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**Assistant Chief – Administration**



**Conway Area Leadership Institute**  
**Thursday, August 2, 2018**



**3rd Largest State Agency**  
(app. 3,700 Employees)

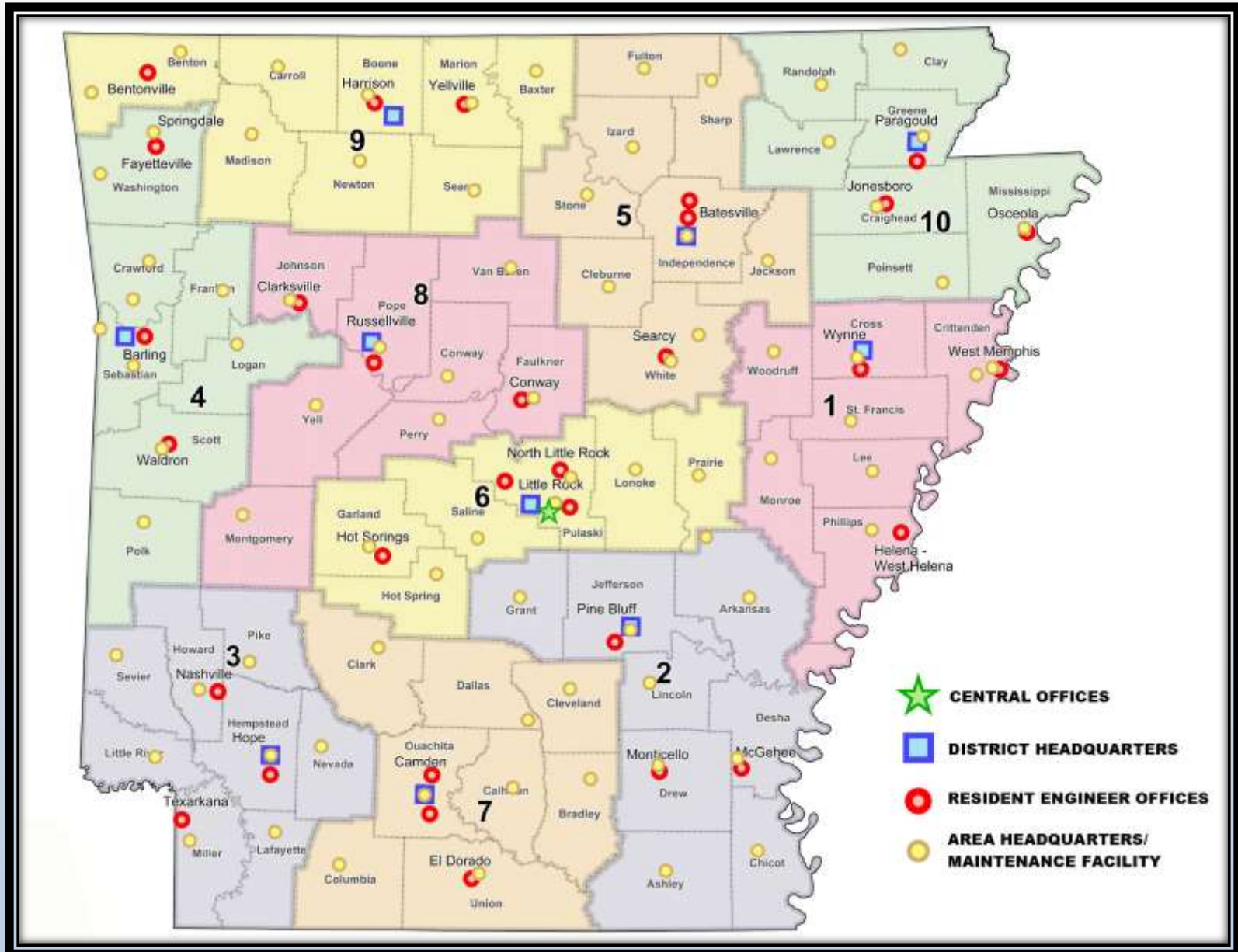
**Maintains**  
16,418 miles of Highway  
7,335 Bridges

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

**Central Offices in Little Rock**

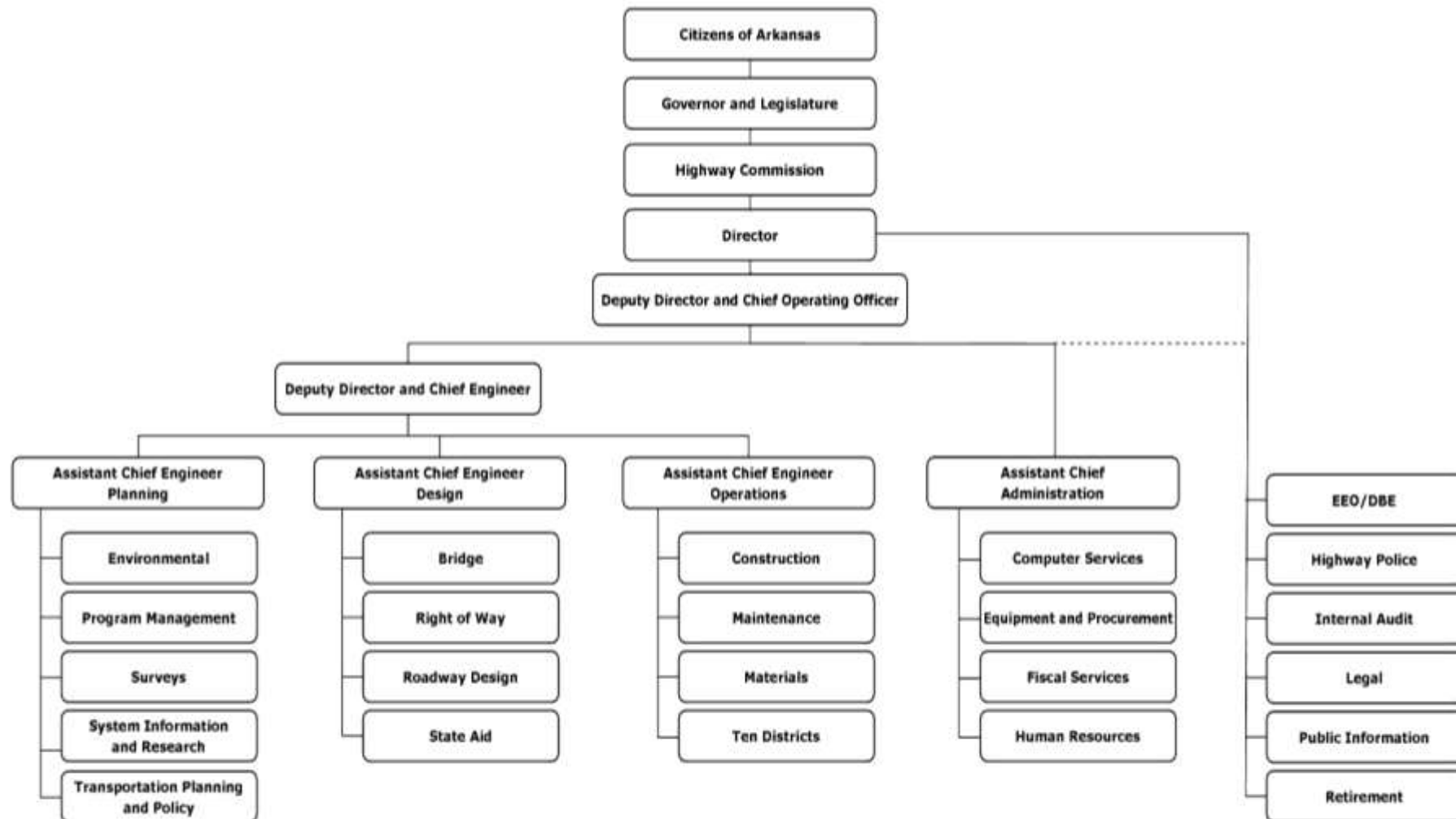
**10 Districts Statewide**

# District Organization





# Organization Chart



*Scott L. Bennett*

Director of Highways and Transportation

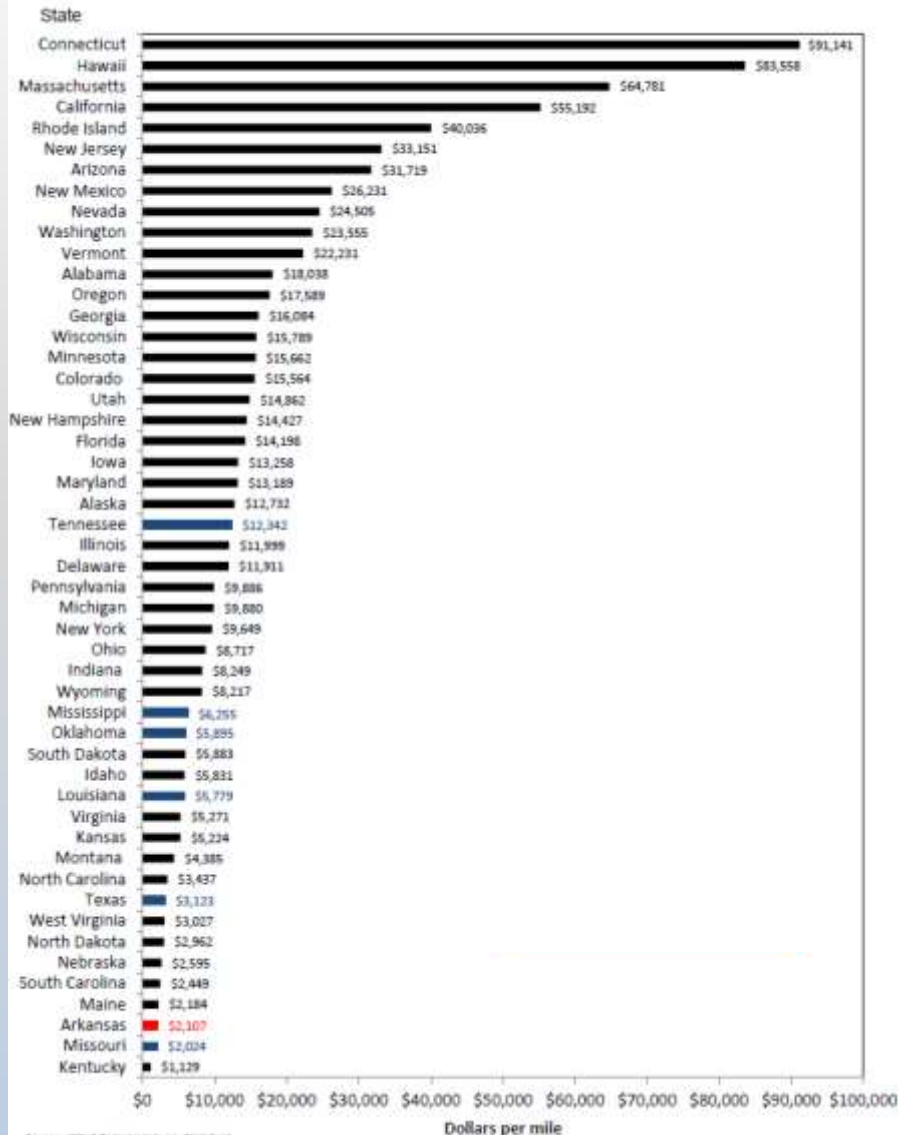
March 13, 2015

Date

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

## 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

# Employment Levels Efficiency

Year  
1979  **4,200**  
Employees

2000  **3,800**  
Employees

2017  **3,679**  
Employees



# Promises Made



# Promises Kept





**Rebuilding Arkansas  
Interstates**



# 1999 Interstate Rehabilitation Program



**50 Projects**

**356 Miles**

**\$973 Million**

**Prior to Program**

**63% Poor or  
Mediocre**

**After Program**

**72% Good**



# Interstate Rehabilitation Program

## Completed

44 Projects  
274 Miles  
\$968 Million

## Under Construction

5 Projects  
29 Miles  
\$227 Million

## Scheduled

30 Projects  
191 Miles  
\$299 Million



# Connecting Arkansas Program

## Completed

11 Projects  
61 Miles  
\$432 Million

## Under Construction

6 Projects  
24 Miles  
\$276 Million

## Scheduled

19 Projects  
99 Miles  
\$1.27 Billion





# Conway Area



# Update



***South Interchange  
& Western Loop***



## Completed

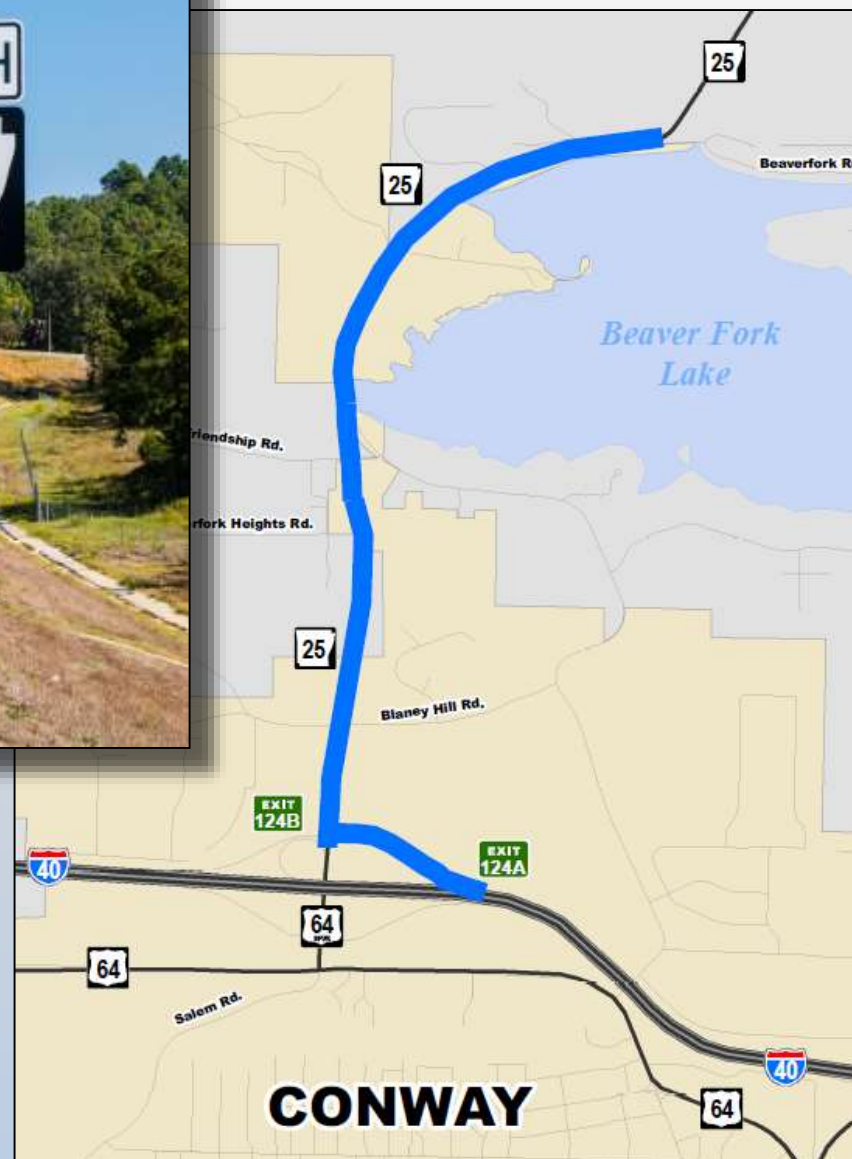
7 Projects  
22.3 Miles  
\$66.5 Million

## Under Construction

1 Project  
7.4 Miles  
\$21.4 Million







**Completed**  
2.1 Miles  
\$10.8 Million





**Completed**  
0.5 Miles  
\$9.4 Million



## Completed

2 Projects  
12.3 Miles  
\$2.1 Million

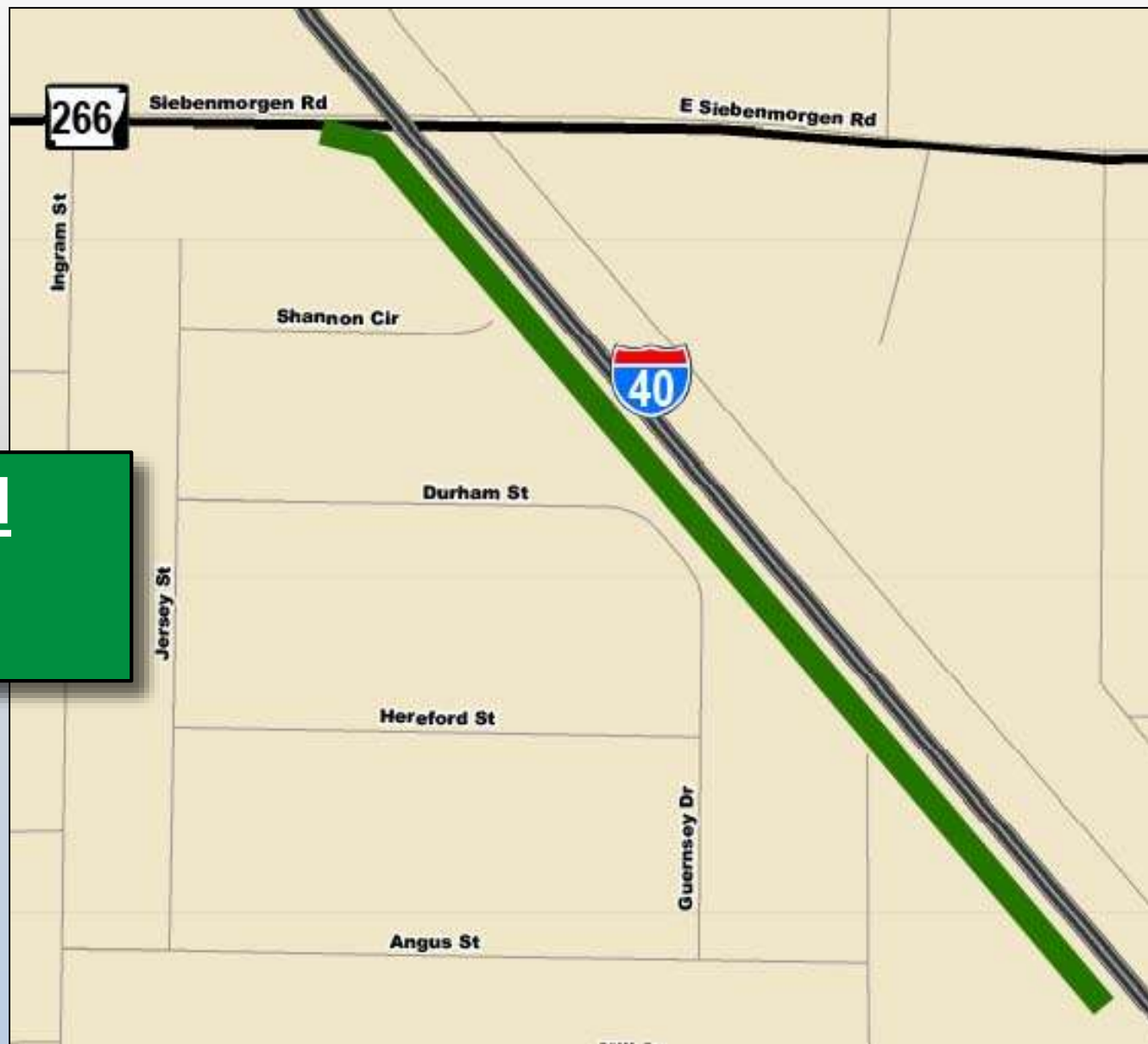


# Noise Barrier Wall

**Scheduled**

Late 2018

\$3 Million



# I-40 / U.S. Highway 65 Interchange

**Scheduled**

Late 2019

\$7 Million



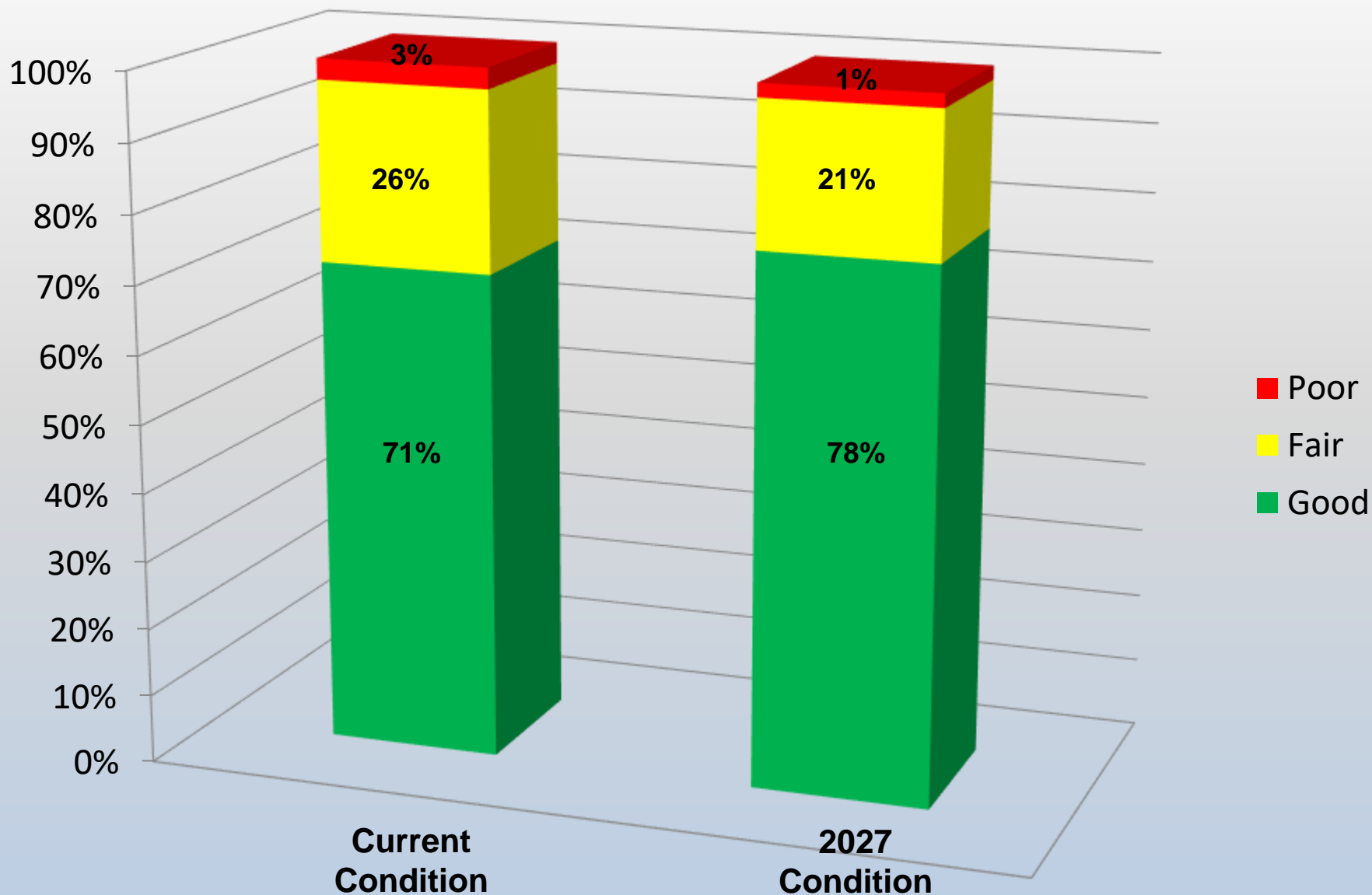


# Highway Traffic &

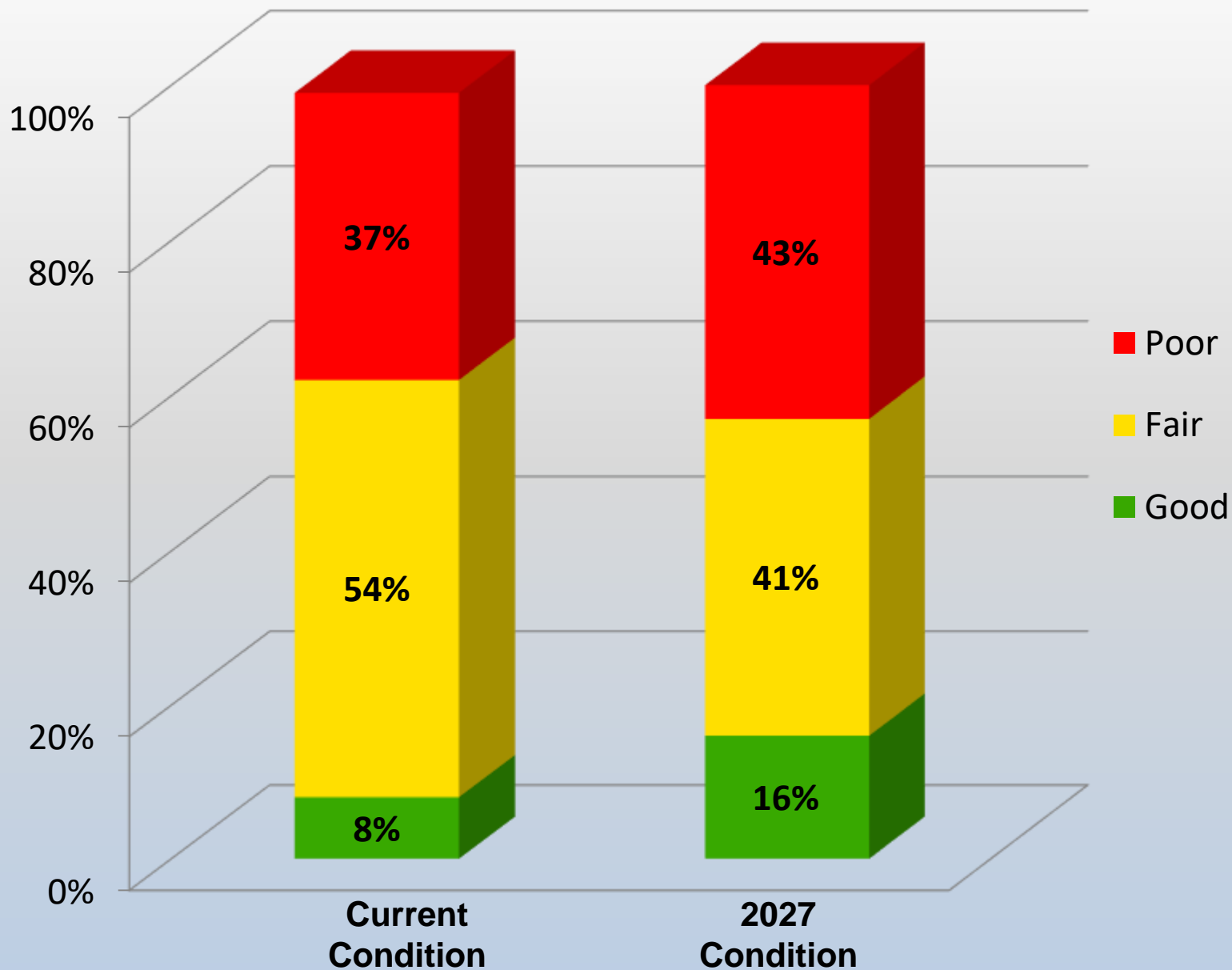


# Condition

# Interstates



# Other State Highways – Excluding Interstates



# Status of State Funding







# Current Hwy. Funding Sources

## State

*Per-Gallon Motor Fuel Taxes*

*Vehicle Registration Fees*

*License/Permit/Inspection Fees*

*Severance Taxes*

*Temporary Sales Tax Increase*



# Projected Federal & State Revenue

## Federal Funds

Est. Avg. Annual Revenue from the FAST Act

**\$580 million**

## State Funds

Est. Avg. Annual Revenue 2019-2022

**\$460 million**

## Total Gross Available

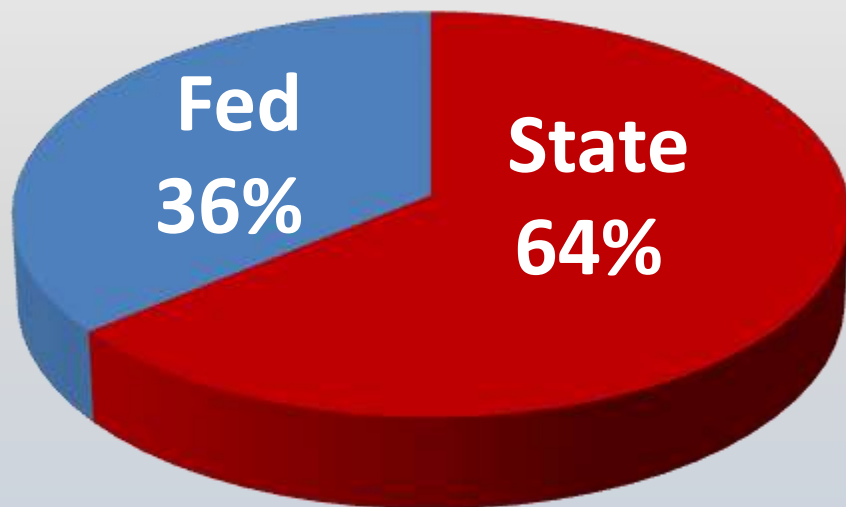
**\$1.04 Billion**



# Federal vs. State Funding

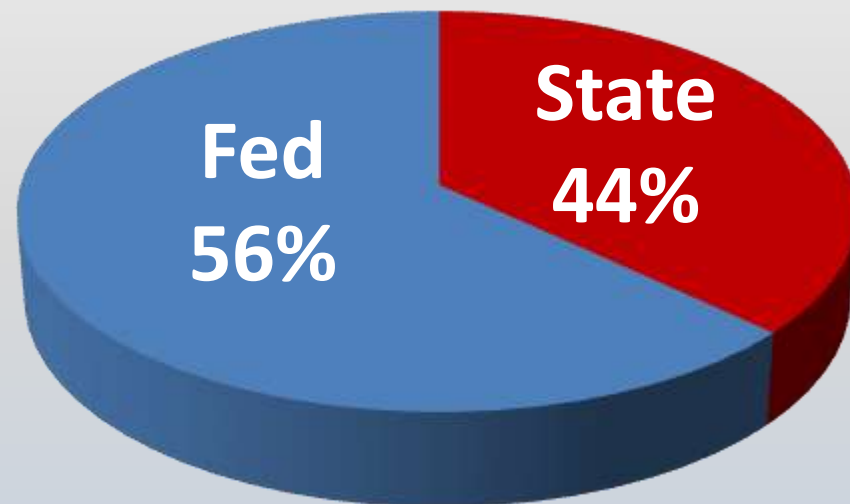
## 1993

### Hwy. Funding Breakdown



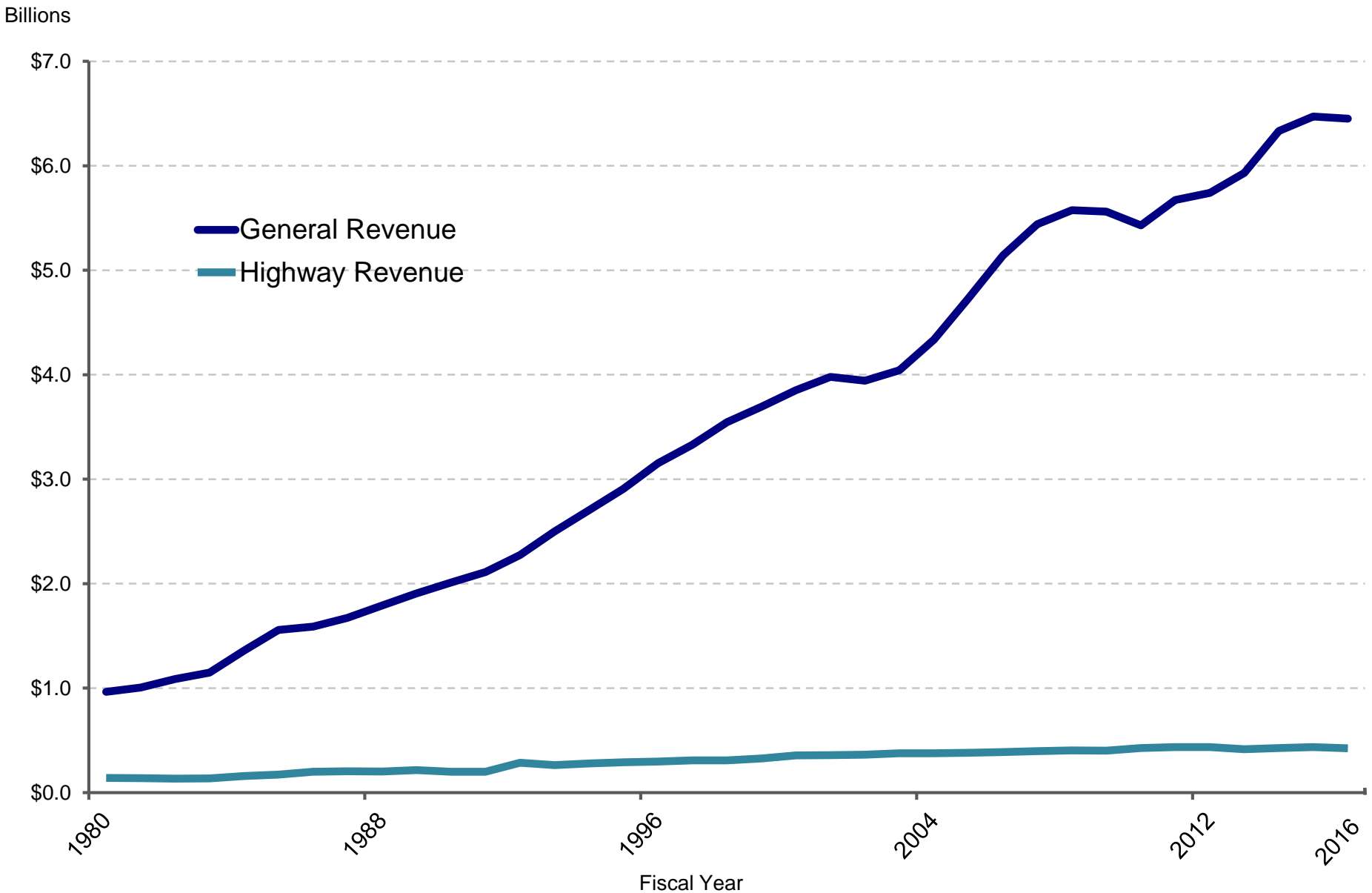
## 2018

### Hwy. Funding Breakdown



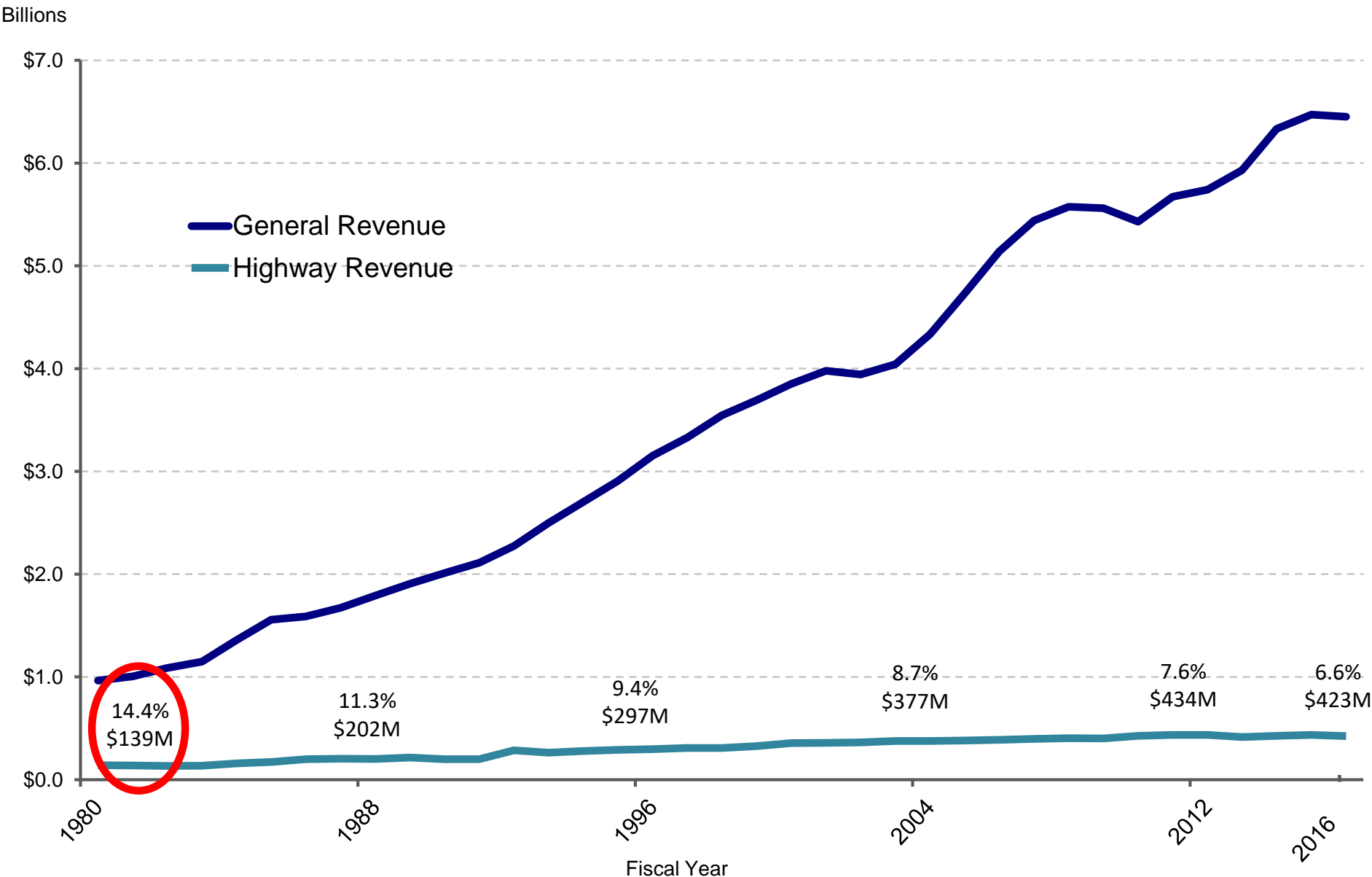


# Highway vs. General Revenue



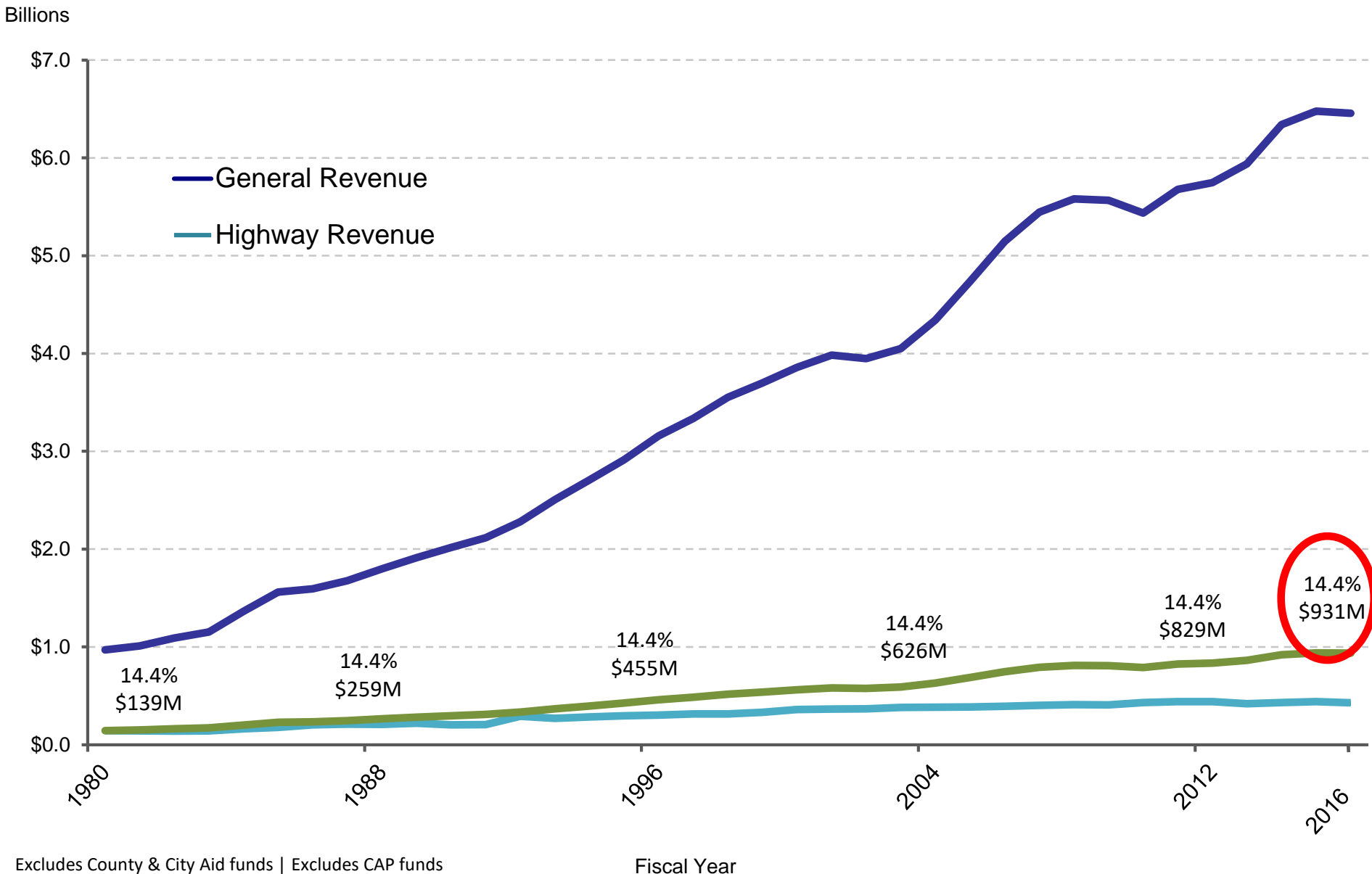
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# Percent of Highway vs. General Revenue



Excludes County & City Aid funds | Excludes CAP funds

# Highway Revenue at 14.4% of General Revenue





# Arkansas State Highway Needs

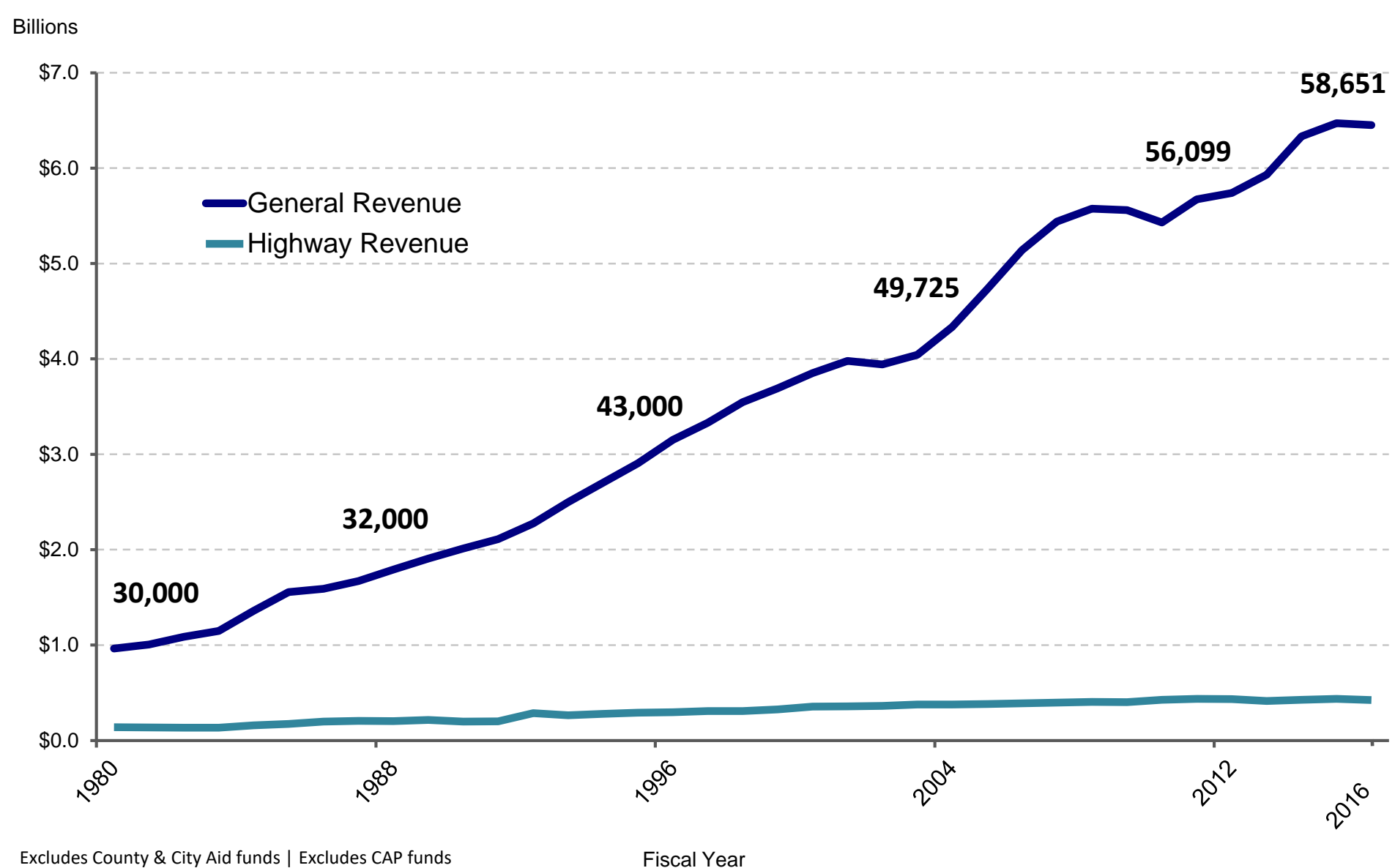
## Exhibit III

### Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) Summary of Annual State Funds Needed to Meet Proposed Highway Construction Plan Over a 10-Year Period

	Annual Funds Needed for	Annual Funds Available for Highway Construction	Additional Annual State Revenues Needed for Highway Construction Plan
	137,000,000	\$ 250,000,000	
	90,000,000	27,000,000	
	227,000,000	277,000,000	
	157,000,000	148,000,000	
	44,000,000	42,000,000	
	19,000,000	19,000,000	
Equipment upgrades	8,000,000		8,000,000
Facilities upgrades	3,000,000		3,000,000
Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)	30,000,000	19,000,000	11,000,000
Total Maintenance			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 925,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 447,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 478,000,000</b>

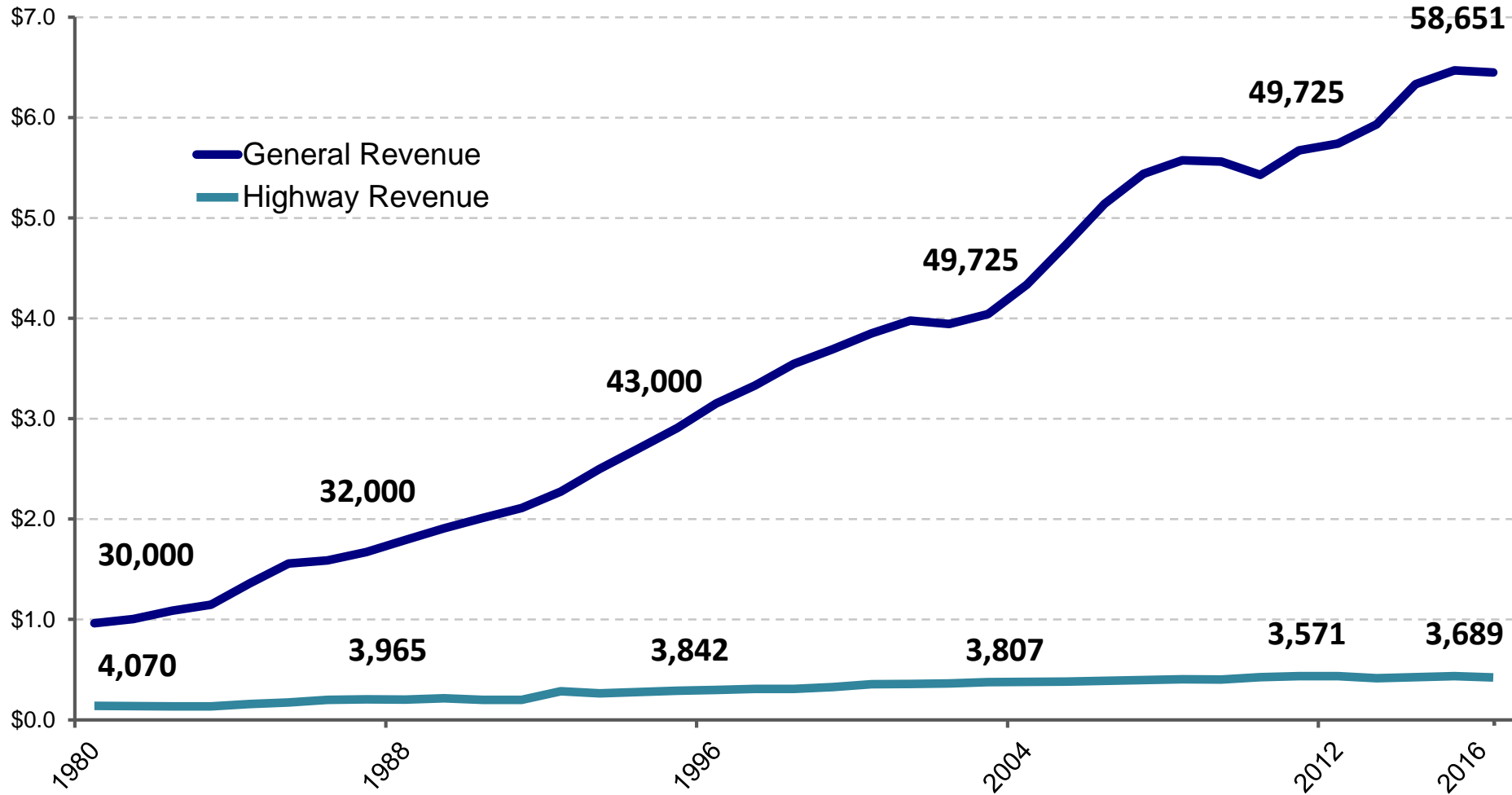
Note: Amounts shown are rounded.

# Highway vs. General Revenue Compared to Employment Levels



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Billions



Excludes County & City Aid funds | Excludes CAP funds

Fiscal Year



A vertical stack of US dollar bills, including \$100 and \$20 bills, is visible on the left side of the slide.

# Possible Hwy. Funding Sources

## State

*Increase Motor Fuel Taxes*

*Increase Registration Fees*

*Sales Tax on Motor Fuels*

*Road User Revenue Transfer*

*Permanent Sales Tax Increase*

*Other???*



# Citizens Opinion Survey

## CITIZENS OPINION SURVEY ON HIGHWAYS IN ARKANSAS

MAIL OR EMAIL RESPONSES TO:  
ArDOT  
Public Information  
P.O. Box 2261  
Little Rock, AR 72203  
[info@ardot.ar.gov](mailto:info@ardot.ar.gov)

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 State Highway and Transportation Department 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

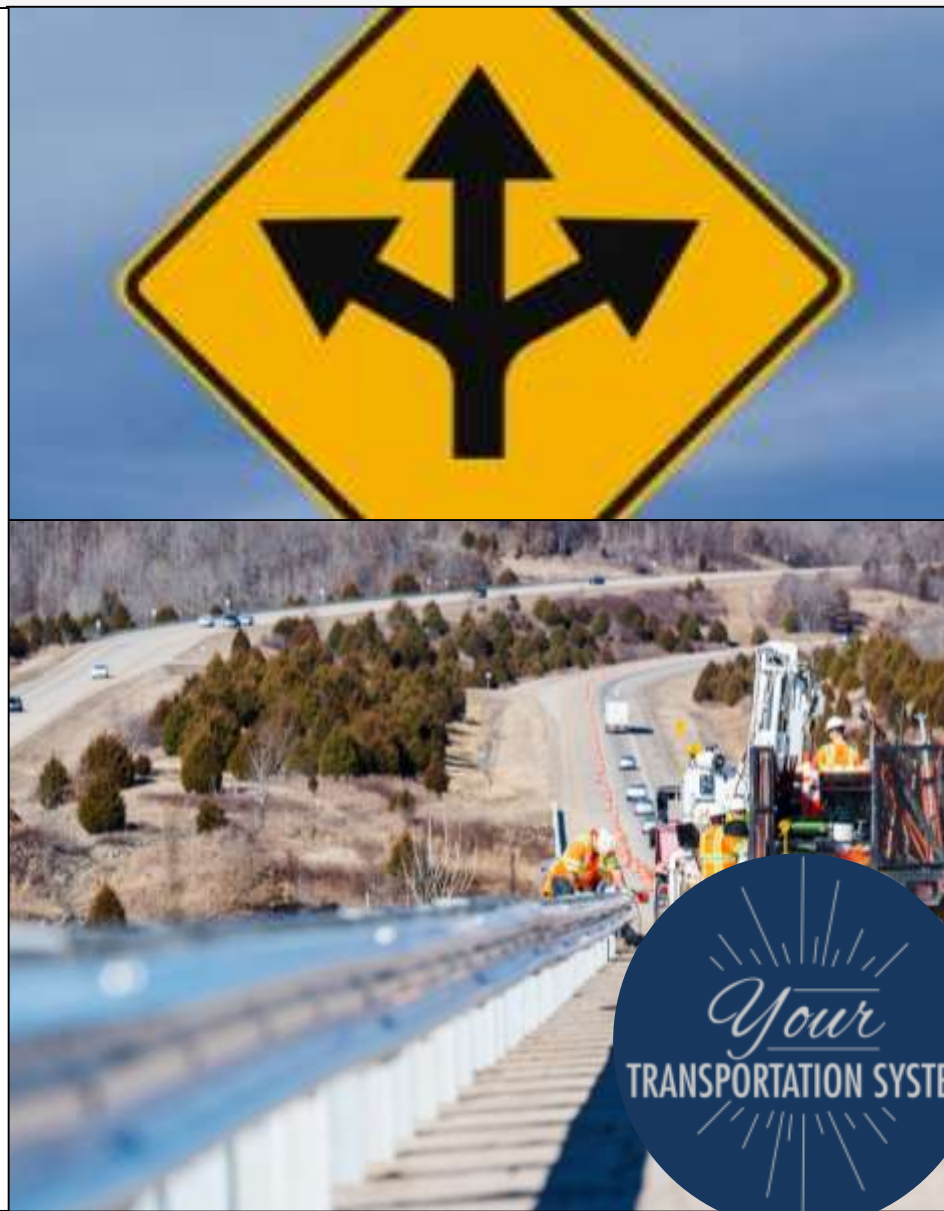
How did you hear about this survey?

- ☐ Presentation
- ☐ TV/Radio/Print
- ☐ Website/Search Engine
- ☐ Social Media
- ☐ Family or Friend
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional:

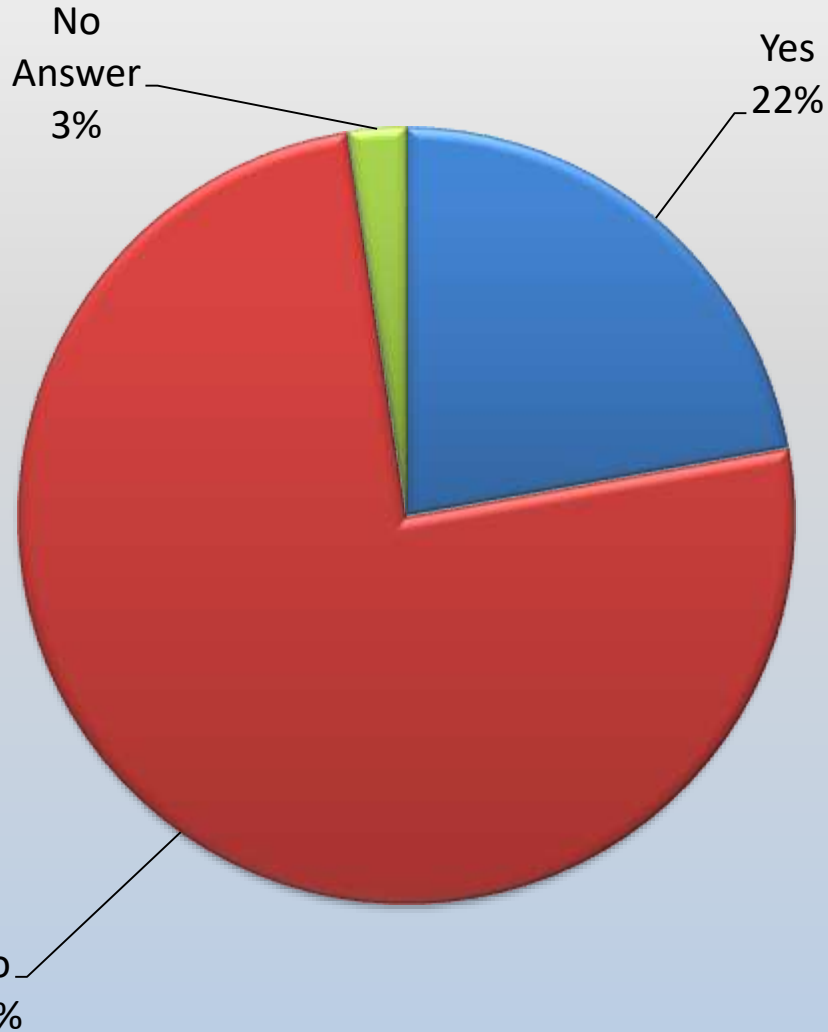
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Online Form Available Here:

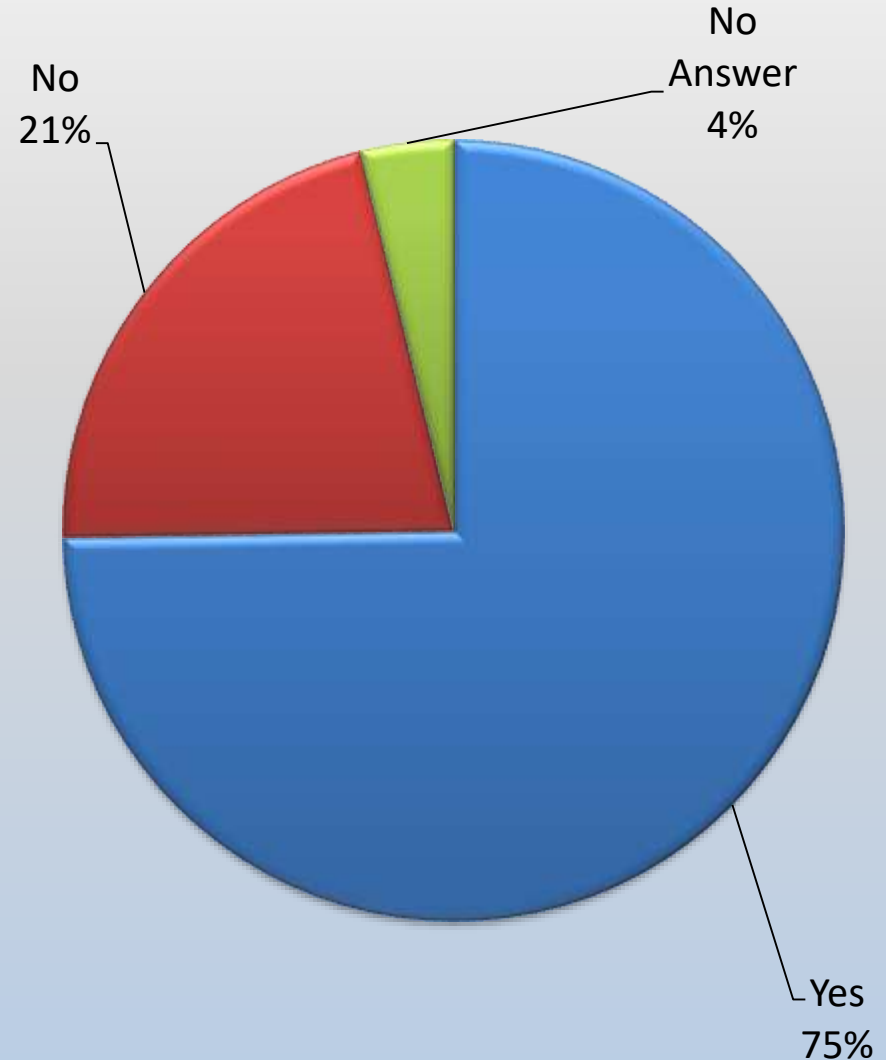


# Survey Results

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



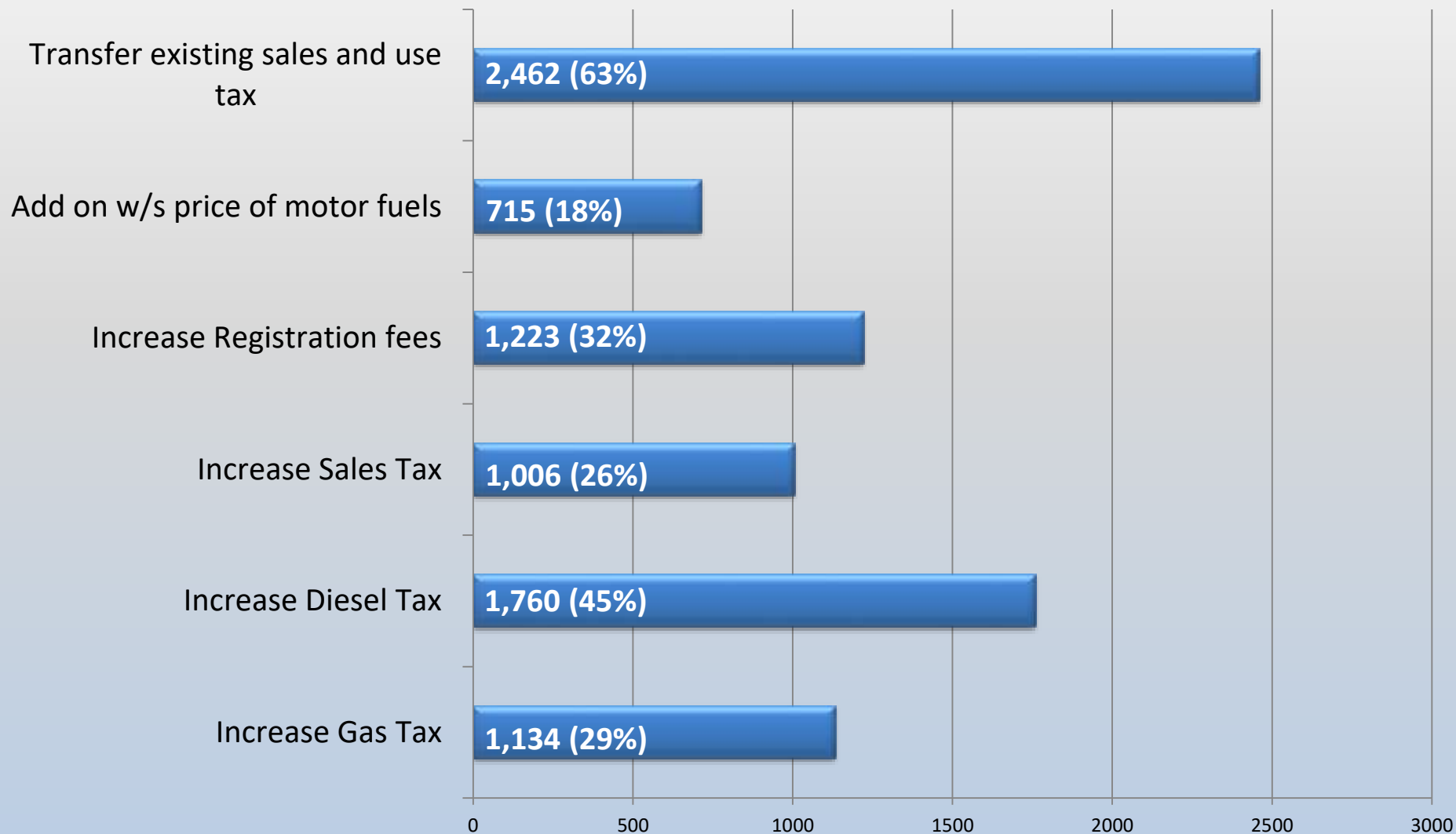
Would you support a new highway program that would generate additional revenue?





# Survey Results

Which of the following sources do you recommend be utilized in obtaining additional funds?





# *Challenges*

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

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

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➤ **\$9.3 billion** in needs

➤ **\$4.5 billion** in available revenue

# Questions?



- ARDOT.gov
- ConnectingArkansasProgram.com
- Vimeo.com/myARDOT
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