Arkansas Municipal League
Fall Conference - Springdale
December 3, 2016
Long Term Plans Need Long Term Funds
AHTD Funding Sources

Overall
- State: 64%
- Federal: 36%

Construction
- State: 26%
- Federal: 67%
- City/County: 7%
MAP-21 Extension Expires December 4, 2015
Conference Committee agreed to new bill
Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)
Arkansas ranks 12th in number of miles at 16,411 miles.
Arkansas ranks 40th in revenue per mile at $70,525.
Arkansas State General Revenues vs AHTD Net Highway Revenues

General Revenues

Net Highway Revenues

Fiscal Year


$0 $1,000 $2,000 $3,000 $4,000 $5,000 $6,000 $7,000

x $ Million
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.”
Governor’s Working Group
Recent Suggestions

- Motor fuel tax increase of 10¢ per gallon
- Motor fuel tax increase of 15¢ per gallon phased in over 3 years
- Indexing motor fuel tax to match inflation
- Change the 70/15/15 split with Counties and Cities
- Transfer $4 million from Diesel Tax to AHTD
- 3.2% of the half-cent sales tax revenue transferred to the State Central Services fund
- State sales tax rebate
- Transfer $20 million in State Surplus Funds
- Use of P3’s, Public Private Partnerships
Key Findings of Arkansas Statewide Transportation Survey

• Nearly all AR voters believe that roads and bridges are important to economic development and job growth
• A majority of AR voters believe that roads and bridges, K-12 education, and Social Security and Medicare are most essential government services
• Over two-thirds of AR voters would be more likely to re-elect their state legislator if they voted to increase funding for highways.
Key Findings of Arkansas Statewide Transportation Survey

• Two-thirds of AR voters would be more likely to re-elect their state legislator if they referred a highway tax to the people
• A majority of AR voters believe that a larger portion of personal and business tax revenue should be dedicated to highway funding
• Among all of the options tested, support is highest for transferring existing vehicle sales tax for state highway improvements.
• A majority of voters prefer voter control over highway funding as opposed to legislature control
Additional Information

- ArkansasHighways.com
- ConnectingArkansasProgram.com
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