net Highway Revenues



## THEN

22 years ago, in 1995,  
**33 miles** of Highway  
could be widened.

## NOW

As of 2015, using the  
same resources, only  
**15 miles** of Highway  
could be widened.



## THEN

22 years ago, in 1995,  
**200 miles** of Highway  
could be overlaid.

## NOW

As of 2015, using the  
same resources, only  
**54 miles** of Highway  
could be overlaid.



# Challenges

➤ **12<sup>th</sup>** largest system in the country

➤ **42<sup>nd</sup>** in highway revenue per mile.

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➤ **\$22.9 billion** in needs

➤ **\$4.4 billion** in available revenue



# Where



# Are We Going?



"As to the long-term solutions, it emphasizes that it is difficult to get a referral of this General Assembly out to the voters, and that I hope the leadership of our state and the business community and others **will look at an initiated act that might go on the ballot for a highway program,**" he said. "Otherwise, we'll continue to debate the long-term solution in future sessions."

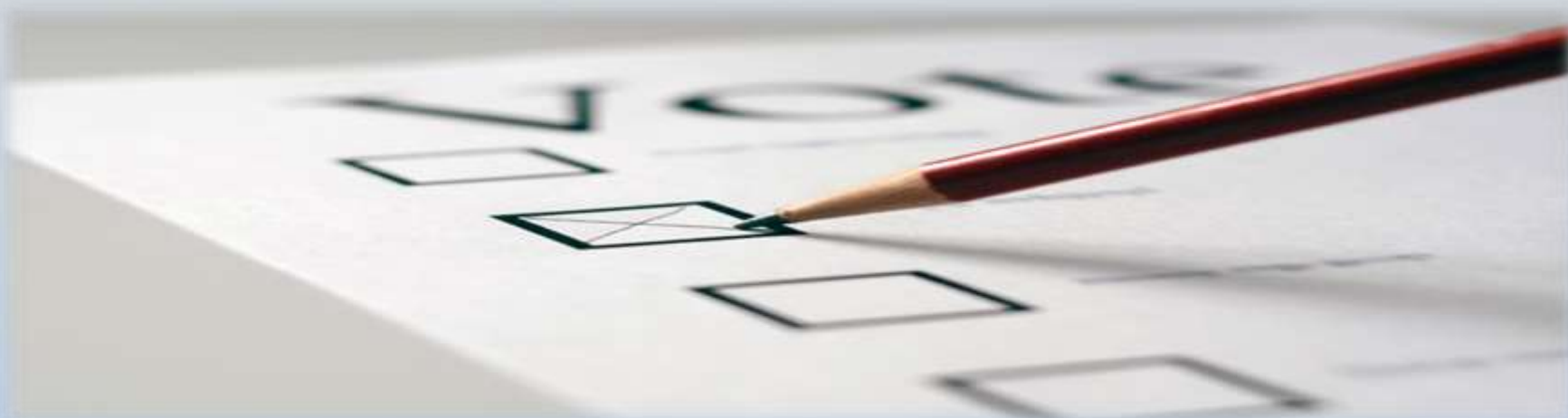
Governor Asa Hutchinson



## □ Governor’s Highway Funding Working Group

- ✓ Immediate: \$ 50 Million
- ✓ Short-term (0-3 years): \$110 Million
- ✓ Mid-term (3-5 years): \$250 Million
- ✓ Long-term (6-9 years): \$400 Million

All figures are annual amounts for state highways.



# Options for Generating Additional Revenue

Source	\$200 Million for Highways <sup>(1)</sup>	\$300 Million for Highways <sup>(1)</sup>	\$400 Million for Highways <sup>(1)</sup>
Fuel Tax	14.2¢	21.3¢	28.4¢
Sales Tax on Fuel (wholesale)	8.33%	12.5%	16.67%
Registration Fee	\$104	\$156	\$208
General Sales Tax <sup>(2)</sup>	0.58%	0.87%	1.16%

<sup>1</sup> Amount shown is annual net to highways – after deduction for CFA/CSF and 30% to cities and counties.

<sup>2</sup> Transfer of 4.5% (“general” portion of statewide sales tax)

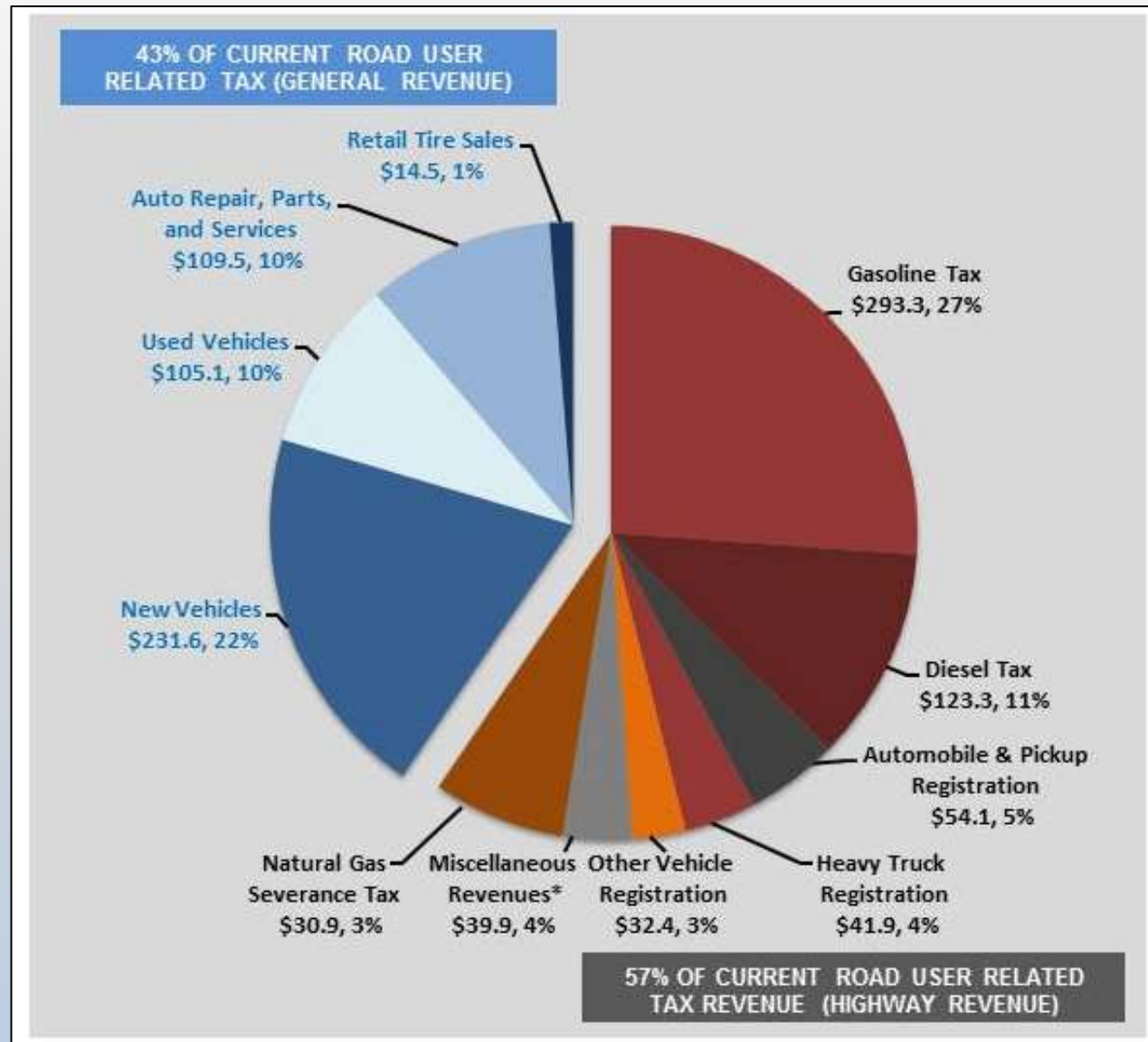
# Road User Related Tax Revenue (SFY 2016)

Total Road User Revenue  
**\$1,076.5 Million**

Distribution:

General Revenue  
**\$460.7 Million (43%)**

Highway Revenue  
**\$615.9 Million (57%)**



# Possible Initiated Act

## CITIZENS OPINION SURVEY ON HIGHWAYS IN ARKANSAS

MAIL OR EMAIL RESPONSES TO:  
 ARDOT  
 Public Information  
 P.O. Box 2261  
 Little Rock, AR 72203  
[info@arkansashighways.com](mailto:info@arkansashighways.com)

Are you satisfied with the condition of the existing state highway system?

Yes     No

What highways in your area need improvements, and what type of improvements do they need?

Priority 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Priority 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Priority 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Priority 4: \_\_\_\_\_

If you want better highway conditions, the Arkansas Department of Transportation will need additional funds. Would you support a new highway program that would generate additional revenue?

Yes     No

Which of the following sources do you recommend be utilized in obtaining additional funds (check all that apply):

- Increase in gas tax
- Increase in diesel tax
- Increase in sales tax (dedicated to highways)
- Increase in vehicle registration fees
- Add sales tax on wholesale price of motor fuels
- Transfer existing sales and use tax on motor vehicles and related parts and service (currently collected but not paid to highways)
- Other (please specify):

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to sign a petition to put a highway revenue proposal on the 2018 general election ballot?

Yes     No    If Yes, what County do you live in? \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Contact Information: name, email, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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meeting name - date

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# Questions?

