

THE FUTURE OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING: SAVING THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND AND MAP-21 REAUTHORIZATION







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## **Transportation Faces A Coming Fiscal Cliff**



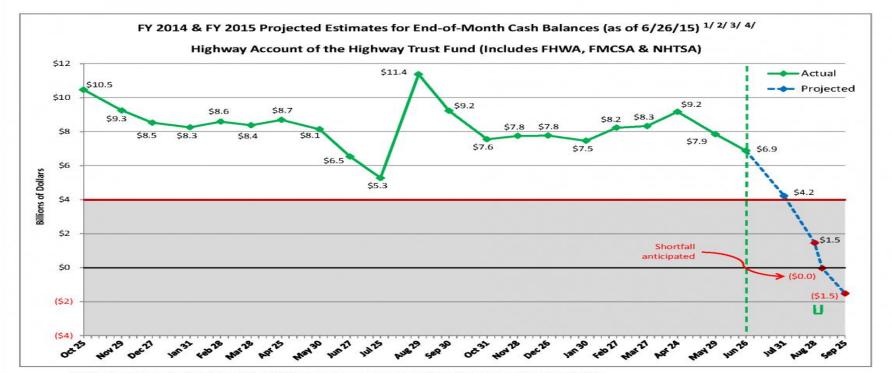
The current federal surface transportation law (MAP-21)
 expires on October 29, 2015

 The Highway Trust Fund will face insolvency in December

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### **The Fiscal Cliff**



1/ Graph reflects actual data through 6/26/15 and end-of-month projections for the remainder of FY 2015.

2/ Total receipt and outlay projections are based on FY 2016 President's Budget Baseline assumptions. Projected monthly receipt and outlay rates are based on historic averages.

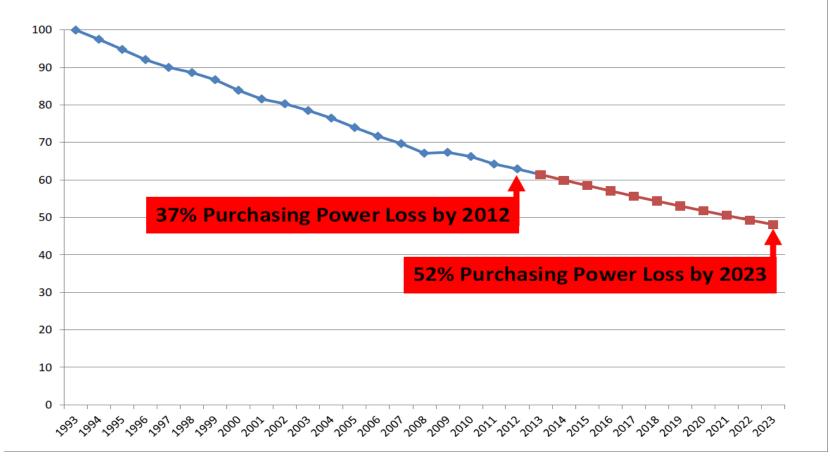
3/ Range of anticipated shortfall: Green brackets denote the estimated window of when the anticipated shortfall will occur.

4/ The shaded area represents when the Highway Account balance drops below \$4 billion, at which point cash management procedures may become necessary.

Source: FHWA

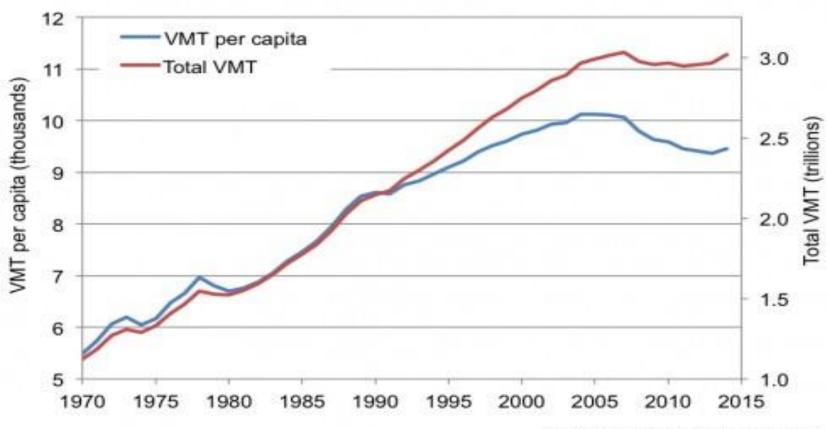


### THE GAS TAX CONTINUES TO LOSE ITS PURCHASING POWER





# We are not driving as much



State Smart Transportation Initiative



**18 MPG** 

27.5 MPG

30.2 MPG

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54.5 MPG

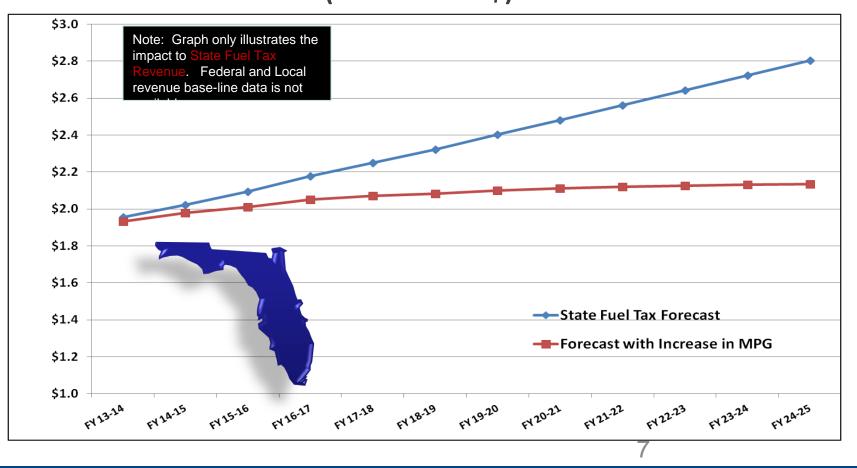
### THE ROAD TO FUEL EFFICIENCY

#### A HISTORIC LOOK AT THE STANDARDS

Fuel economy standards are set periodically to ensure that vehicles are keeping up with the times -- here's a snapshot of how fuel economy standards have changed over time.



#### Impacts of Fuel Efficient Vehicles on State Fuel Tax Revenue (in Billions of \$)





#### Table 1. Projected HTF Sufficiency: FY2015-FY2020

Fiscal Year	HTF Revenue	HTF Outlays	Difference	
2015	39	53	-14	
2016	39	53	-14	
2017	39	53	-14	
2018	39	55	-16	
2019	39	55	-16	
2020	39	55	-16	
Four-year total	156	214	-58	
Four-year annual average	39	54	-15	
Six-year total	234	324	-90	
Six-year annual average	39	54	-15	

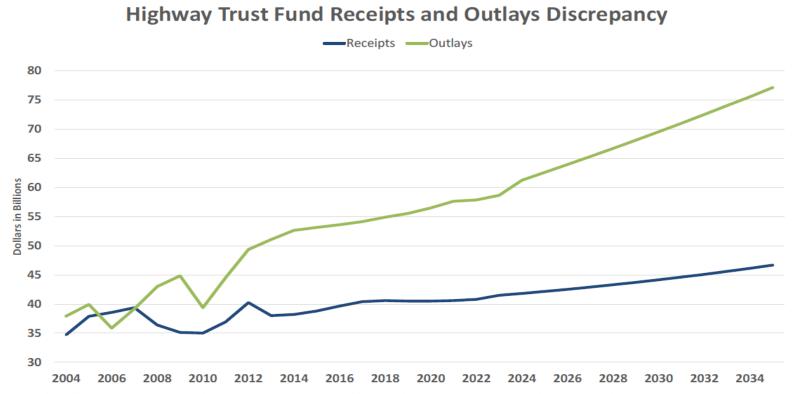
Billions of Dollars

Source: CRS calculations based on CBO, Projections of Highway Trust Fund Accounts Under CBO's April 2014 Baseline, April 2014. Figures may not add due to rounding.

**Notes:** Includes combined figures from both the highway account and the mass transit account. The HTF Revenue column includes interest on the HTF balances. Outlays refer to the spending of budget authority. In this case the spending of funds debited from the HTF.



### HTF OUTLAYS ARE ESTIMATED TO OUTPACE RECEIPTS BY \$15 BILLION OR MORE PER YEAR



Excludes \$8.017 billion transfer from General Fund to Highway Account of HTF in September 2008; \$7 billion transfer from General Fund to Highway Account of HTF in August 2009; \$19.5 billion transfer from General Fund to Highway and Mass Transit Accounts of HTF in March 2010; \$2.4 billion transfer from Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to HTF in July 2012; \$6.2 billion transfer from General Fund to Highway Account of HTF in FY 2013; \$10.4 billion transfer from General Fund to Hass Transit Account of HTF in FY 2014.



# **Stayin' Alive**

Transfers to Highway Trust Fund Since 2008:

\$63 Billion

- FY 2008: \$8 Billion GF transfer to
- FY 2009: \$7 Billion GF transfer to
- FY 2010: \$19.5 Billion GF transfer to
- FY 2012: \$2.4 Billion LUST transfer
- FY 2013: \$5.9 Billion GF transfer
- FY 2014: \$20.5 Billion transfer to HTF from both the GF and LUST



### **Technically feasible revenue options**

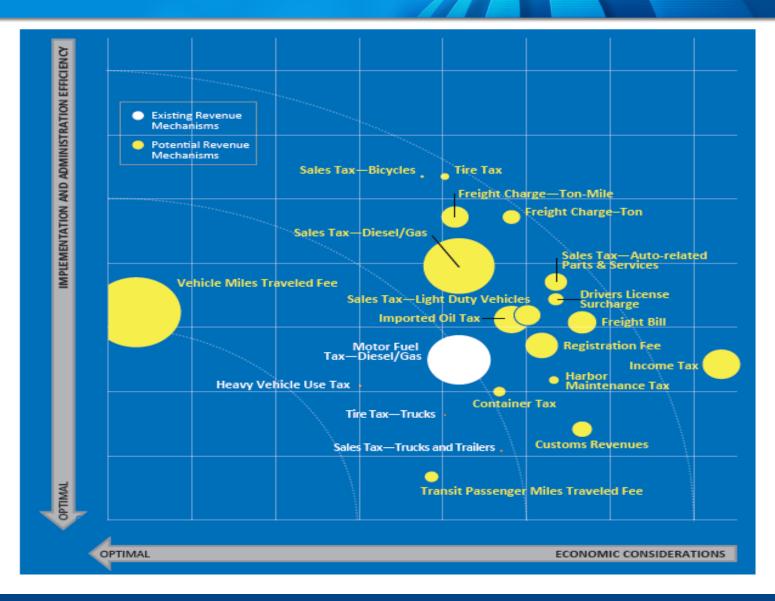
Matrix of Illustrative Surface Transportation Revenue Options

Existing Highway Trust Fund Revenue Mechanisms	Illustrative Rate or Percentage Increase	Definition of Mechanism/Increase	\$ in Billions	
			Assumed 2014 Yield	Total Forecast Yield 2015–2020
Motor Fuel Tax—Diesel	15.0¢	¢/gal increase in current rate (approx. 10% increase in total rate)	\$6.54	\$41.79
Motor Fuel Tax—Gas	10.0¢	¢/gal increase in current rate (approx. 10% increase in total rate)	\$13.21	\$78.12
Heavy Vehicle Use Tax	50%	Increase in current revenues, structure not defined	\$0.55	\$3.42
Sales Tax—Trucks and Trailers	10%	Increase in current revenues, structure not defined	\$0.33	\$2.19
Tire Tax—Trucks	10%	Increase in current revenues, structure not defined	\$0.04	\$0.23
Potential Highway Trust Fund Revenue Mechanisms	Illustrative Rate or Percentage Increase	Definition of Mechanism/Increase	Assumed 2014 Yield*	Total Escalated Yield 2015–2020*
Container Tax	\$15.00	Dollar per TEU	\$0.66	\$4.26
Customs Revenues	5.0%	Increase in/reallocation of current revenues, structure not defined	\$1.80	\$11.66
Drivers License Surcharge	\$5.00	Dollar annually	\$1.08	\$6.98
Freight Bill—Truck Only	0.5%	Percent of gross freight revenues (primary shipments only)	\$3.07	\$19.90
Freight Bill—All Modes	0.5%	Percent of gross freight revenues (primary shipments only)	\$3.80	\$24.60
Freight Charge—Ton (Truck Only)	10.0¢	¢/ton of domestic shipments	\$1.17	\$7.54
Freight Charge—Ton (All Modes)	10.0¢	¢/ton of domestic shipments	\$1.44	\$9.29
Freight Charge—Ton-Mile (Truck Only)	0.10¢	¢/ton-mile of domestic shipments	\$1.41	\$9.15
Freight Charge—Ton-Mile (All Modes)	0.10¢	¢/ton-mile of domestic shipments	\$3.48	\$22.52
Harbor Maintenance Tax	25.0%	Increase in/reallocation of current revenues, structure not defined	\$0.43	\$2.79
Imported Oil Tax	\$2.50	Dollar/barrel	\$5.76	\$37.28
Income Tax—Business	1.0%	Increase in/reallocation of current revenues, structure not defined	\$2.79	\$18.06
Income Tax—Personal	0.5%	Increase in/reallocation of current revenues, structure not defined	\$6.70	\$43.36
Motor Fuel Tax Indexing to CPI—Diesel	_	¢/gal excise tax	_	\$5.22
Motor Fuel Tax Indexing to CPI—Gas	_	¢/gal excise tax	_	\$10.87
Oil, Gas, and Minerals Receipts	25.0%	Increase in/reallocation of current revenues, structure not defined	\$2.20	\$14.25
Registration Fee—Electric LDVs	\$100.00	Dollar annually	\$0.01	\$0.06
Registration Fee—Hybrid LDVs	\$50.00	Dollar annually	\$0.17	\$1.12
Registration Fee—Light Duty Vehicles	\$15.00	Dollar annually	\$3.57	\$23.11
Registration Fee—Trucks	\$150.00	Dollar annually	\$1.63	\$10.54
Registration Fee—All vehicles	\$20.00	Dollar annually	\$4.98	\$32.21
Sales Tax—Auto-related Parts & Services	1.0%	Percent of sales	\$2.32	\$15.04
Sales Tax—Bicycles	1.0%	Percent of sales	\$0.06	\$0.38
Sales Tax—Diesel	7.6%	Percent of sales (excl. excise taxes)	\$9.65	\$62.50
Sales Tax—Gas	5.6%	Percent of sales (excl. excise taxes)	\$24.05	\$155.66
Sales Tax-New Light Duty Vehicles	1.0%	Percent of sales	\$2.41	\$15.61
Sales Tax-New and Used Light Duty Vehicles	1.0%	Percent of sales	\$3.46	\$22.40
Tire Tax—Bicycles	\$2.50	Dollar per bicycle tire	\$0.08	\$0.53
Tire Tax—Light Duty Vehicles	1.0%	Of sales of LDV tires	\$0.33	\$2.12
Transit Passenger Miles Traveled Fee	1.5¢	¢/passenger mile traveled on all transit modes	\$0.84	\$5.45
Vehicle Miles Traveled Fee—Light Duty Vehicles	1.0¢	¢/LDV vehicle mile traveled on all roads	\$27.12	\$175.58
Vehicle Miles Traveled Fee—Trucks	4.0¢	¢/truck vehicle mile traveled on all roads	\$10.93	\$70.73
Vehicle Miles Traveled Fee—All Vehicles	_	¢/vehicle mile traveled on all roads	\$38.05	\$246.31
* Base annual yield escalated using CPI-U.				

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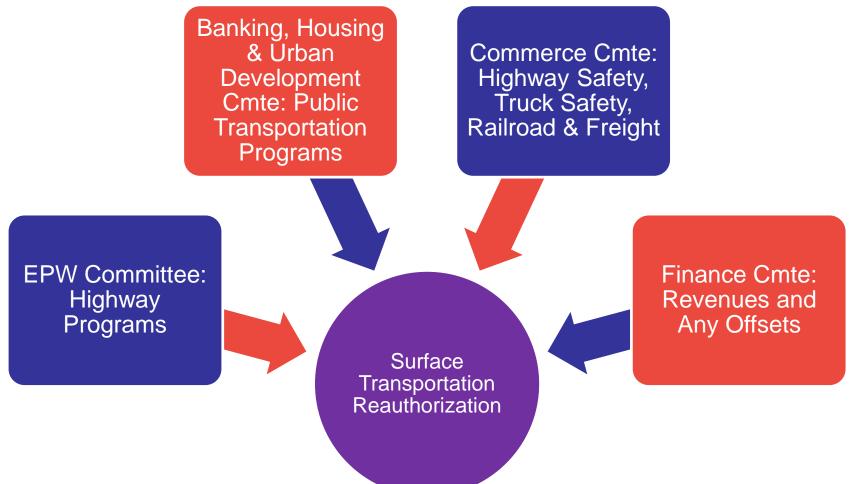
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### MAP-21 Reauthorization: Where Does it Stand?



### **The Great Jurisdictional Game: The Senate**





## The House is Less Complex

Transportation and Infrastructure Cmte: Highway Programs, Public Transportation Programs and Highway Safety, Truck Safety, Railroad & Freight

Ways and Means Cmte: Revenues and Any Offsets

Surface Transportation Reauthorization



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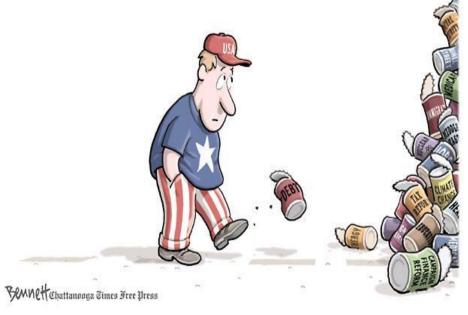
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### Funding Options?

- Temporary Pay-Fors
- GROW AMERICA ACT/Repatriation
- Corker-Murphy

Kicking the can down the road:





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# Down the road...



- Budget/Debt Limit
- Amtrak
  Reauthorization
- FAA Reauthorization



### Article 1, Section 8 – To Establish Post Offices and Post Roads

Tection. 8. The Congress shall have Power 10 la general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, In To borrow Money on the credit of the United Sta Do regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, a To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting To establish Post Offices and past Roads; To promote the Progress of Science and useful ar. Discoveries: No constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme To define and punish Peracies and Felonies