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Director



Benton Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday, October 23, 2018



3rd Largest State Agency
(3,698 Employees)

Maintains
16,418 miles of Highway
7,335 Bridges

Central Offices in Little Rock

10 Districts Statewide

Core Values

Safety

- Safety first in all we do

Public Service

- Focus on the greater good

Teamwork

- One vision through collaboration and communication

Quality

- Deliver reliable transportation solutions

Integrity

- Commitment to ethics and transparency

Efficiency

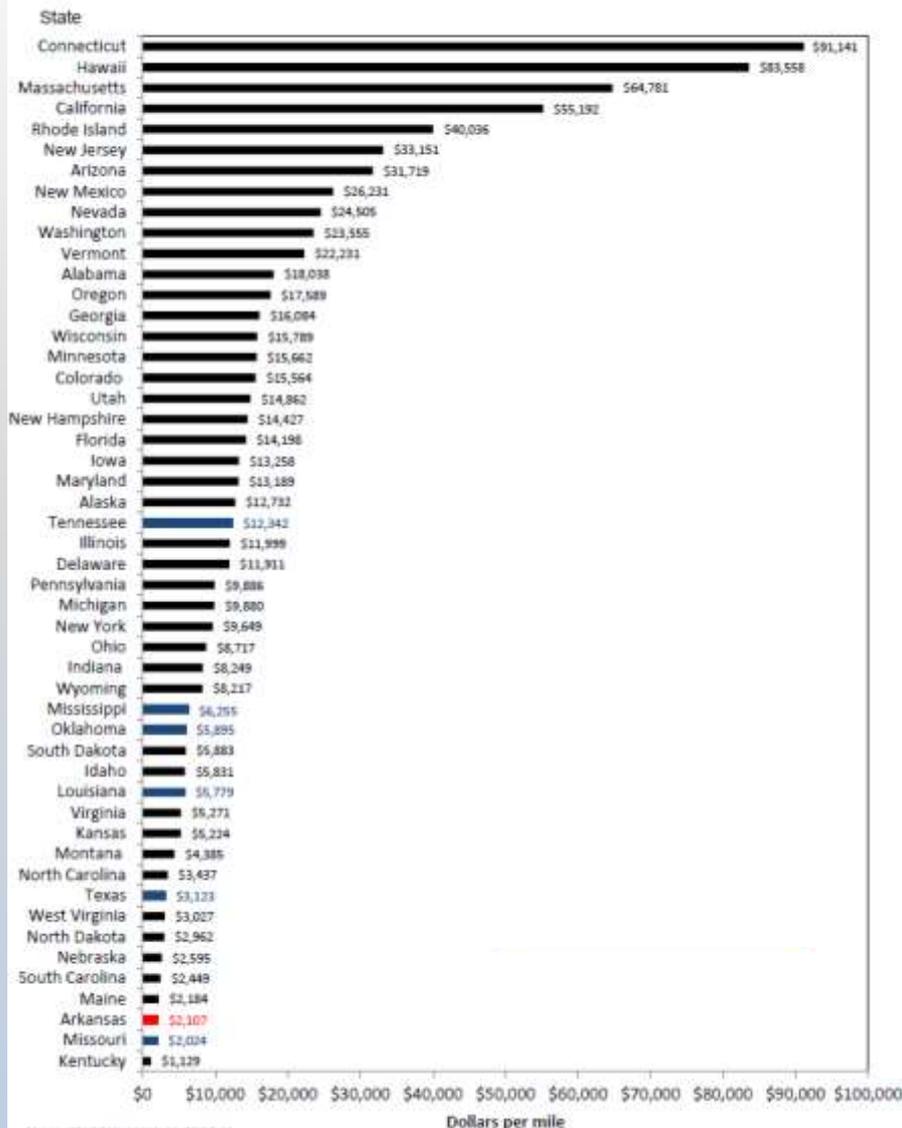
- Achieve maximum benefit through fiscal responsibility

*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

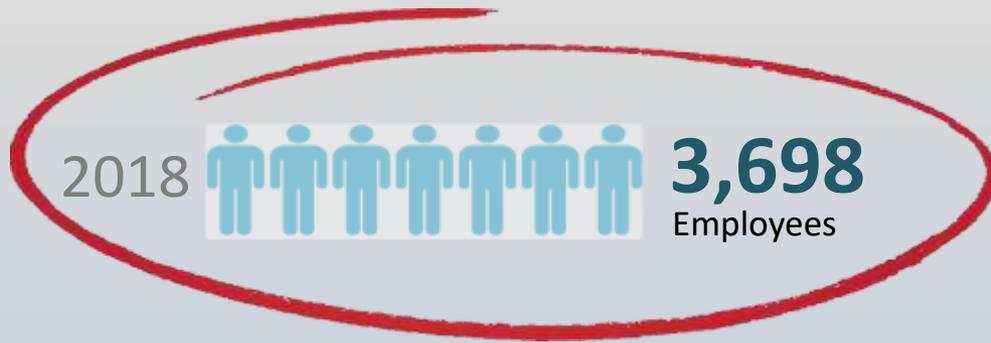
Arkansas = \$2,107

Surrounding States Average = \$4,334

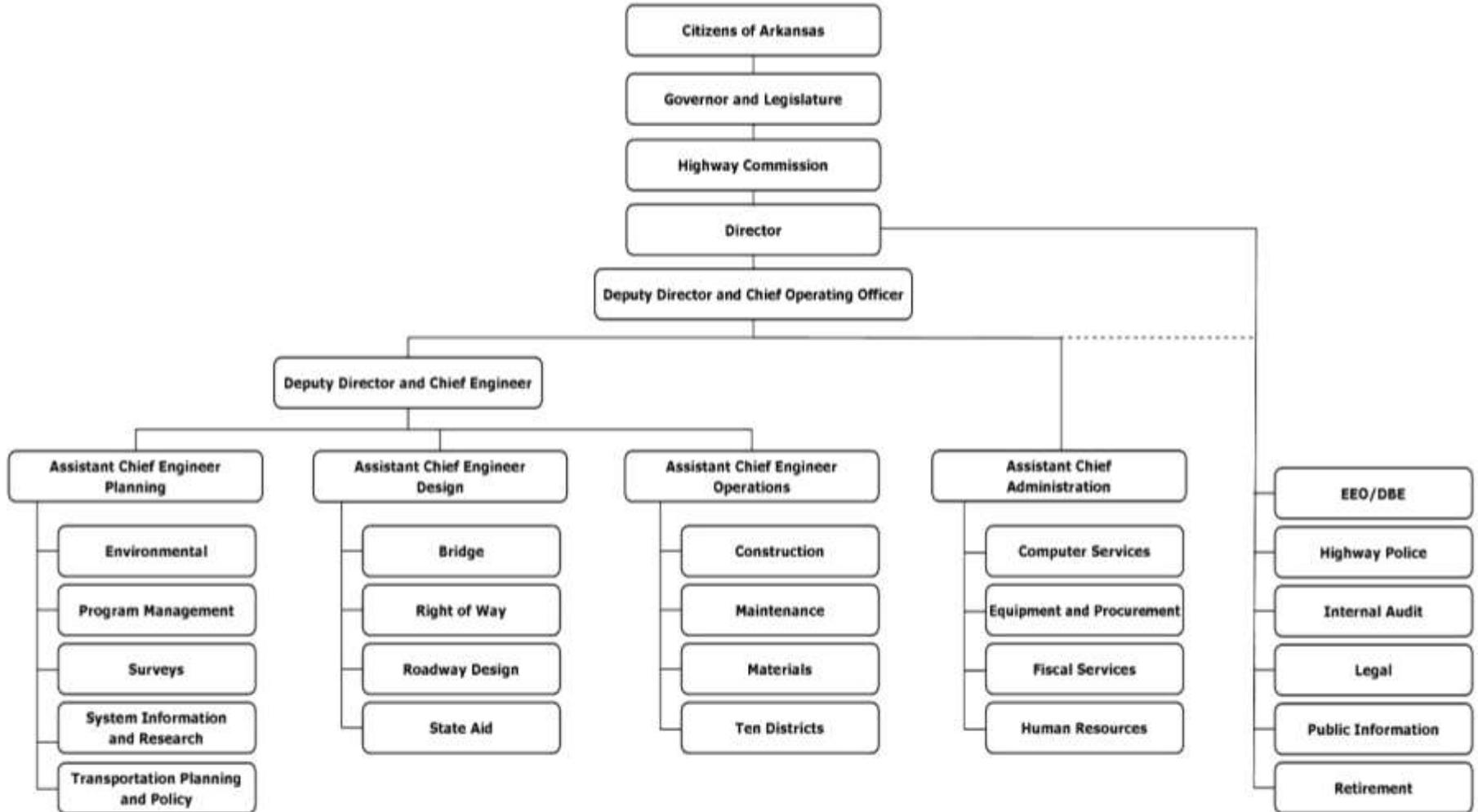
National Average = \$9,224

Arkansas has the
3rd Lowest
Administrative Cost Per
Mile
in the Nation

Employment Levels Efficiency



Organization Chart



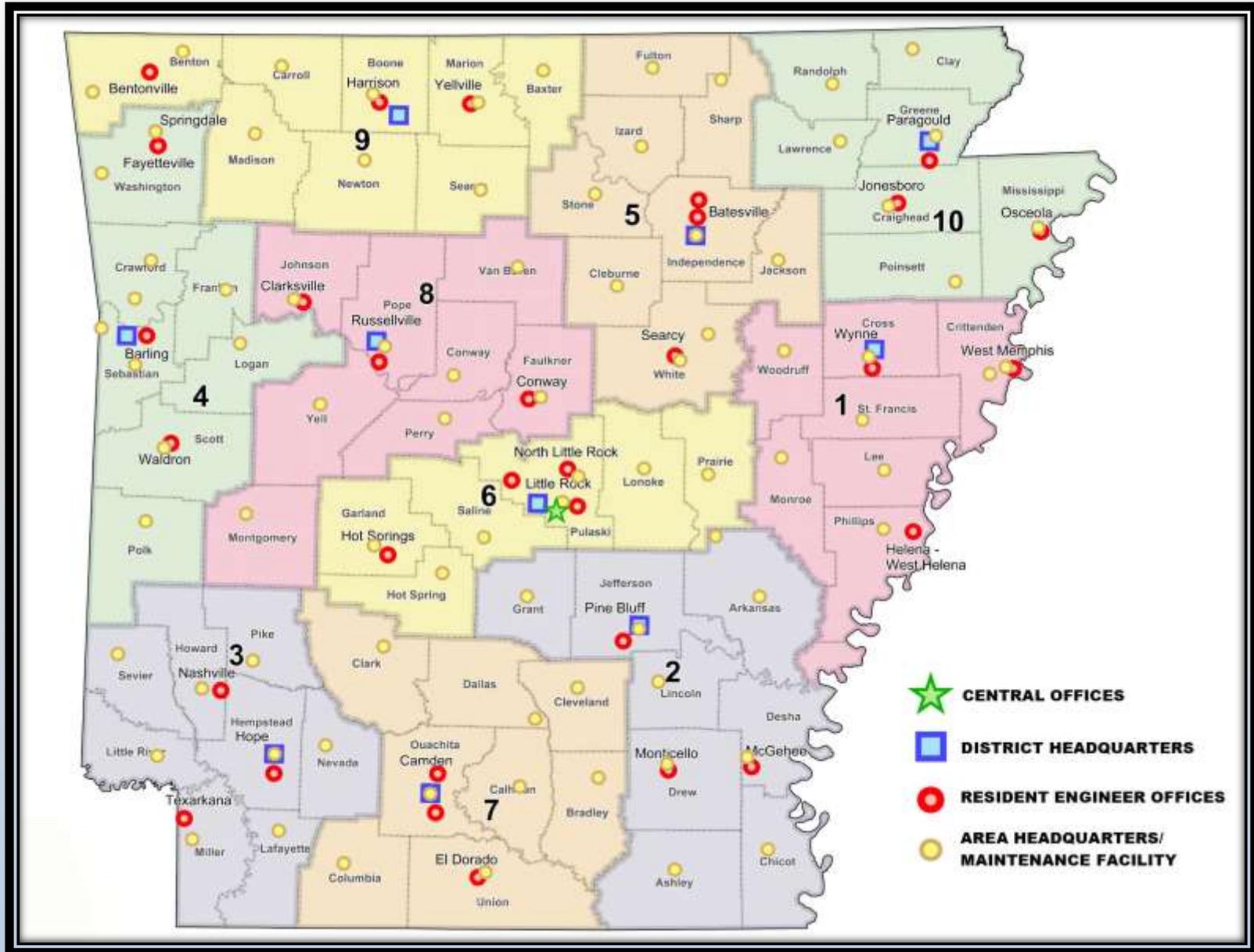
Scott G. Bennett

Director of Highways and Transportation

March 13, 2015

Date

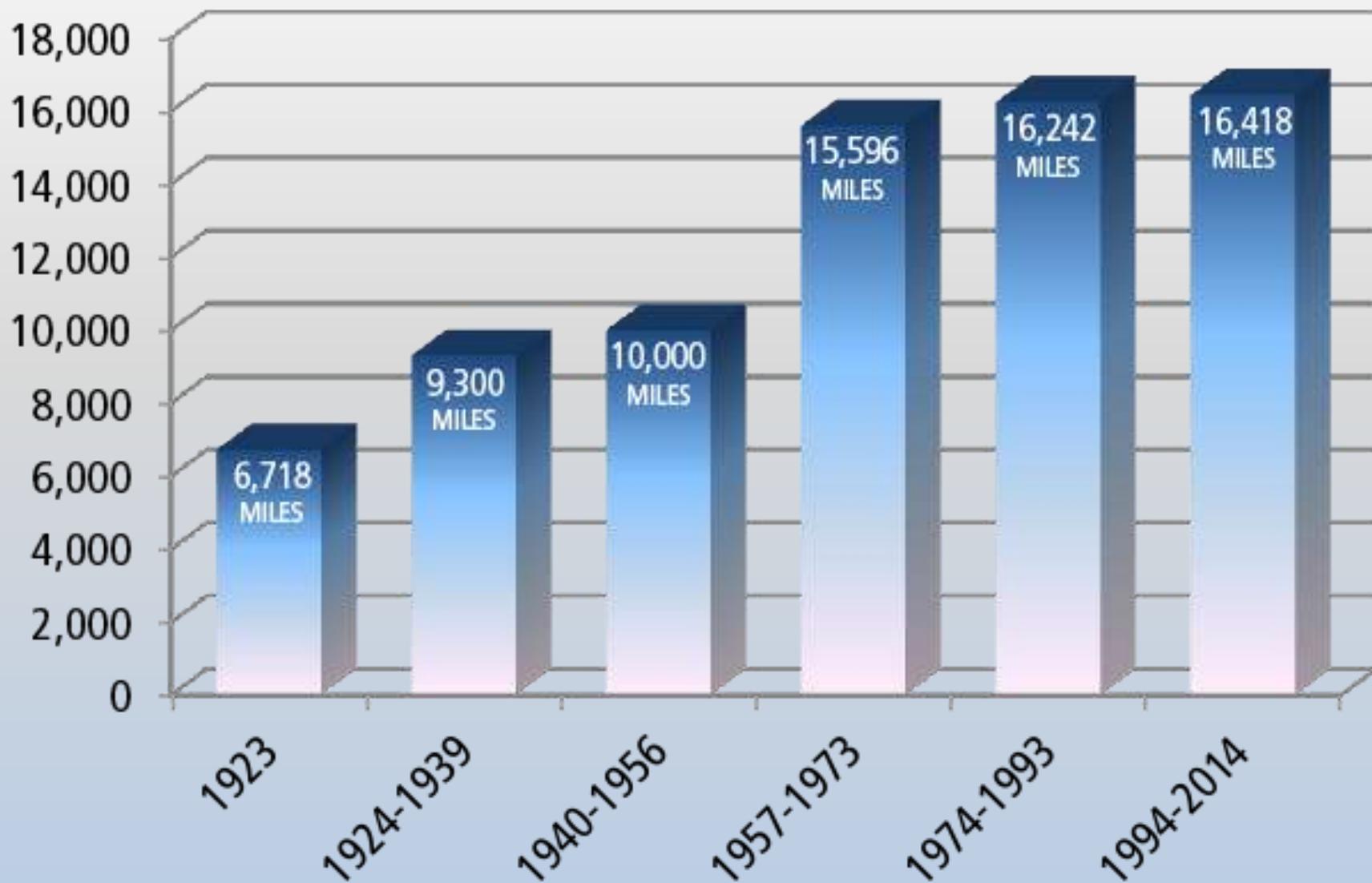
District Organization



-  **CENTRAL OFFICES**
-  **DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS**
-  **RESIDENT ENGINEER OFFICES**
-  **AREA HEADQUARTERS/ MAINTENANCE FACILITY**

GROWTH OF THE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

MILES





Statewide Programs





Rebuilding Arkansas
Interstates



IRP



CAP



1999 Interstate Rehabilitation Program



50 Projects

356 Miles

\$973 Million

Prior to Program

**63% Poor or
Mediocre**

After Program

72% Good

Completed

45 Projects
290 Miles
\$997 Million

Under Construction

6 Projects
33 Miles
\$264 Million

Scheduled

28 Projects
171 Miles
\$261 Million



Saline County

Received \$5.1 Million to date

Projected to Receive \$5.4 Million

Total \$10.5 Million (Ending in 2023)



City of Benton

Received \$3.2 Million to date

Projected to Receive \$3.4 Million

Total \$6.6 Million (Ending in 2023)



Local Projects

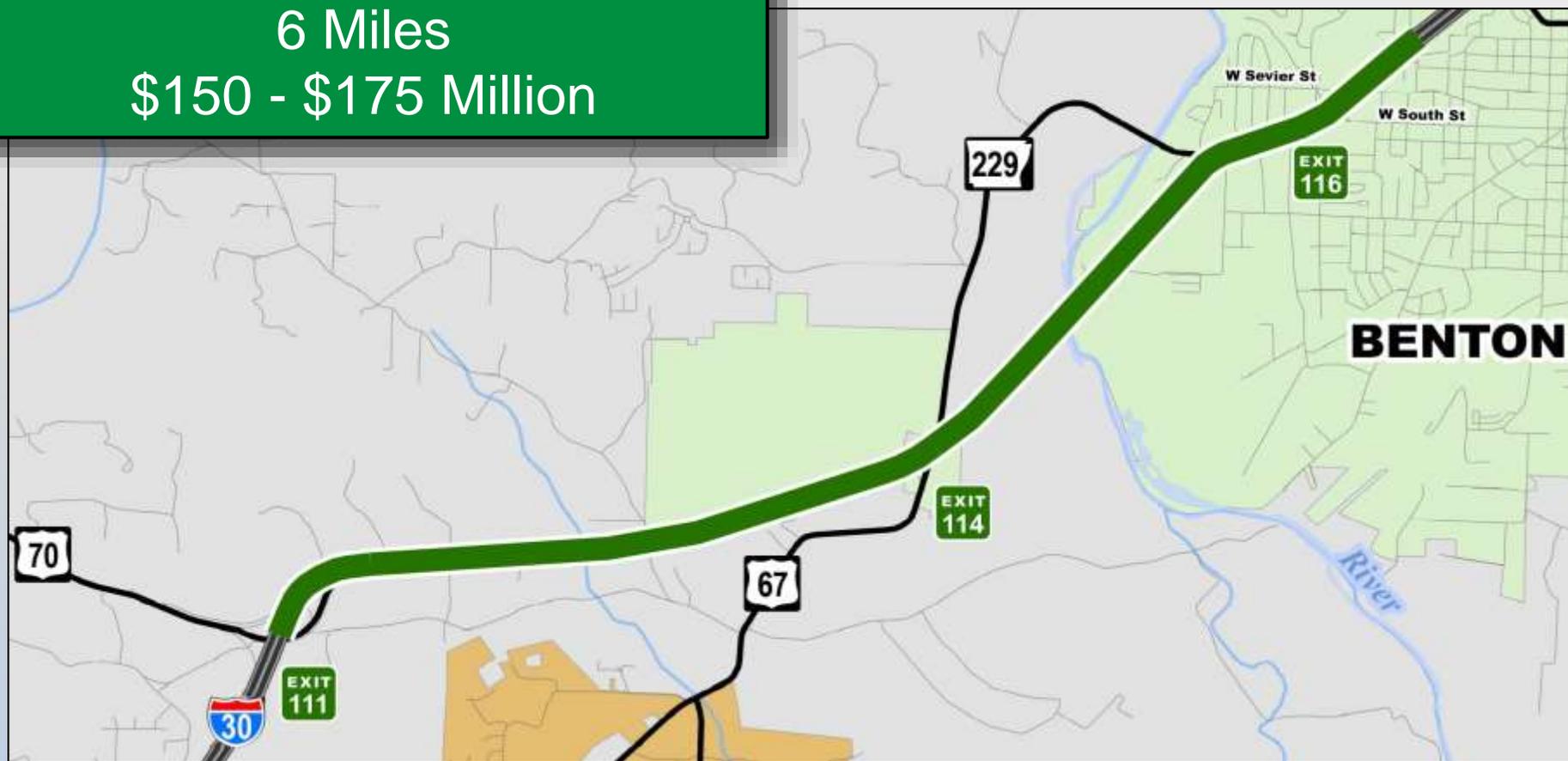


Currently Advertised

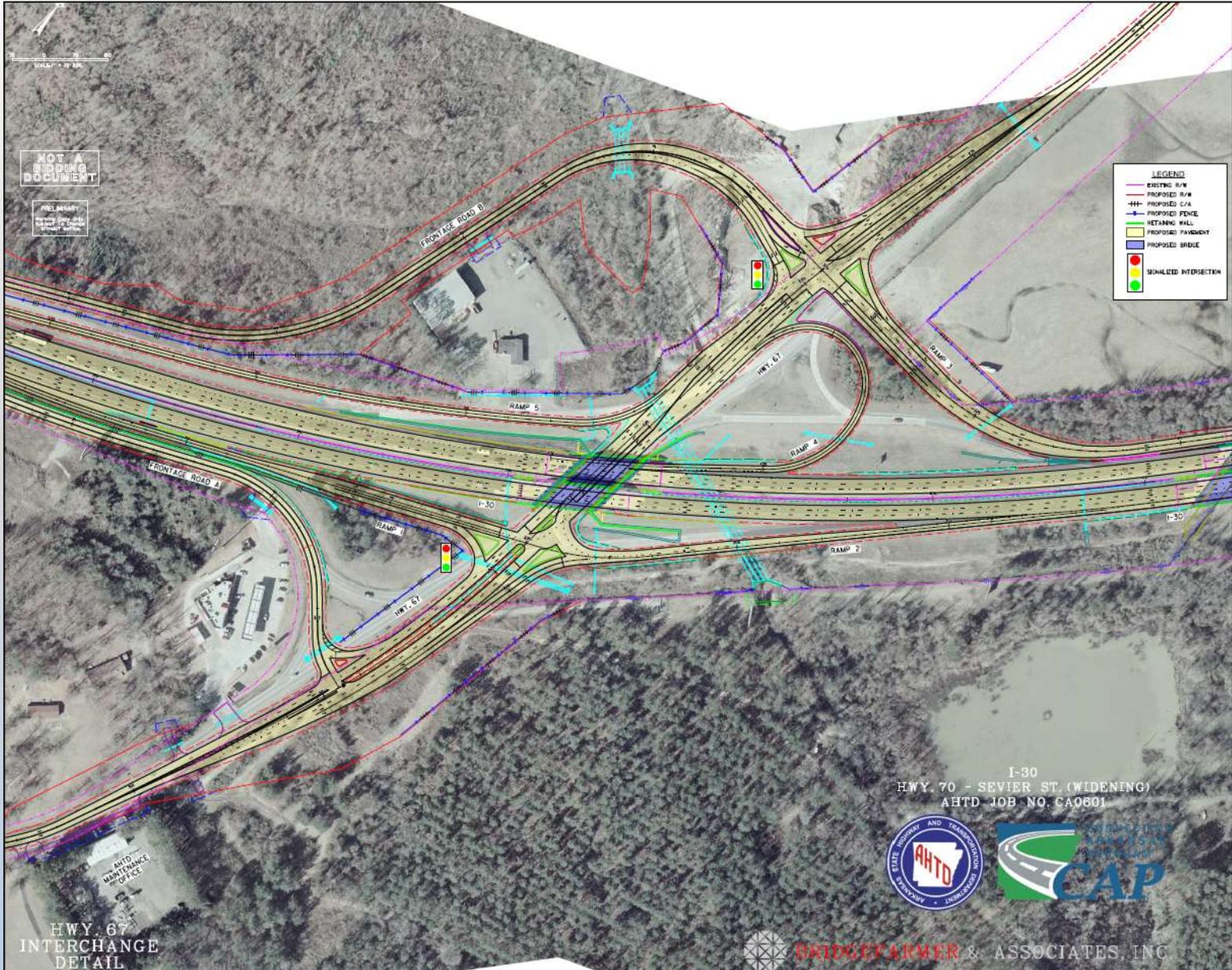
December 2018

6 Miles

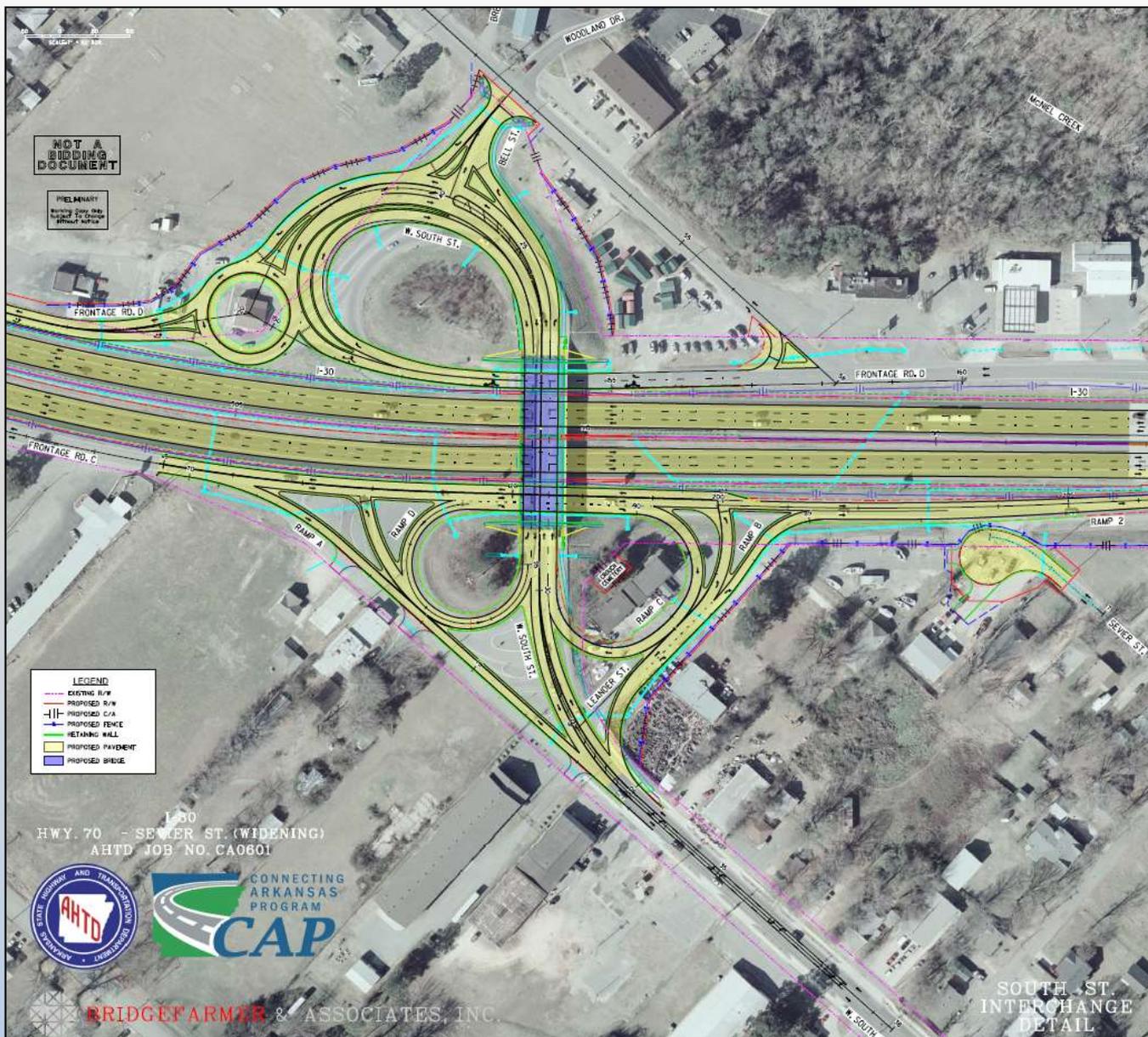
\$150 - \$175 Million



Interstate 30 – Exit 114 (Haskell)



Interstate 30 – Exit 116 (Sevier/South Street)



Completed
Four Interchange Ramps
\$7 Million



Completed
2 Projects
\$38 Million



Completed

18 Miles

\$79 Million



State Highway 5



Completed

2 Projects
24 Miles
\$8 Million

Scheduled

3 Projects
21 Miles
Estimate \$11 Million

Programmed

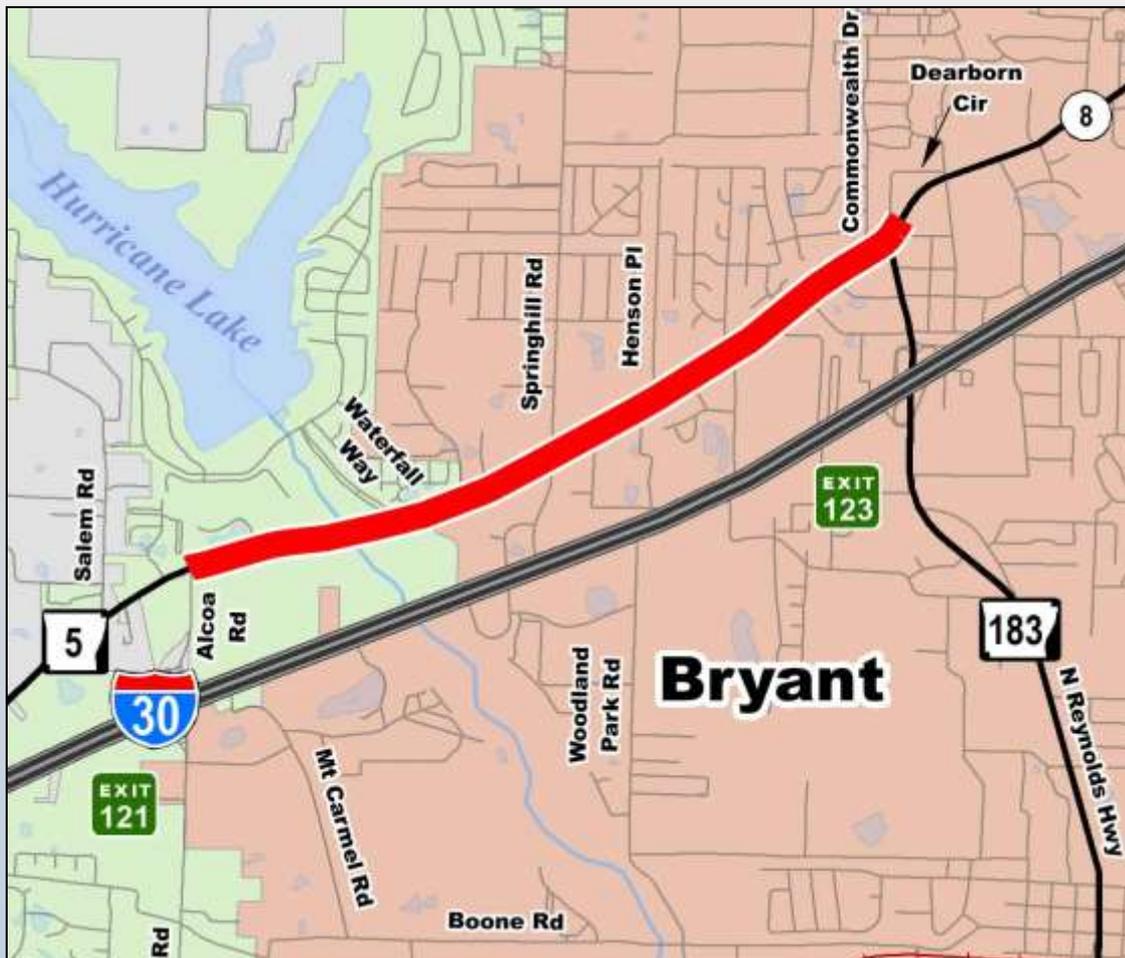
1 Mile
Estimate
\$10 - \$15 Million



Under Construction

2 Miles

\$17 Million



State Highway 5

Scheduled

1 Mile

\$5 - \$10 Million



Scheduled

Early 2019

2 Miles

Estimate <\$1 Million





Funding Challenges



Challenges

➤ **12th** largest system in the country

➤ **42nd** in highway revenue per mile.

➤ **\$9.2 billion** in needs

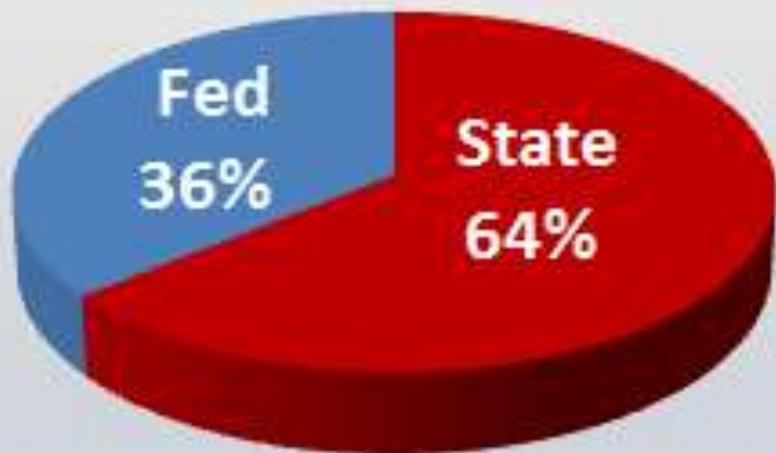
➤ **\$4.4 billion** in available revenue



Federal vs. State Funding

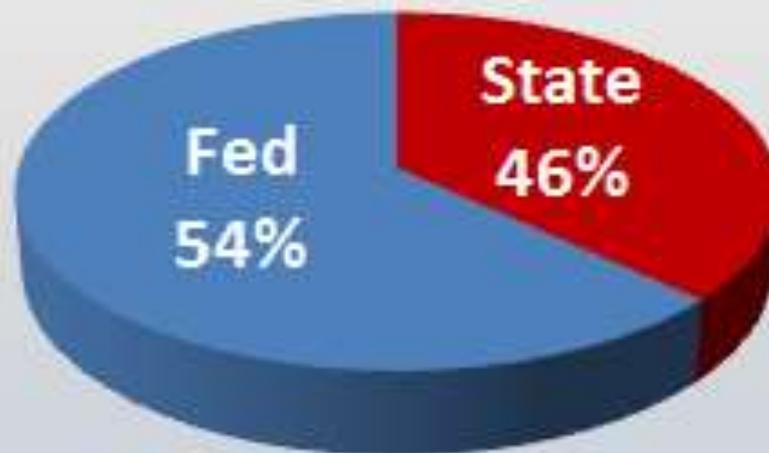
1993

Hwy. Funding Breakdown



2016

Hwy. Funding Breakdown





Current Hwy. Funding Sources

State

Per-Gallon Motor Fuel Taxes

Vehicle Registration Fees

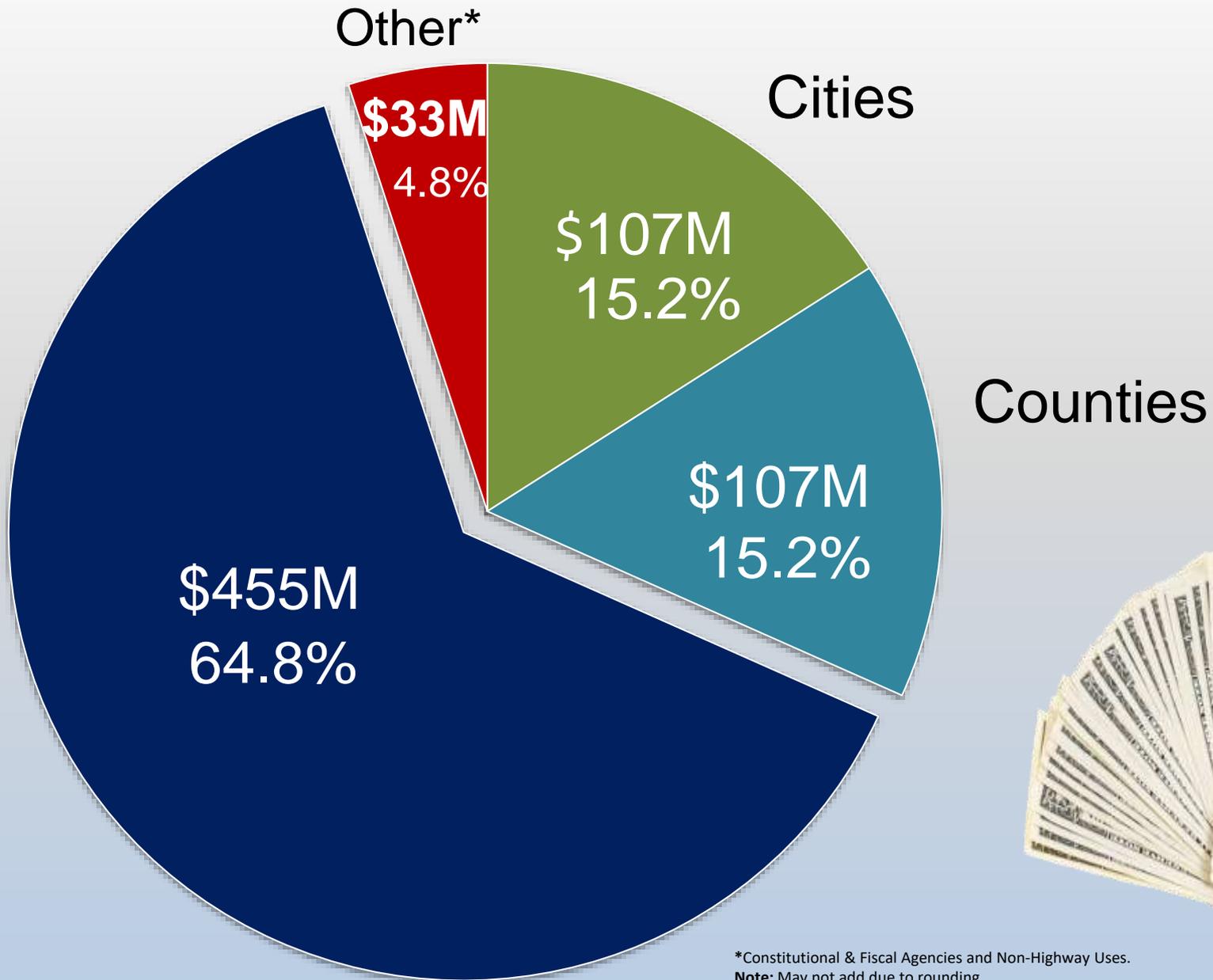
License/Permit/Inspection Fees

Severance Taxes

Temporary Sales Tax Increase

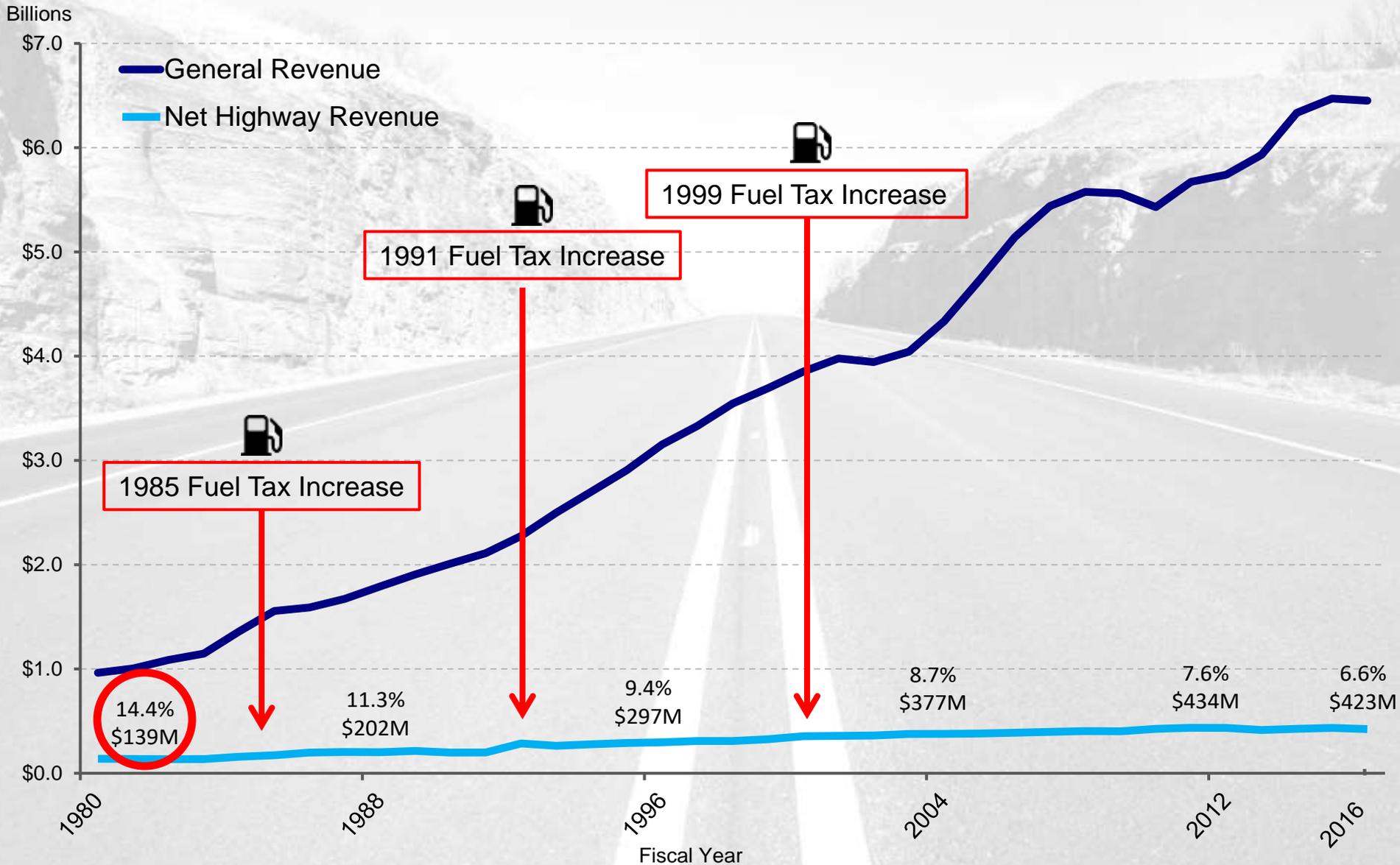


Average Annual Highway User Revenue Distribution



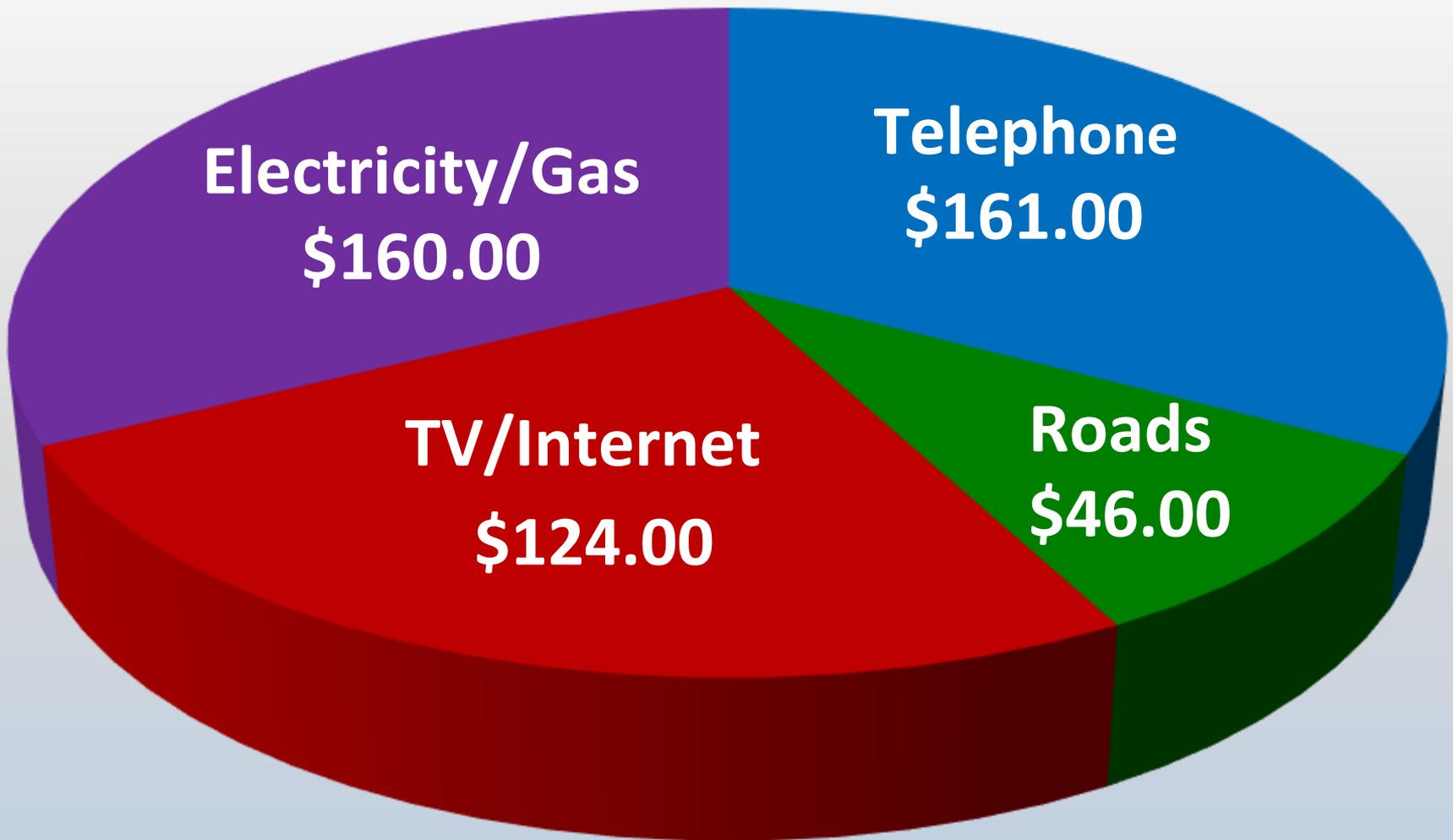
*Constitutional & Fiscal Agencies and Non-Highway Uses.
Note: May not add due to rounding

Percent of Highway vs. General Revenue



Excludes County & City Aid funds | Excludes CAP funds

Average Monthly Household Expenditures



SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF PURCHASING POWER

Sample of Nominal Prices Relative to Federal Gas Tax, 1993 and 2010

ITEM	UNIT/DESCRIPTION	1993	2010	PERCENT CHANGE
College Tuition	Average Tuition and Required Fees	\$ 3,517	\$ 9,136	160%
Gas	Per Gallon	\$ 1.12	\$ 2.73	144%
Movie Ticket	Average Ticket Price	\$ 4.14	\$ 7.89	91%
House	Median Price	\$ 126,500	\$ 221,800	75%
Bread	Per Pound	\$ 1.08	\$ 1.76	62%
Income	Median Household	\$ 31,272	\$ 49,167	57%
Stamp	One First-class Stamp	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.44	52%
Beef	Per Pound of Ground Beef	\$ 1.57	\$ 2.28	46%
Car	Average New Car	\$ 19,200	\$ 26,850	40%
Federal Gas Tax	Per Gallon	\$ 0.184	\$ 0.184	0%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Education, National Association of Theater Owners

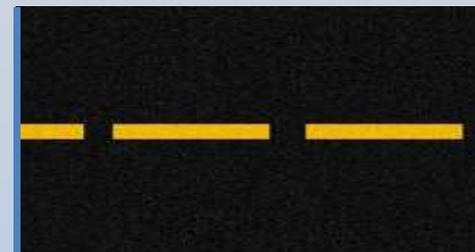


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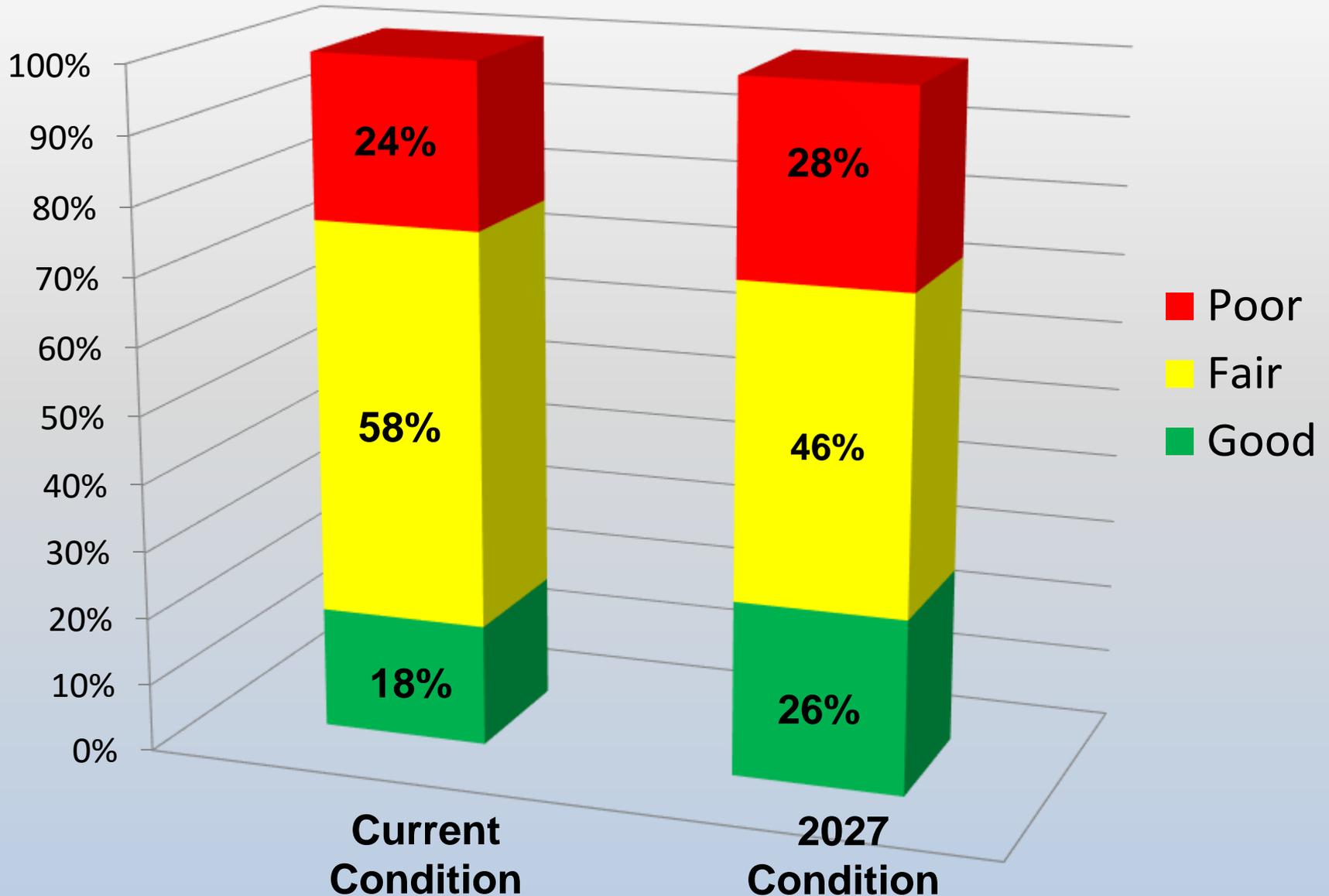
23 years ago, in 1995,
200 miles of Highway
could be overlaid.

NOW

As of 2017, using the
same resources, only
54 miles of Highway
could be overlaid.



All State Highways – Including Interstates



Pay a **Little** Now



Overlay
\$100,000
per lane mile

Pay a **Whole Lot** Later



Reconstruction
\$1,500,000
per lane mile



“... 70% of our highway, road and street funding comes from a consumption-based tax, while it is a national goal to reduce consumption. The trend... is simply a losing proposition. We’re moving backwards.”

-Final Report, Dec 2010



Blue Ribbon
Committee
on Highway Finance
BlueRibbonHighways.com

- Reissue GARFIELD Bonds for Interstate Rehabilitation Program
- State Aid Programs for Cities
- Temporary One Percent General Sales Tax to Fund Multi-Year Construction Program
- Transfer Sales Tax on New and Used Vehicles, Auto Repair Parts and Services, Tires and Batteries

HB 1418 Revenue Transfer

Transferred sales tax on
new and used vehicles to
the Highway Department fund phased in
over 10 years.



**FAILED TO
GET OUT OF
THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE**

90 SPONSORS

HB 1346 REVENUE TRANSFER

Transferred sales tax on new and used vehicles to the Highway

Department fund phased in over 10 years AND transferred the natural gas severance tax revenue from the Highway Department fund into a newly created higher education workforce development fund.

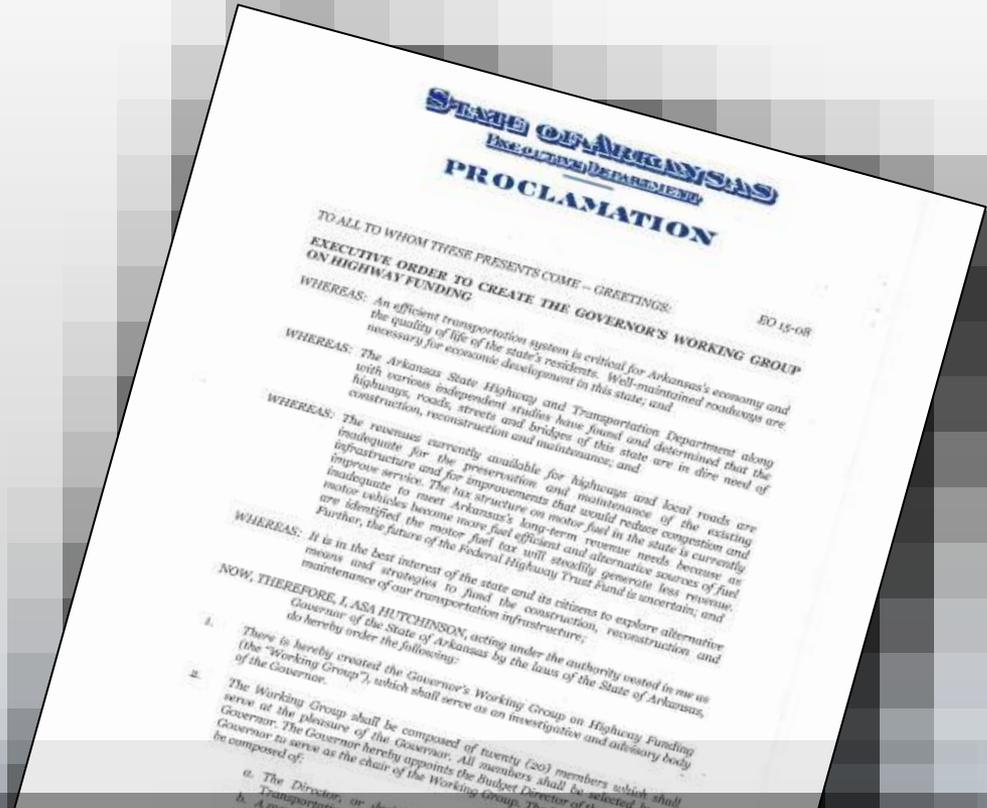


**PASSED THE
HOUSE
COMMITTEE**

**PULLED
BEFORE A
VOTE ON THE
HOUSE FLOOR**



Governor's Working Group on Highway Funding

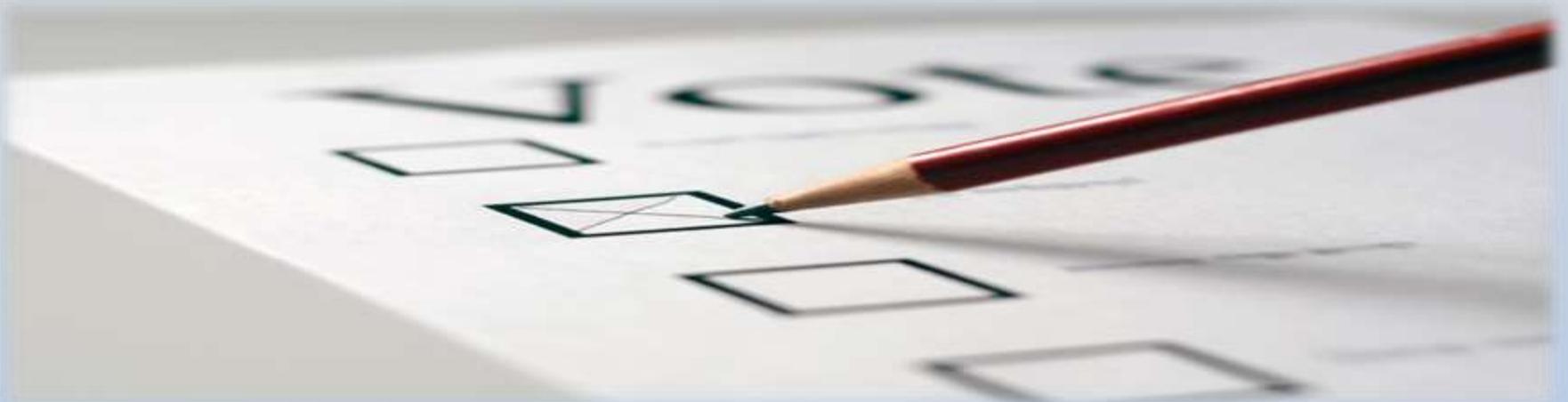


“An efficient transportation system is critical for Arkansas’ economy and the quality of life of the state’s residents.”

□ Funding Targets

- ✓ 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.





2016 Special Session



Actual Compared to Projected

Act 1 - Arkansas Highway Improvement Plan of 2016

	FFY16	FFY17	FFY18	FFY19	FFY20
	(x \$1 M)				
2016 Special Session					
Long Term Reserve Fund or Arkansas Rainy Day Fund	40.0	20.0	21.9		
Securities Reserve Fund	1.5	1.7	20.0	? 20.0	? 20.0
Redirect the \$4 Million of the Diesel Tax that goes to General Revenue to Highways (70/30 split)		0	2.7	2.7	2.7
Eliminate the State Central Services Deduction from 1/2 Cent Sales Tax (70/30 split)		5.4	5.8	5.4	5.4
Allocate up to 25% of Future GR Surplus to Highways		3.9	0	?	?
Total Received	41.5	31.3	50.4	?	?
Total Projected	41.5	76.1	76.1	76.1	76.1
Difference	0	(44.8)	(25.7)	?	?

HB 1726 BOND ISSUE

Authorizes the State Highway Commission to issue bonds for

highway maintenance and improvements,

upon approval by voters in a statewide election.

FAILED

HB 1727 GAS TAX

Establishes **additional fuel sales tax** at the wholesale level to be levied, only if the State Highway Commission is authorized by a statewide vote to issue highway maintenance and improvement bonds.

FAILED



Arkansas Legislative Audit

- Arkansas Legislative Audit - Review of Highway Funding
- Purpose:
 - ✓ To review and verify ARDOT information, estimates and calculations related to highway funding
- Report Objectives:
 - ✓ History of funding sources
 - ✓ History of construction and maintenance costs
 - ✓ State match needed for Federal funds
 - ✓ Additional State revenue to meet system preservation needs
 - ✓ History of bond activities



Exhibit III

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

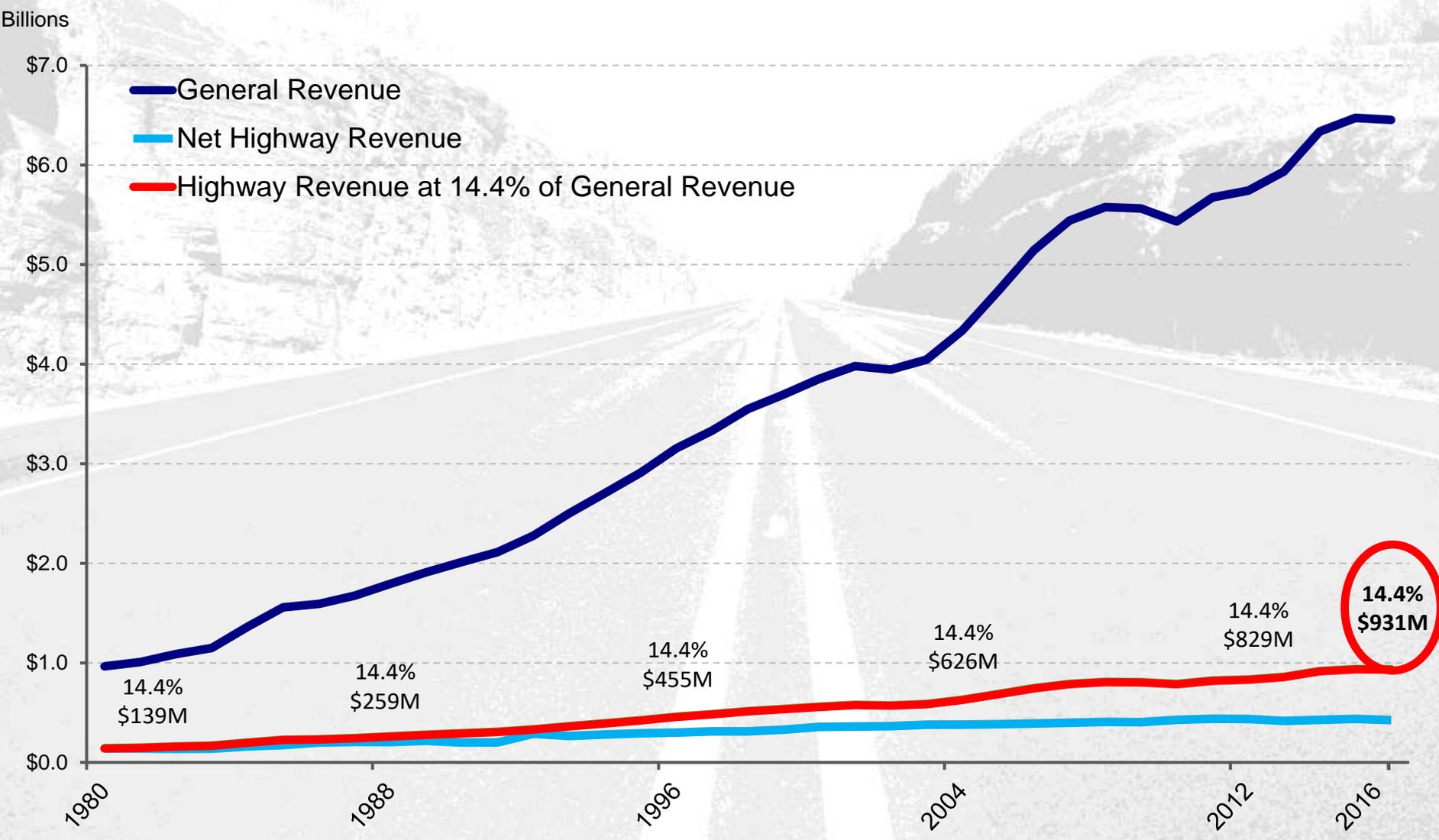
Description	Annual Funds Needed for Highway Construction Plan	Annual Funds Available for Highway Construction	Additional Annual State Revenues Needed for Highway Construction Plan
System Preservation			
Pavement	\$ 387,000,000	\$ 137,000,000	\$ 250,000,000
Bridges	117,000,000	90,000,000	27,000,000
Total System Preservation	504,000,000	227,000,000	277,000,000
Capacity Relief	305,000,000	157,000,000	148,000,000
Safety Improvements	86,000,000	44,000,000	42,000,000
Maintenance			
Equipment upgrades	19,000,000	19,000,000	
Facilities upgrades	8,000,000		8,000,000
Intelligent Transportation System (ITS)	3,000,000		3,000,000
Total Maintenance	30,000,000	19,000,000	11,000,000
Totals	\$ 925,000,000	\$ 447,000,000	\$ 478,000,000

\$ 478,000,000



Note: Amounts shown are rounded.

Highway Revenue at 14.4% of General Revenue



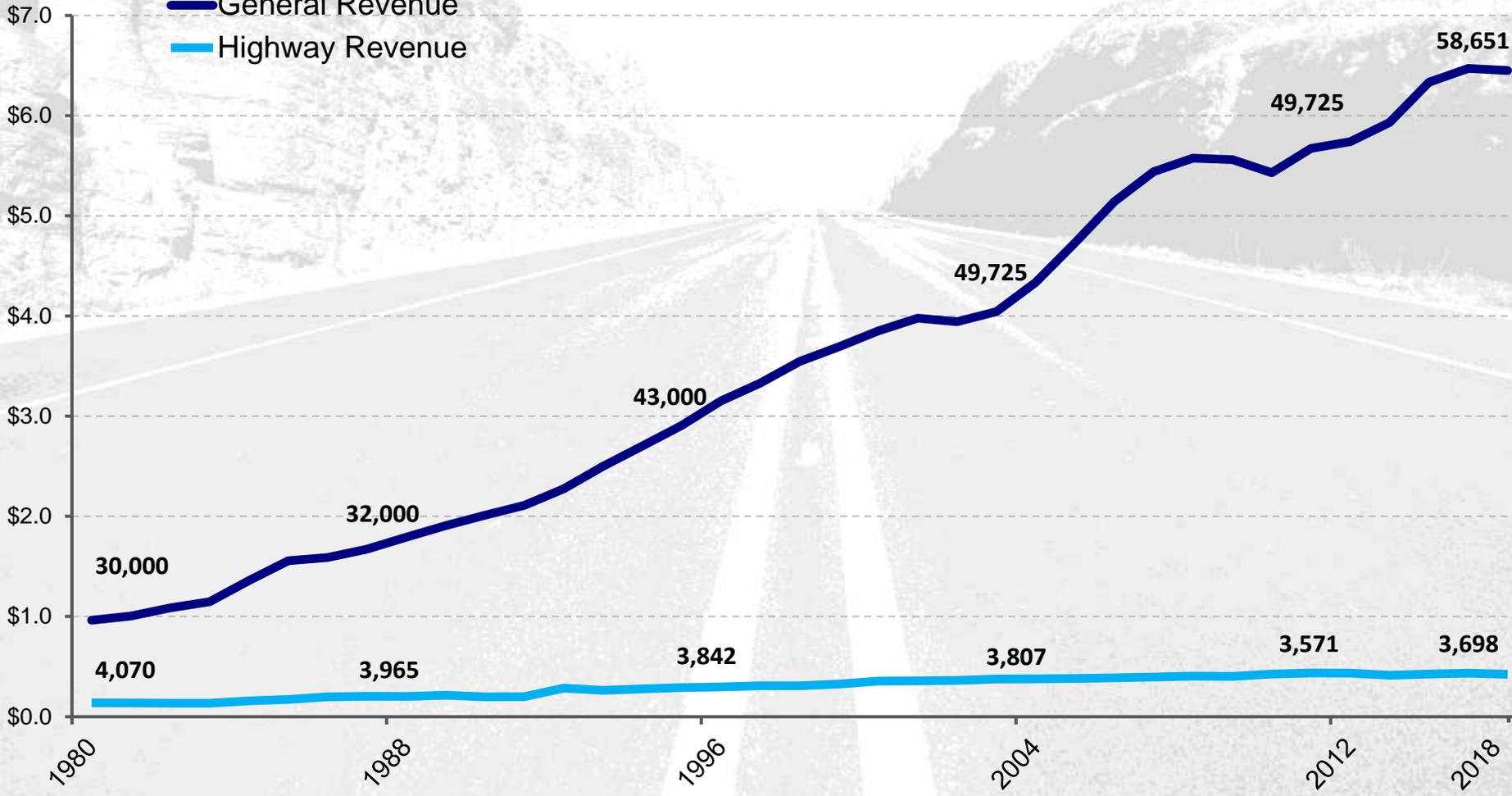
Excludes County & City Aid funds | Excludes CAP funds

Fiscal Year

Highway vs. General Revenue Compared to Employment Levels

Billions

General Revenue
Highway Revenue



Excludes County & City Aid funds | Excludes CAP funds

Fiscal Year



Possible Potential New Program Discussion





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???



Options for Generating Additional Revenue for Highways

Source	\$400 Million for Highways ⁽¹⁾
Fuel Tax	28.4¢
Sales Tax on Fuel (wholesale)	16.67%
Registration Fee	\$208
General Sales Tax ⁽²⁾	1.16%

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

² Transfer of 4.5% (“general” portion of statewide sales tax)

Other Considerations

Alternative Fuels

Definition

Methanol, Ethanol and other Alcohols

Blends of Alcohol with Gasoline

Compressed Natural Gas and Liquefied Natural Gas

Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Propane)

Hydrogen

Electricity

Pure Biodiesel

Promotion Versus Parity Issue

Complex

Annual Flat Fee?

Energy-Based Consumption?

Vehicle Miles Traveled ?

Tolls?



Other Considerations

Bond Financing Pros

- Funds immediately available

Bond Financing Cons

- Interest costs erode your buying power

	<u>Total Spent</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
IRP	\$ 762.5 million	\$ 575.0 million	\$ 187.5 million
	Interest as a percentage of total cost		24.60%
	<u>Total Spent</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
CAP	\$ 620.2 million	\$ 468.9 million	\$ 151.3 million
	Interest as a percentage of total cost		24.39%

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

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
- Social Media
- Other: _____
- TV/Radio/Print
- Family or Friend
- Website/Search Engine

Optional:

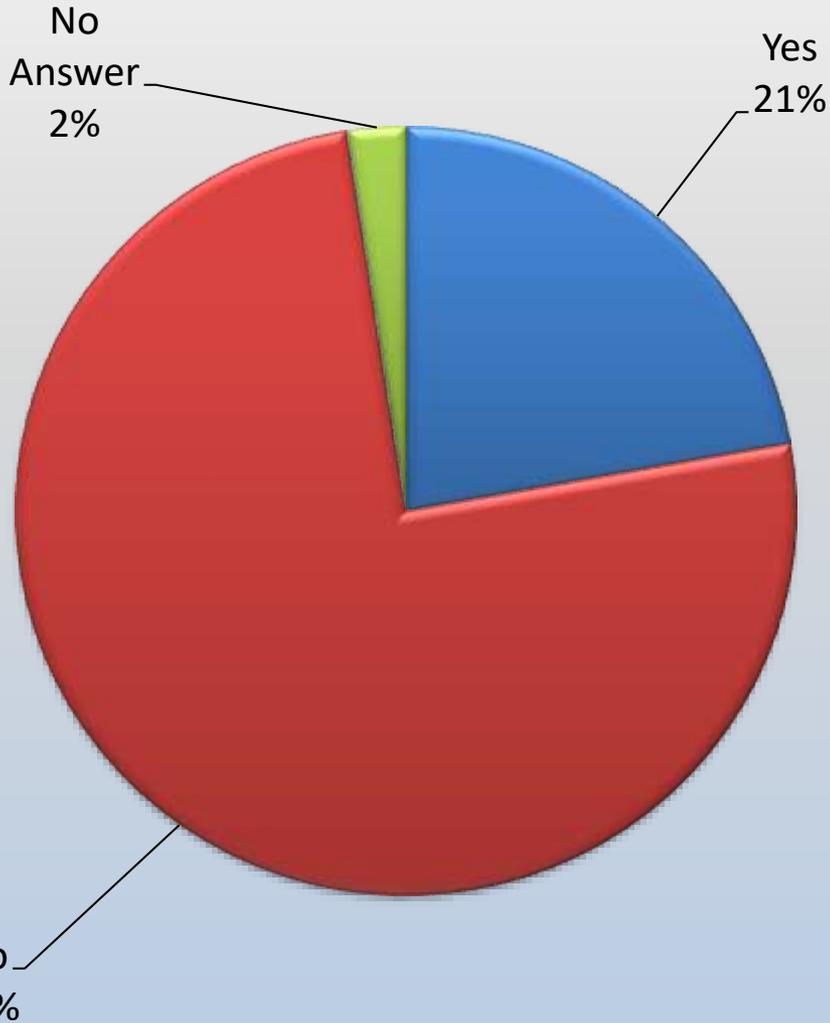
Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____

Online Form Available Here:

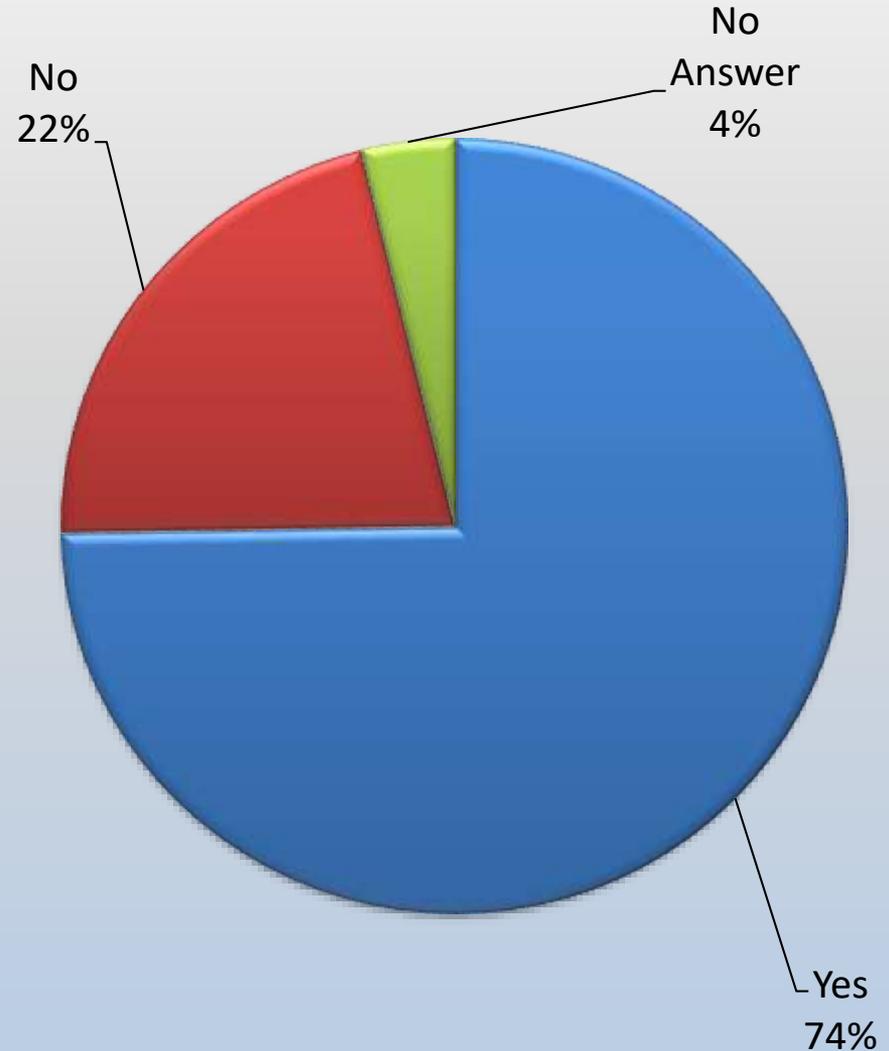


Survey Results

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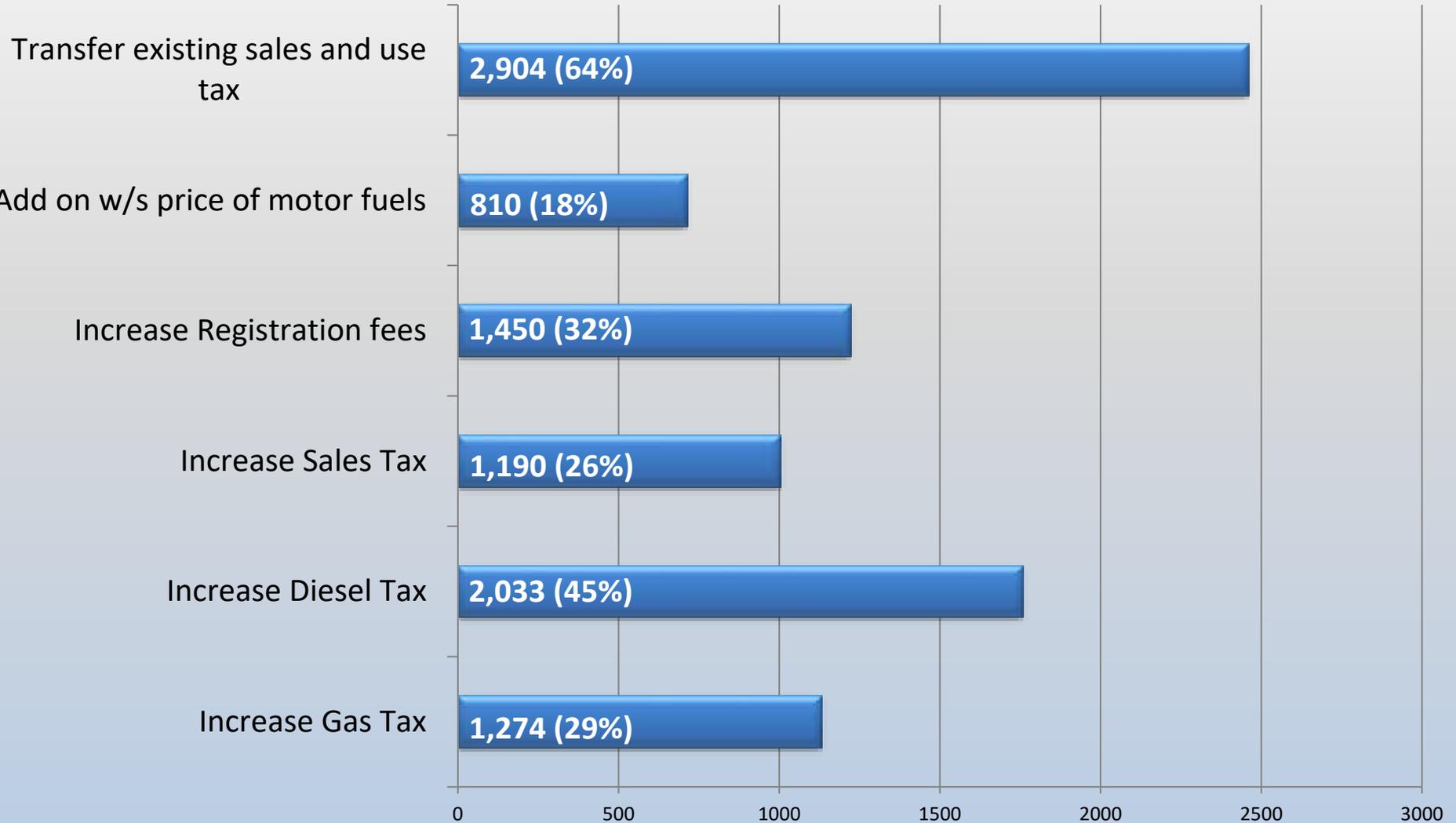


Would you support a new highway program that would generate additional revenue?



Survey Results

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



Total Road User Revenue

\$1,076.5 Million

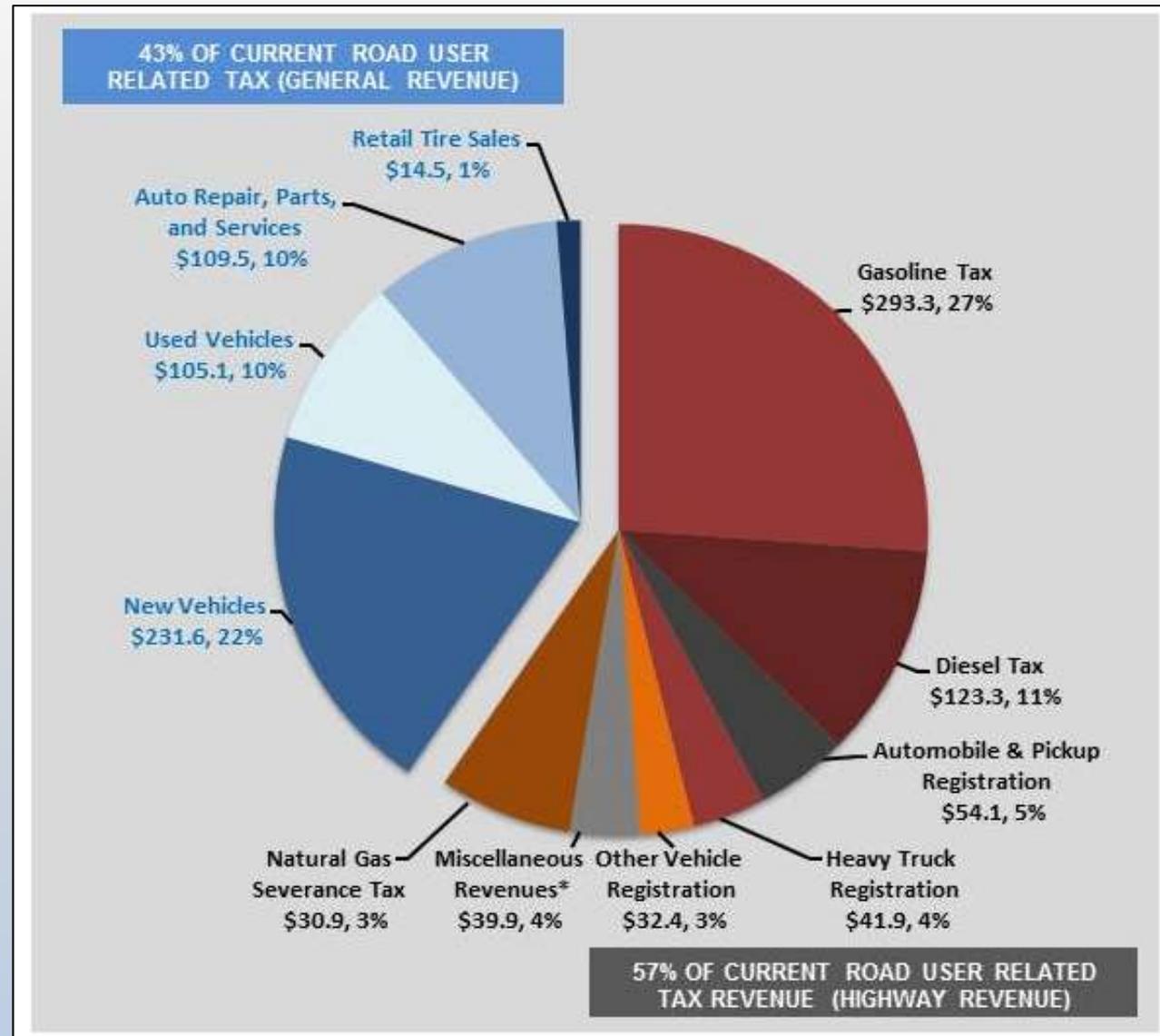
Distribution:

General Revenue

\$460.7 Million (43%)

Highway Revenue

\$615.9 Million (57%)





Your
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM



Questions?

Arkansas Department of Transportation

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- ConnectingArkansasProgram.com
- Vimeo.com/myARDOT
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OF TRANSPORTATION

