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County Judges Association of Arkansas

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Arkansas
Highway and
Department of
Lands

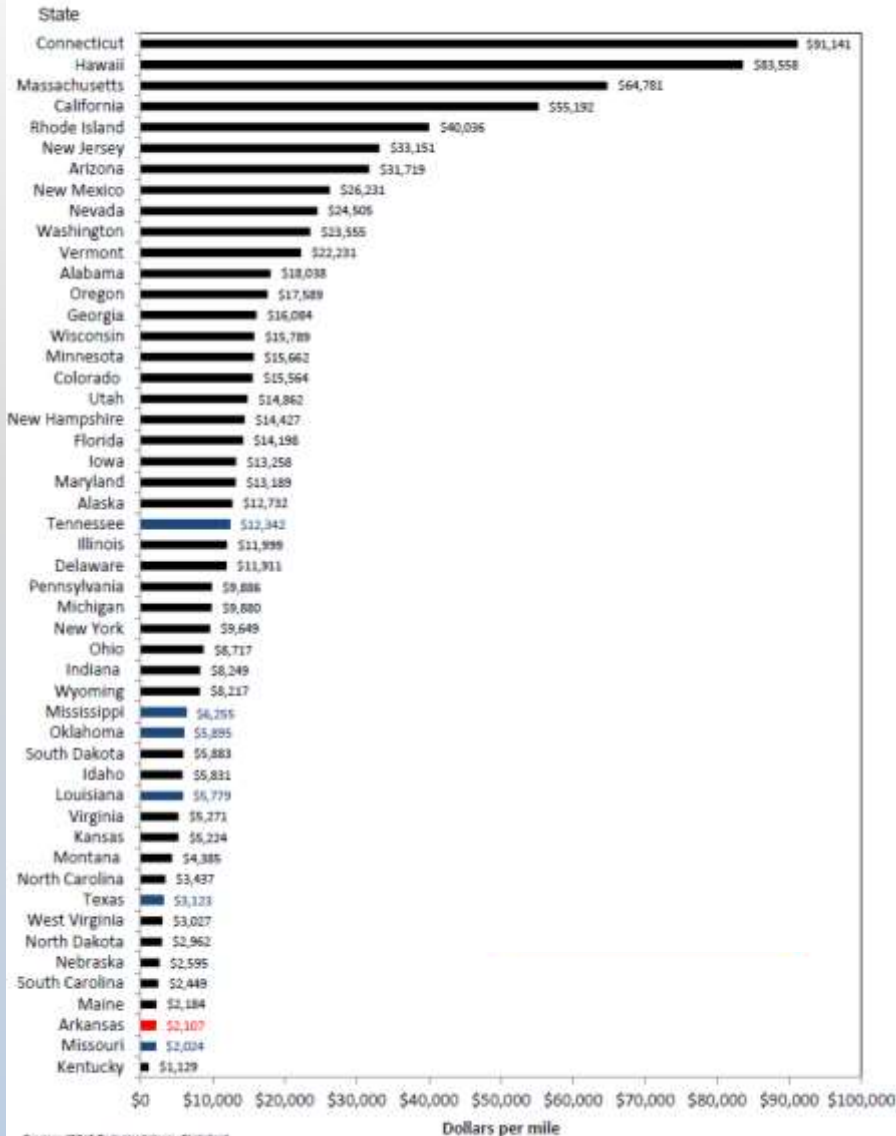
1977
Arkansas State
Highway and
Transportation
Department

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

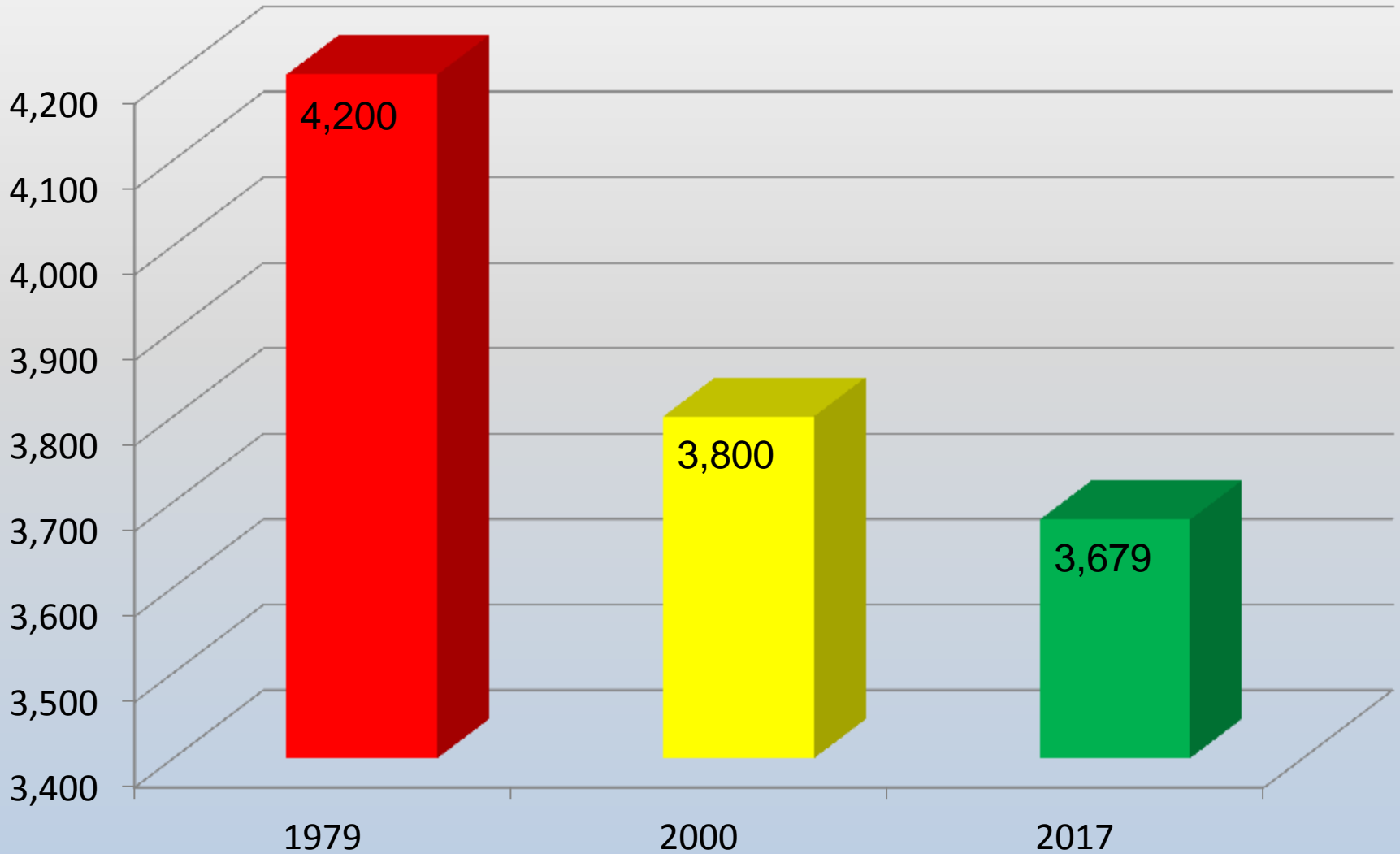
Arkansas = \$2,107

Surrounding States Average = \$4,334

National Average = \$9,224

Arkansas has the
 3rd 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



CAP and IRP



Updates

Completed

34 Projects
212 Miles
\$639 Million

Under Construction

14 Projects
90 Miles
\$553 Million

Scheduled

35 Projects
191 Miles
\$340 Million



Connecting Arkansas Program

Completed

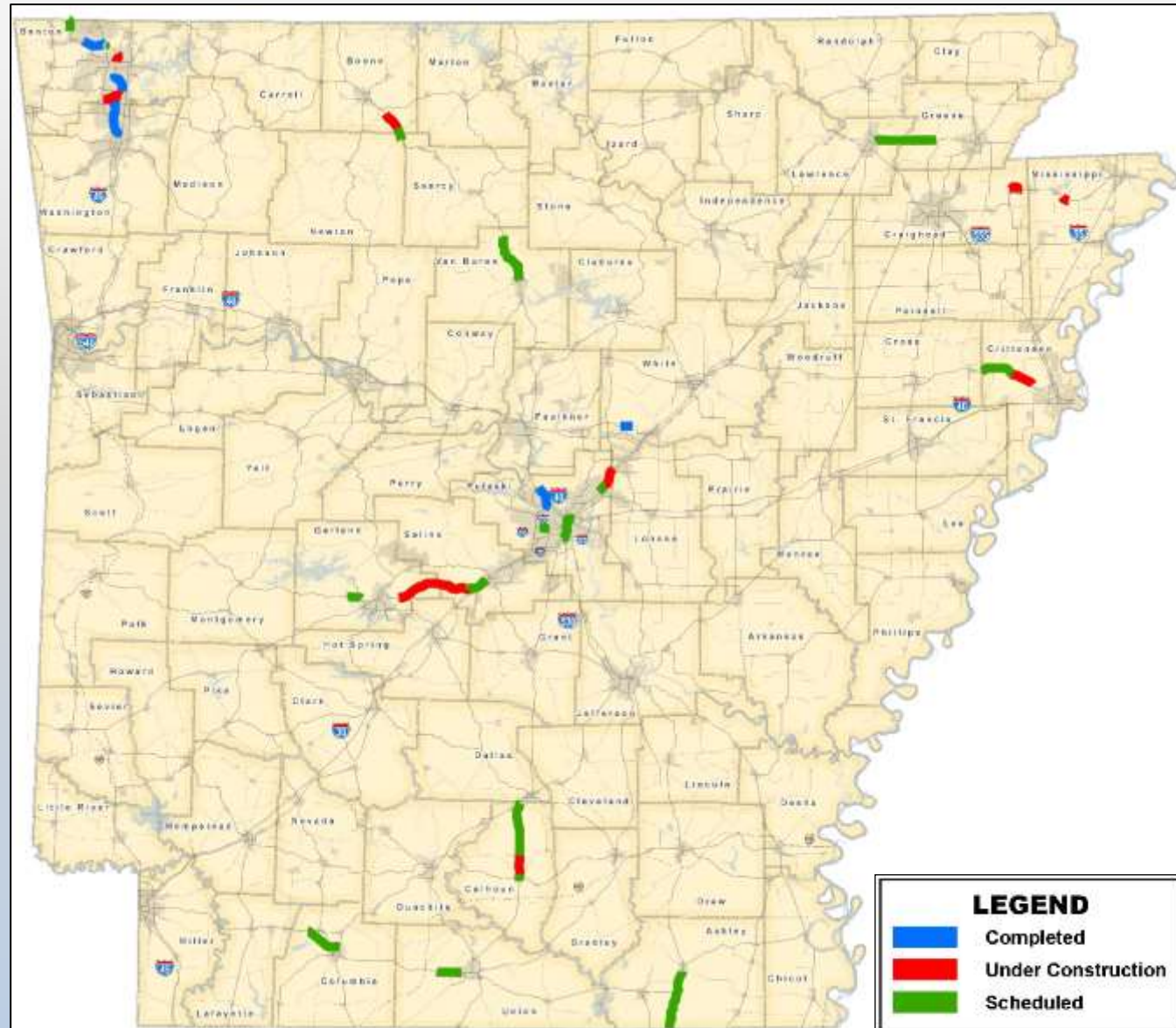
6 Projects
27 Miles
\$188 Million

Under Construction

9 Projects
49 Miles
\$403 Million

Scheduled

21 Projects
108 Miles
\$1.29 Billion

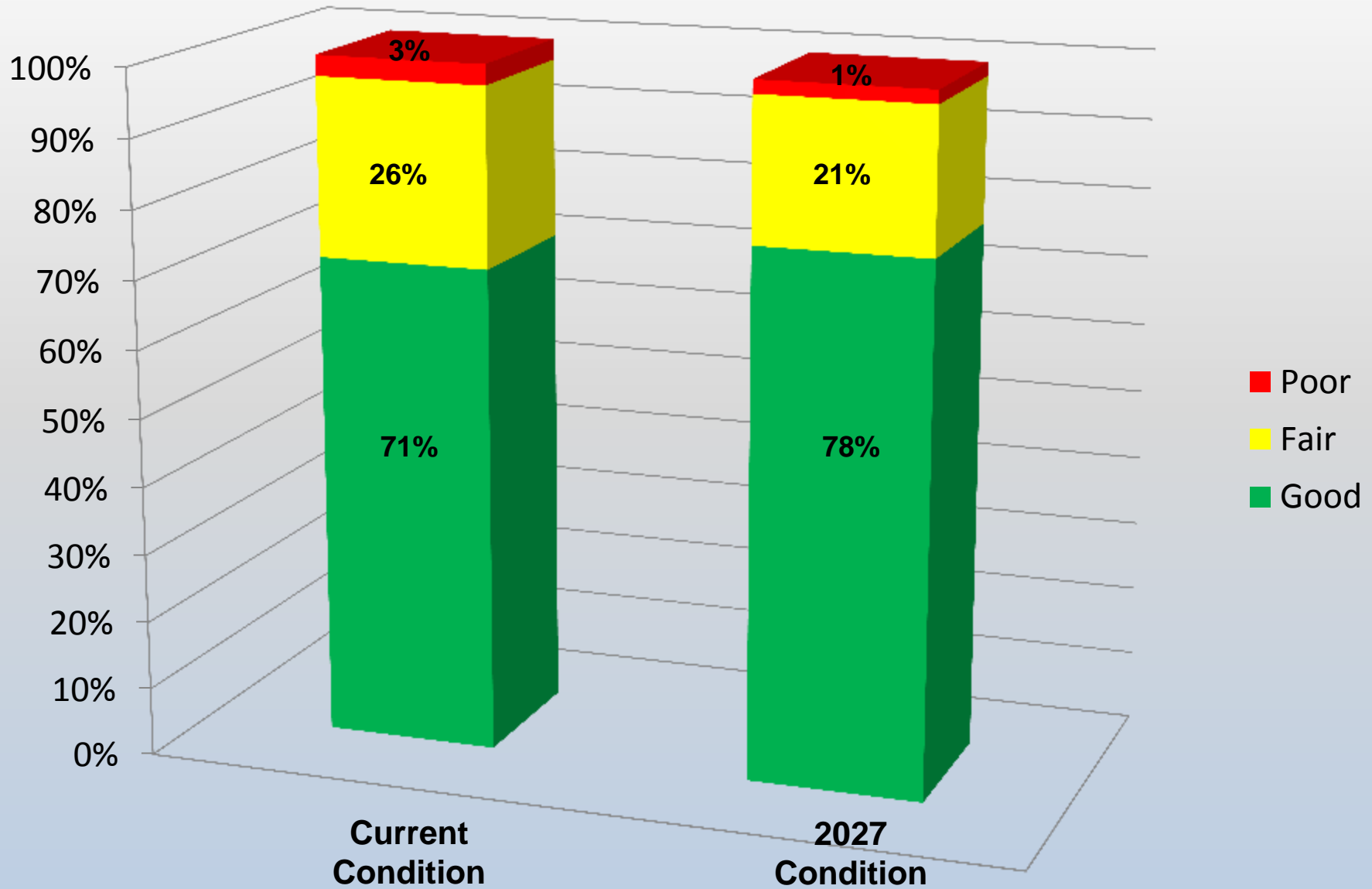


Highway Condition

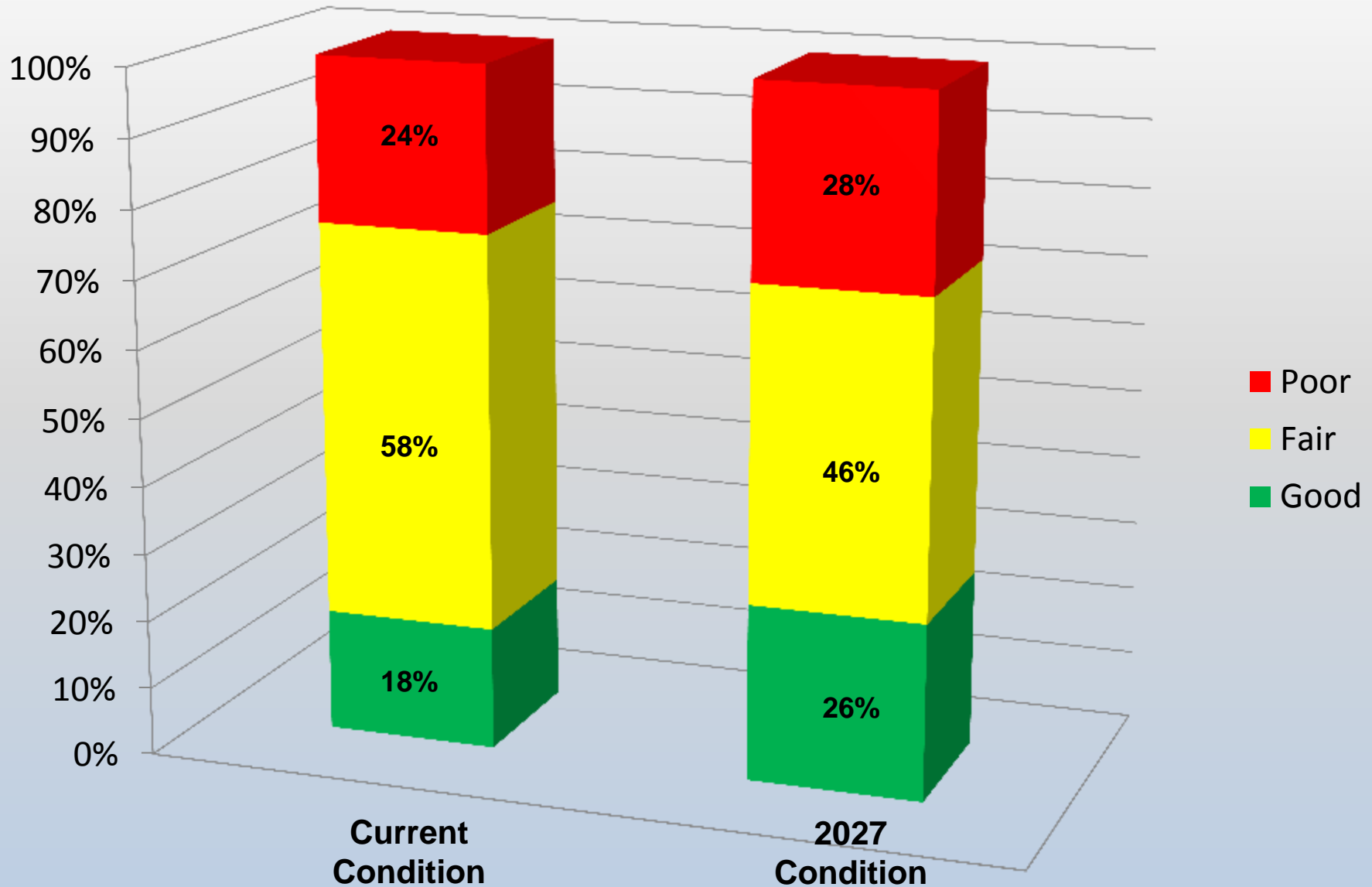


and Needs

Interstates



All State Highways – Including Interstates



**Chicot County
Highway 144, Section 3
Log mile 7.83 - 10.86
Lake Chicot State Park
entrance to the
Mississippi River Levee**



**Sebastian County
Highway 71, Section 13
Log mile 7.14 - 10.25
4-lane divided highway
south of Greenwood**



**Garland County
Highway 270, Section 6
Log mile 0.0 - 2.0
just east of Highway 7 on
MLK Expressway**



**Lonoke County
Highway 381, Section 1
Log mile 0.0 - 12.28
Highway 70 to Highway 232**



**Randolph County
Highway 231, Section 4
Log mile 0.00 – 3.02
approximately 0.25 miles
north of Highway 90**



Pay a **Little** Now



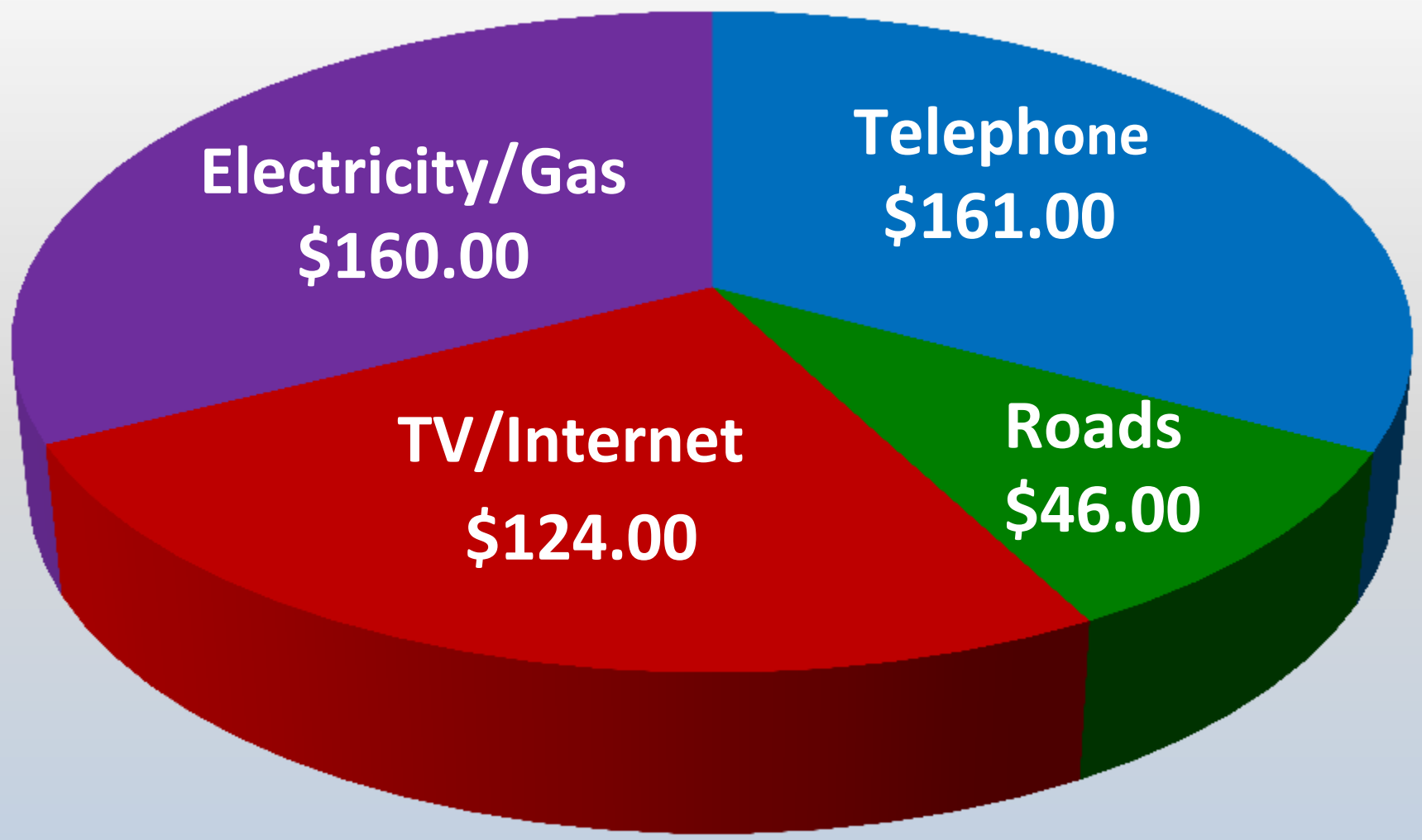
Overlay
\$100,000
per lane mile

Pay a **Whole Lot** Later



Reconstruction
\$1,500,000
per lane mile

Average Monthly Household Expenditures



Funding



Update

Federal Highway Funding Issues

- **Congressional Action for Federal Fiscal Year 2018**
 - ✓ **Raised the Debt Ceiling**
 - ✓ **Continuing Resolution Until December 8th**
 - ✓ **\$15 Billion in Relief Funds for Hurricane Harvey**
- **Avoids a Possible Shutdown**



Federal Highway Funding Issues



- **President Abandons Infrastructure Council**
- **Related to Virginia Controversy**



- **White House Meets With State Leaders**
- **Continued Discussion of Principles**



Federal Highway Funding Issues

- **Administration's Guiding Principles for Infrastructure Initiative**

- ✓ Targeted Federal Investment
- ✓ Greater State and Local Investment Overall
- ✓ Leveraging Private Investment
- ✓ Environmental and Permitting Streamlining

- **Four Areas of Major Reform**

- ✓ Regulatory
- ✓ Policy
- ✓ Statutory
- ✓ Cultural



Federal Highway Funding Issues



"The plan is not yet final, but states and cities that secure some private-sector financing will be given higher-priority access to new federal funds."

Elaine Chao, Secretary of Transportation

"The administration now wants to break the President's infrastructure package into three pieces, and the largest piece of the package is going to be wrapped around incentives to woo nonfederal investment."

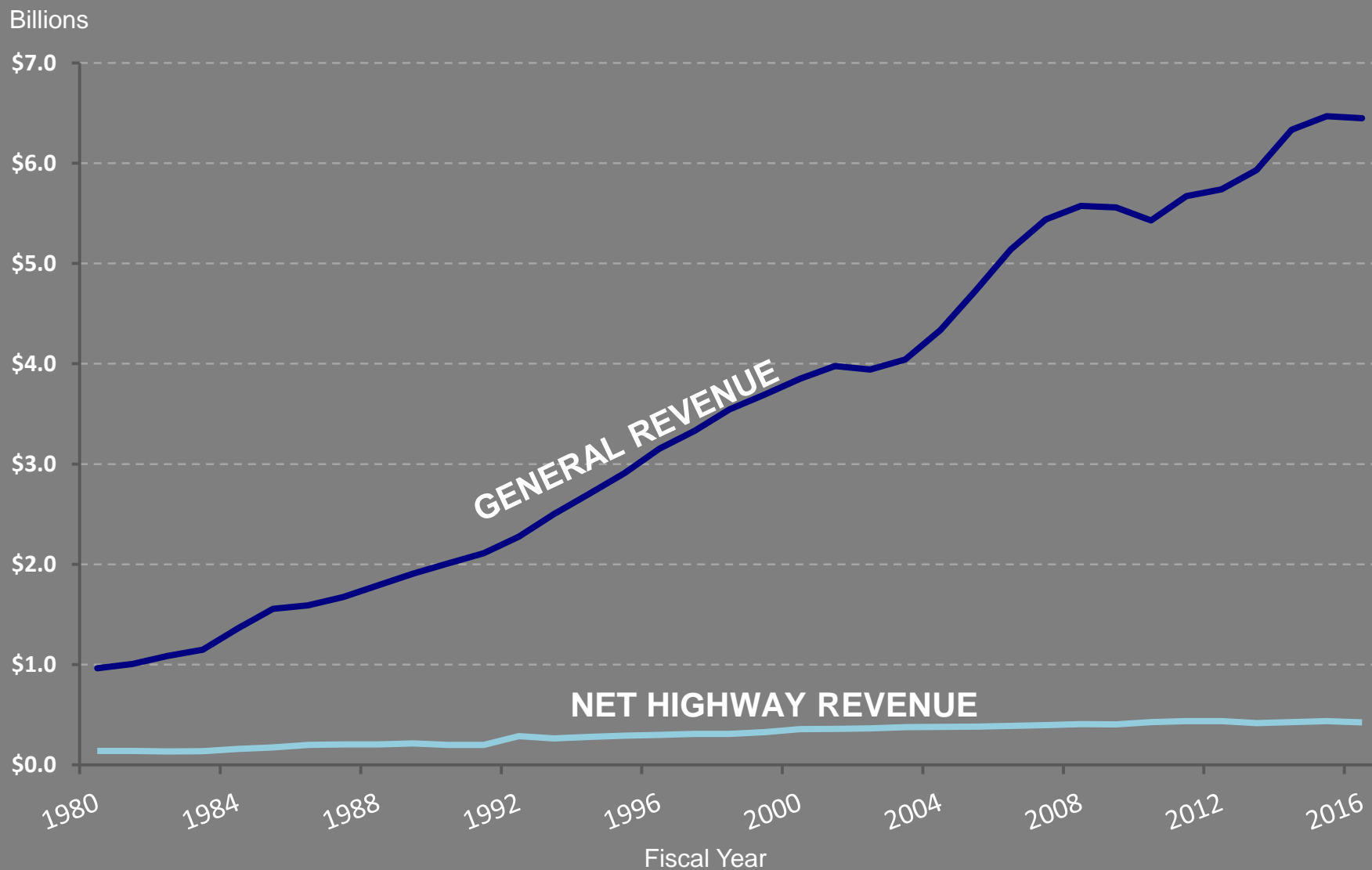
**Mick Mulvaney, Director
Office of Management and Budget**



Federal Highway Funding Issues

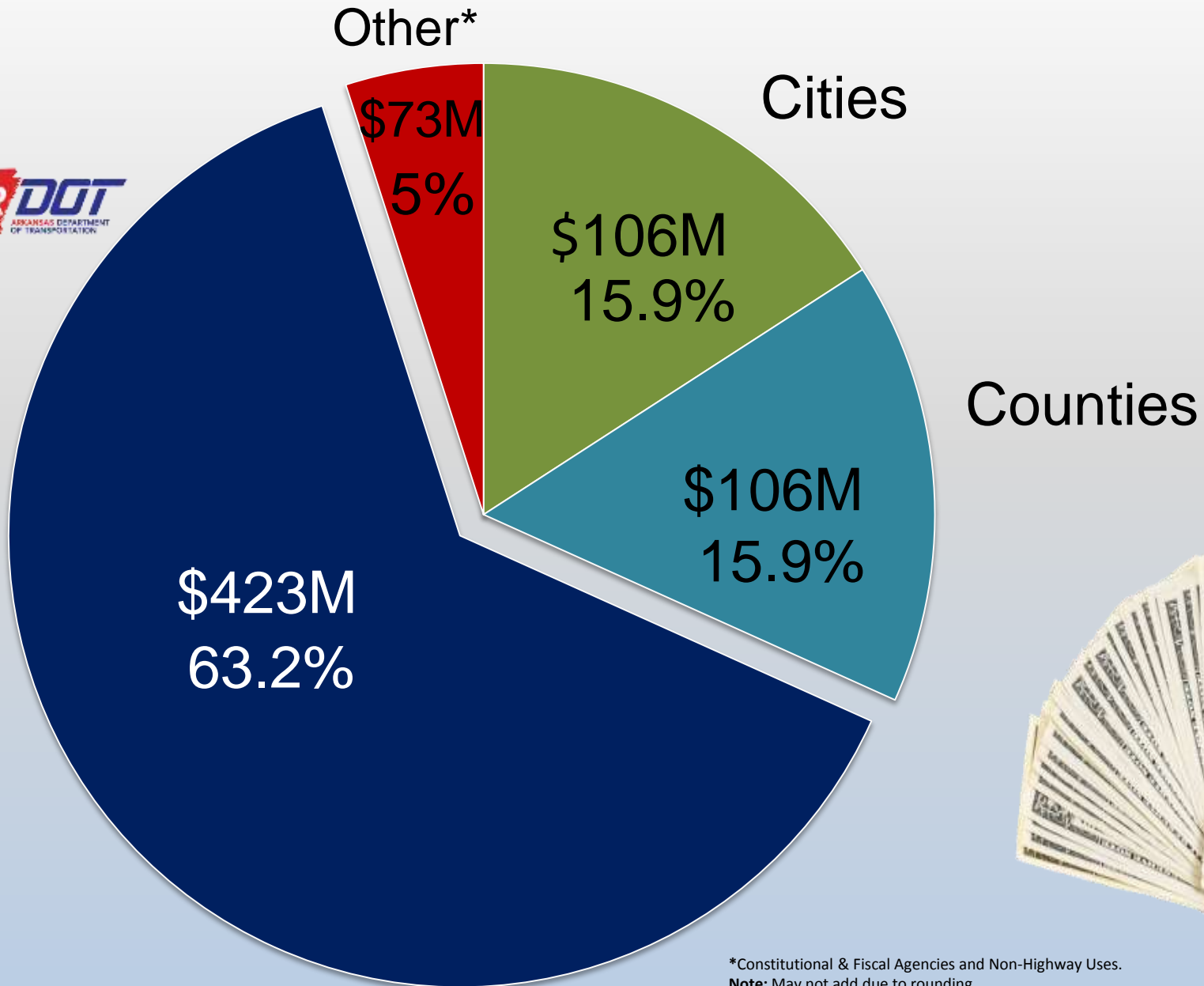


General Revenues vs ARDOT Net Highway Revenues



Excludes County & City Aid funds | Excludes CAP funds

Annual Highway User Revenue Distribution



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

Federal vs. State Funding

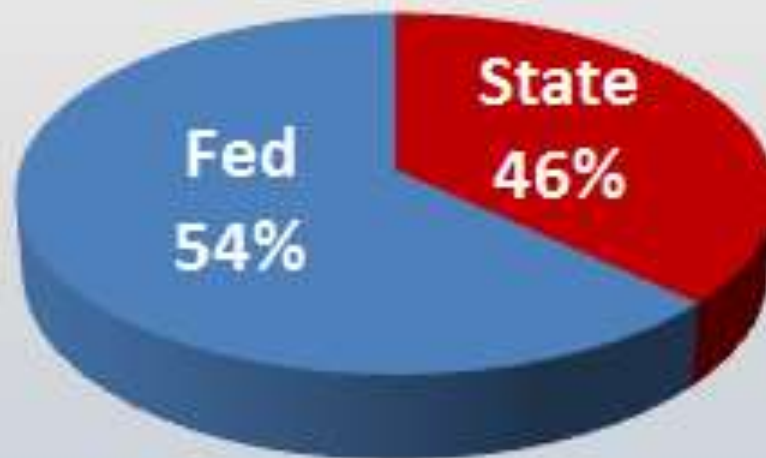
1993

Hwy. Funding Breakdown



2016

Hwy. Funding Breakdown



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

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

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

➤ **\$22.9 billion** in needs

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



Where

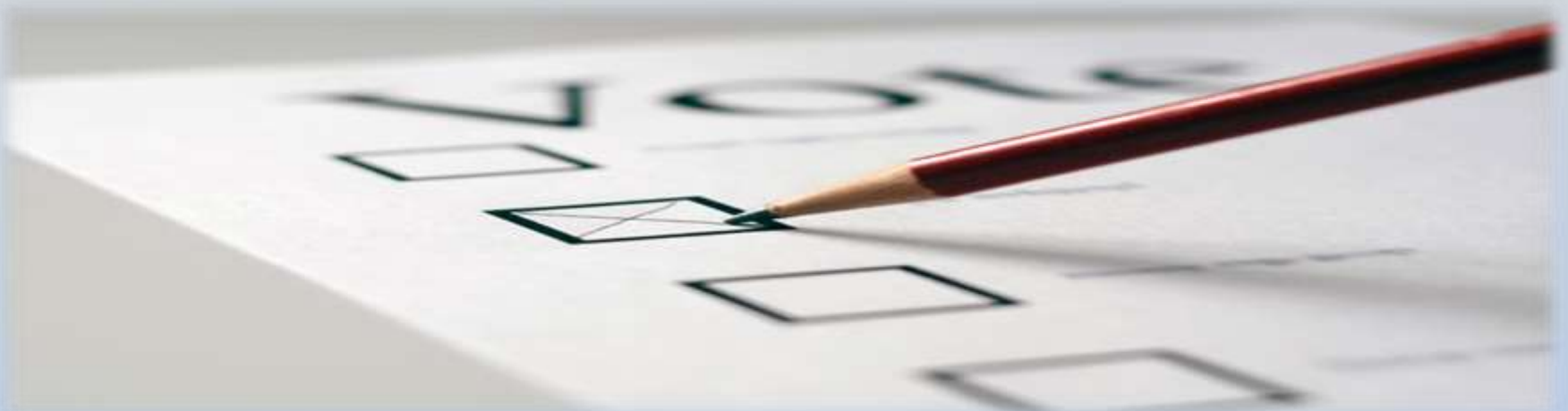


Are We Going?

□ 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.



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.

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.



"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



Arkansas Legislative Audit

- May 16, 2017 – 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
- August 31, 2017 – Report Released



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

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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

Note: Amounts shown are rounded.

ALA staff reviewed projected revenues and expenditures for fiscal years 2017 through 2020 ...for consistency and reasonableness when compared with prior years.

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ALA staff reviewed supporting documentation obtained from ARDOT to verify that costs for the projects were reasonable, based on historical information.

Options for Generating Additional Revenue

Source	\$200 Million for Highways ⁽¹⁾	\$300 Million for Highways ⁽¹⁾	\$400 Million for Highways ⁽¹⁾
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 ⁽²⁾	0.58%	0.87%	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)

Road User Related Tax Revenue (SFY 2016)

Total Road User Revenue

\$1,076.5 Million

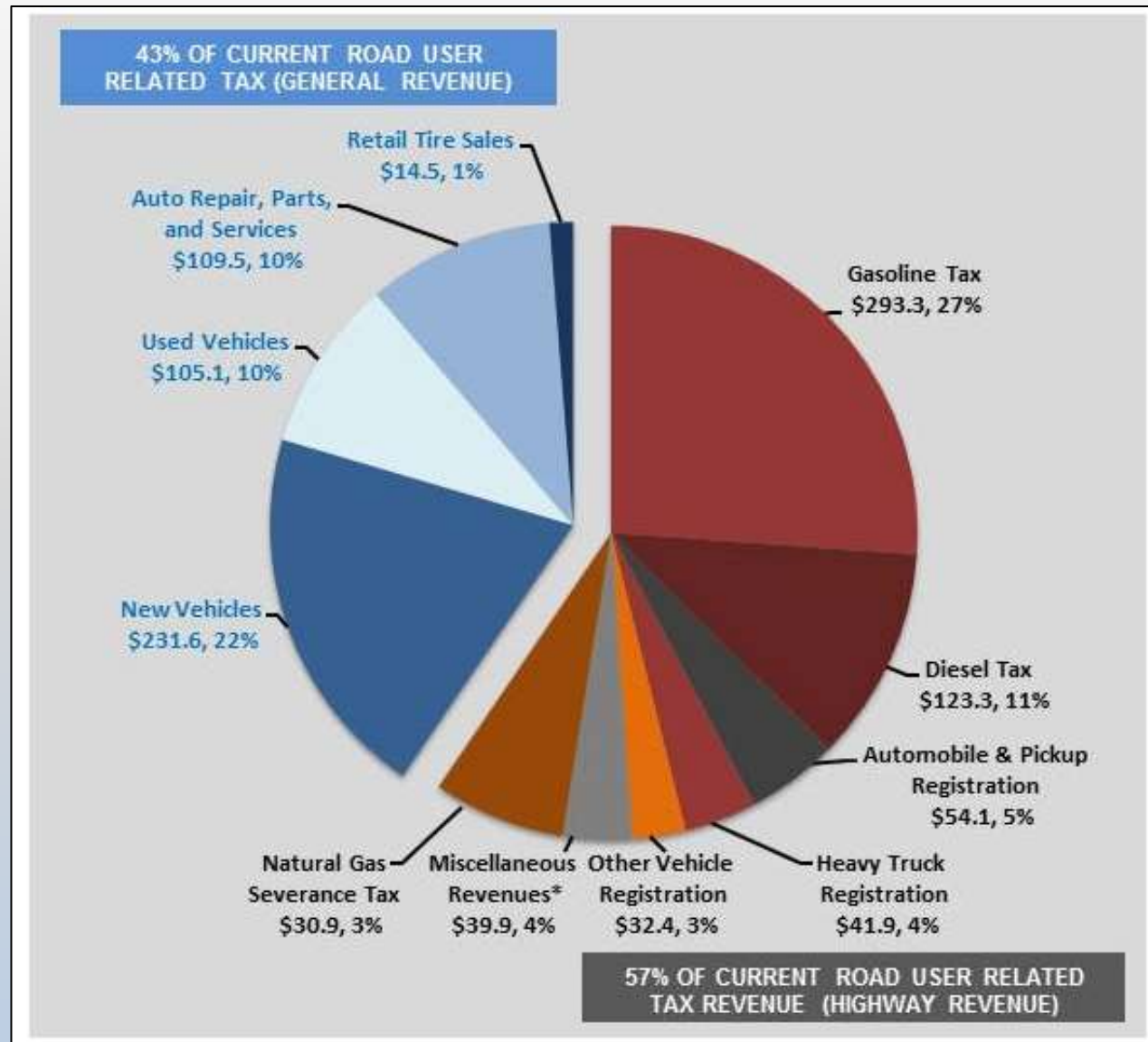
Distribution:

General Revenue

\$460.7 Million (43%)

Highway Revenue

\$615.9 Million (57%)





Your
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

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

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.

meeting name - date

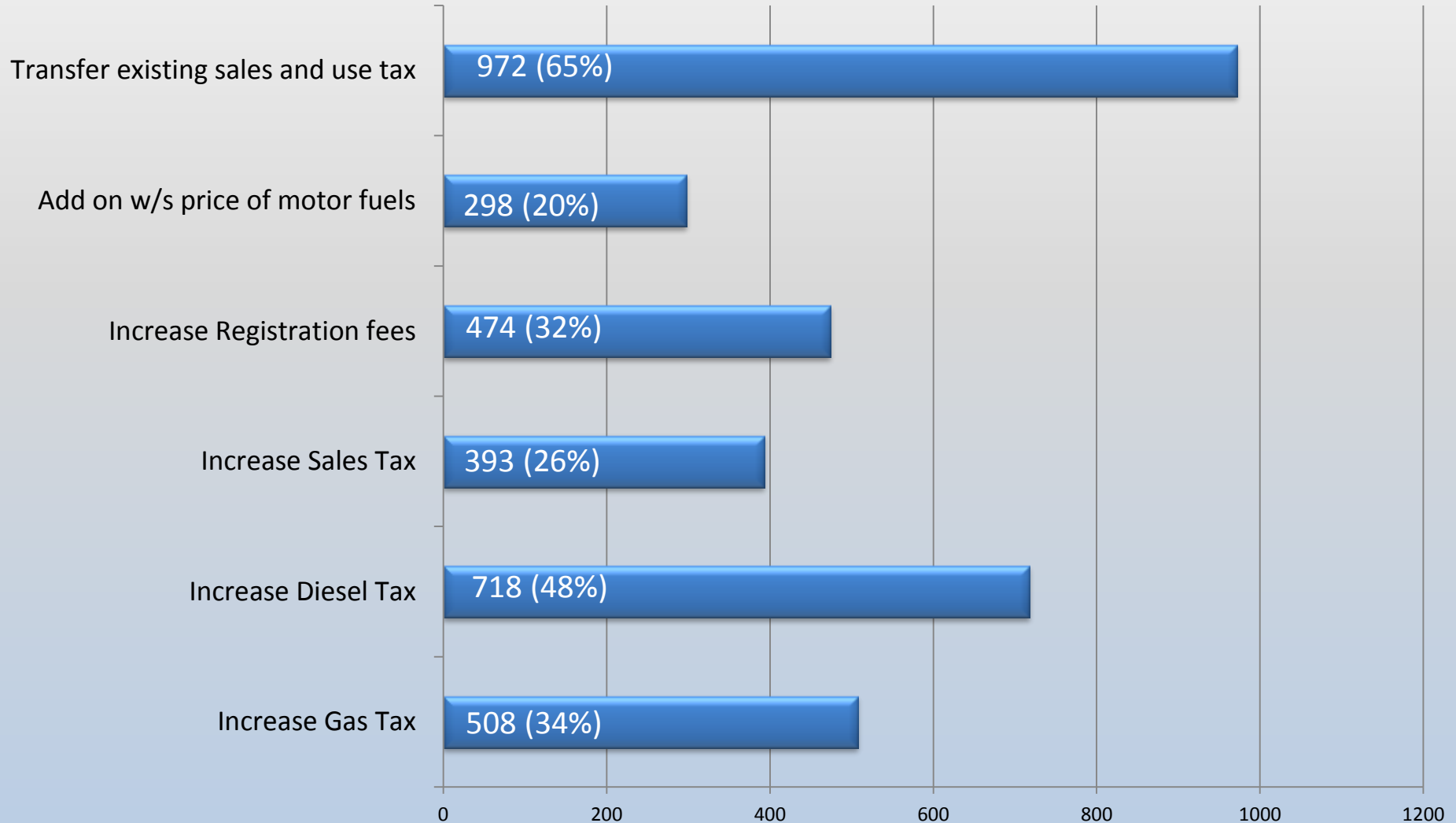
Online Form Available Here:

www.Arkansashighways.com



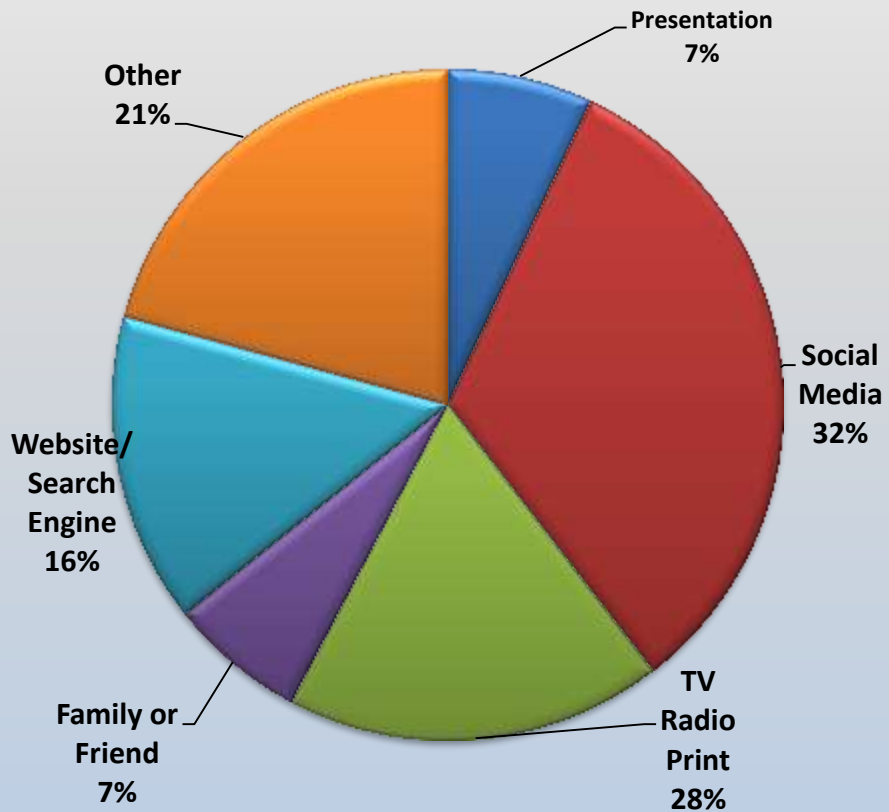
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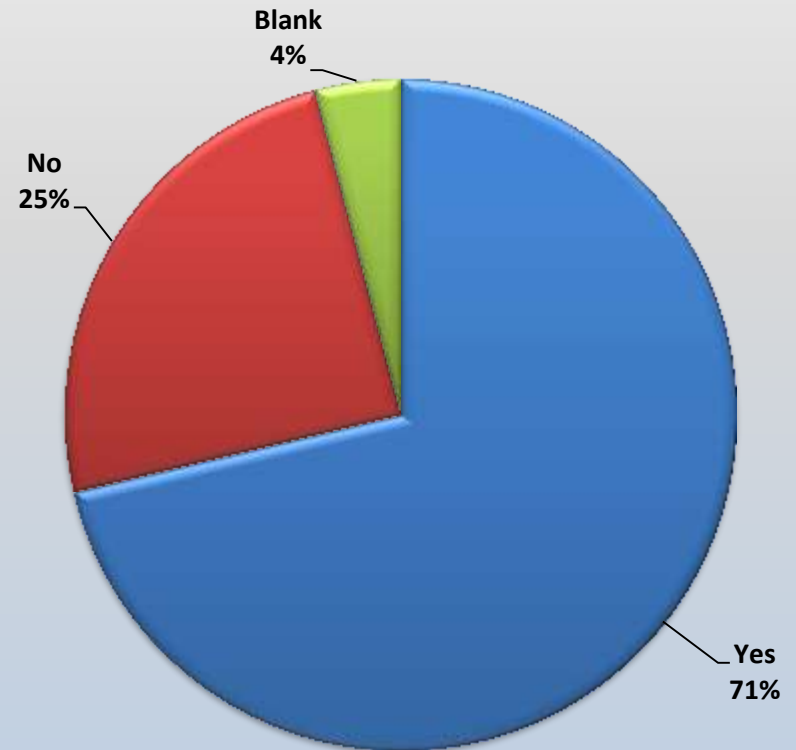


Survey Results

How did you hear about us?



Would you be willing to sign a petition?



- ARDOT.gov
- ConnectingArkansasProgram.com
- Vimeo.com/myARDOT
- IDriveArkansas.com
- Twitter.com @myARDOT



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Questions?

