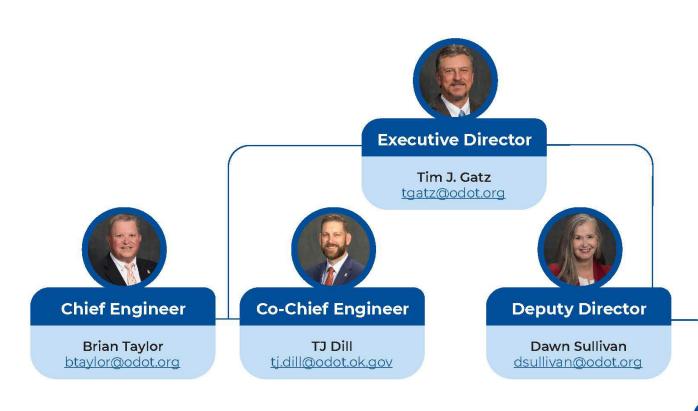


# ODOT Budget & Performance Review Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee on General Government & Transportation January 15, 2025

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**Organization Chart** 



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#### **Oklahoma Department of Transportation**

#### Commissioners

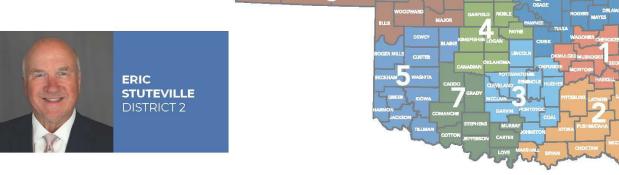


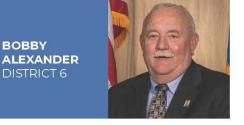


**BOB COBURN SECRETARY** DISTRICT 1



**DAVID DYSON** VICE-CHAIRMAN DISTRICT 5







T.W. SHANNON DISTRICT 3







DON **FREYMILLER** DISTRICT 4



### **Field District Engineers**





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District Engineer – Anthony Echelle
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<u>District 6</u>
District Engineer – Jon Logan
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<u>District 7</u> District Engineer – Jay Earp Main Phone – 580-255-7586



<u>District 8</u>
District Engineer – Trapper Parks
Main Phone – 918-838-9933

## **Agency Overview**

- 8 Field Districts and Central Office in Oklahoma City
- 2296 employees (Calendar year 2024)
  - More than 1,530 in field districts
  - o Central Office provides support for Transportation and Field Operations
  - o Down from 3,200 in 1990s
- ODOT has jurisdiction over interstates, U.S. numbered routes and state highways
  - Cities and towns maintain local streets
  - County commissioners maintain county roads
  - Oklahoma Turnpike Authority maintains toll roads



### **Transportation System Overview**

- 17th largest highway system (12,235 centerline miles)
  - o 16<sup>th</sup> Tennessee: Just over 14,000 miles
  - 18<sup>th</sup> Florida: Just over 12,000 miles
- 17th largest number of bridges (6,750)
  - o 16<sup>th</sup> Georgia: (6,868)
  - o 18<sup>th</sup> Florida (5,836)
- 28th most populous state (just over 4 million)
  - Behind Oregon (4.2 million)
  - Ahead of Connecticut (3.6 million)
- Nearly 126 miles of state-owned rail lines in operation
- McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System
- Rural Transit Grant Program
- Primary funding sources
  - Federal and state motor fuel taxes / Federal general revenue
  - Rebuilding Oklahoma Access and Driver Safety (ROADS) Fund



## **Composite of the ROADS Fund**

#### FY2025 Estimated\*

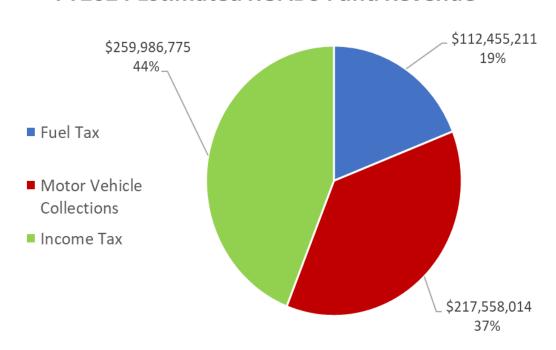
Fuel Tax \$112,445,211

MV Collections \$217,558,014

Income Tax <u>\$259,986,775</u>

ROADS Fund cap \$590,000,000

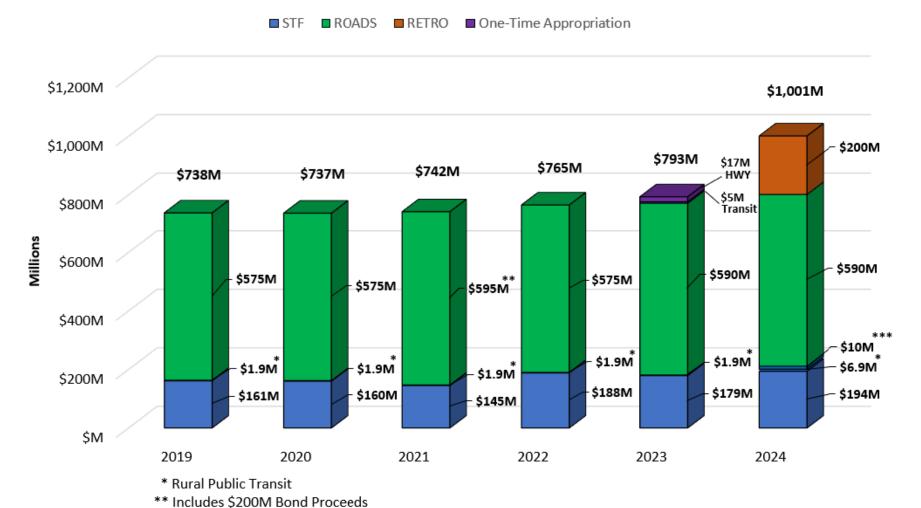
#### **FY2024 Estimated ROADS Fund Revenue**





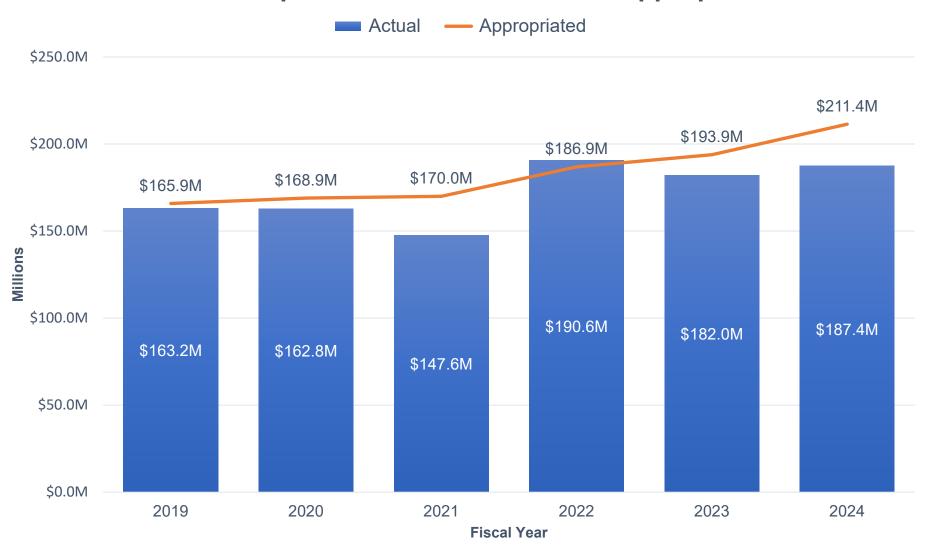
<sup>\*</sup>Source: Board of Equalization FY2024 Revenue Certification, 6/2024

## State Funding for Transportation Operations, Construction and Maintenance



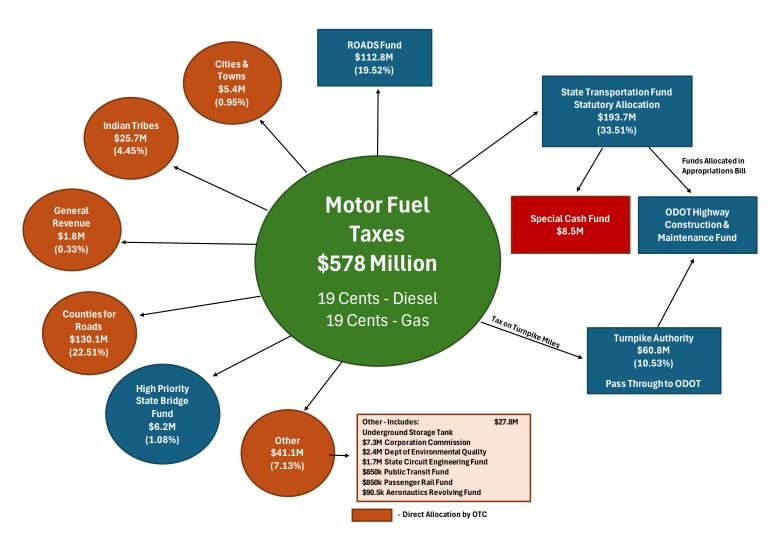
\*\*\* STF - Industrial & Lake Access (\$5 Mil Inola)

#### State Transportation Fund - Actual Vs Appropriated



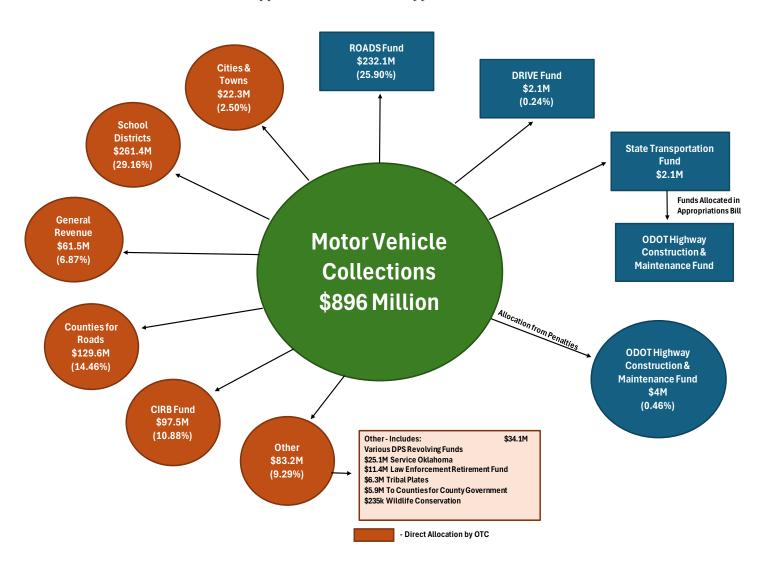
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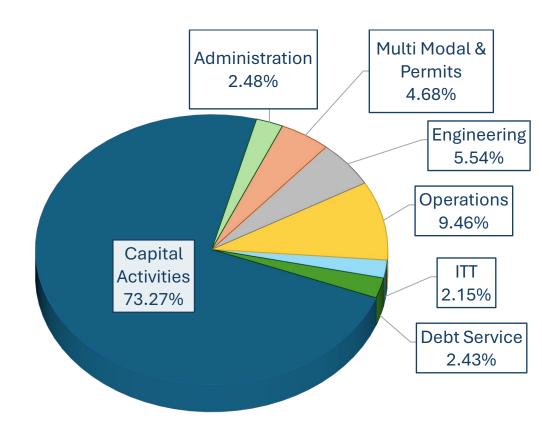
#### **Apportionment of Motor Vehicle Collections - FY2024**

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## **Budgetary Overview**

- Capital activities include highway and bridge construction.
- Operational costs include highway maintenance and upkeep.
- In addition to "on-highway" activities, ODOT also administers several transportation funding programs for rail, public transit and local government entities.
- Administrative costs account for less than 3% of the total budget.



**Total FY2025 Budget \$3.1 Billion** 



## **Asset Valuation and Backlog**

- Approximately \$102 billion in total assets
- Approximately \$27 billion in backlog of needs to bring to a "good" state of repair



## **Highway Construction and Maintenance Programs**

#### **▶**8 Year Construction Work Plan

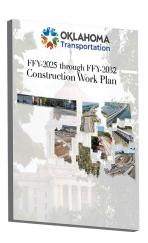
- ▶\$8.6B program
- ▶1,647 projects

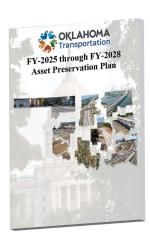
#### **▶** Asset Preservation Plan

- ▶\$493M program
- ▶276 projects

#### **▶** Maintenance Program

▶\$248M annual budget for FY25

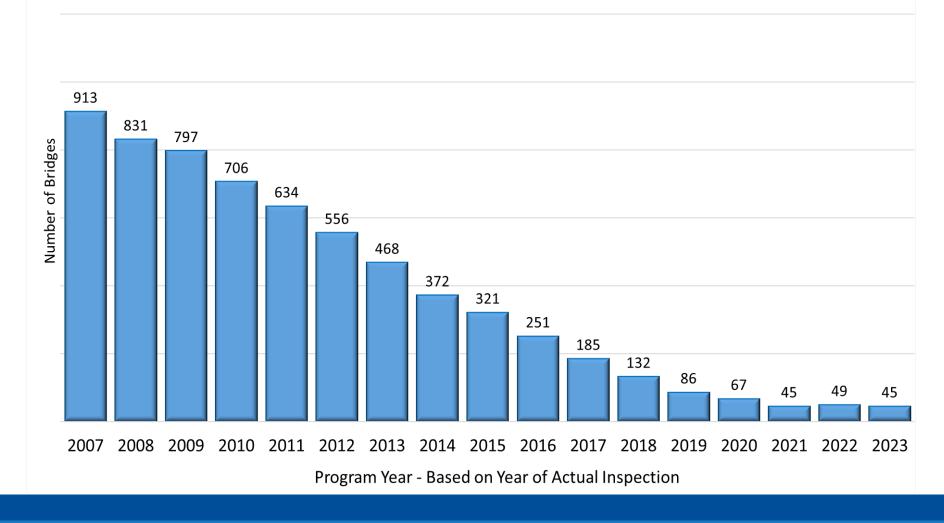








## On-System Structurally Deficient Bridges





## **Local Government Division Programs**

- CIRB County Improvements for Roads and Bridges
- TAP Transportation Alternative Program
- County Equipment Revolving Fund
- STBG Surface Transportation Block Grant Bridge and Roadway Programs
- ER Emergency Relief Program
- Metropolitan Planning Organization support
- Access Roads Industrial and Lake Access
- Municipal Road Drilling Activity Fund
- Bridge Formula Program
  - Authorized in the Investing in Infrastructure and Jobs Act (IIJA)



## **Heartland Flyer Operation**

- Daily service at Oklahoma stops in:
  - Oklahoma City
  - Norman
  - o Purcell
  - Pauls Valley
  - Ardmore
- State Funding
  - \$2 million from income tax revenue
  - \$850,000 from motor fuel tax revenue
- Ridership FY24: 81,261 (11% increase over FY23, exceeds pre-pandemic levels)
- 2024 Contract Amounts
  - Oklahoma: \$4,153,168
  - Texas: \$2,888,846





## **Northern Extension of the Heartland Flyer**

#### **Project Overview**

- This project would extend the Heartland Flyer passenger rail service from Oklahoma City to Newton, Kansas where it would connect with the Southwest Chief, a national route on Amtraks's network.
- Dependent upon funding, the estimated completion date is 2029.
- ODOT's estimated cost for the extension: \$280,825,796
- Estimated State and local match required: \$56,200,000
- Future recurring operating costs are expected to be in the range of \$8 to 10 million for Oklahoma, based on doubling the mileage of the route. (Current service is from Oklahoma City to Fort Worth, Texas.)



#### **Funding Opportunities**

<u>Corridor ID Program:</u> This discretionary grant program is administered by the Federal Rail Administration (FRA) to fund intercity passenger rail expansion project development at an **80**% federal match.

Restoration and Enhancement Grant (REG): This program funding offsets start-up operating funds with federal funds for the first six years of operations at **90**% federal match then decreases to **0**% after the seventh year.

<u>Transportation Infrastructure and Innovation Act (TIFIA)</u>: This is a U.S. federal government program administered by the USDOT to provide credit assistance for qualified regional and national surface transportation projects in the United States.



## Office of Mobility and Public Transit

- Office of Mobility and Public Transit provides oversight and administration of the Federal Transit Administration's programs and the federally required State Safety Oversight program for the Oklahoma City Streetcar system.
- First statewide Public Transit Policy Plan created in 2020.
- Supporting mobility management to assist with filling in public transit gaps in between providers.
- Transit Providers
  - 19 rural public transportation systems serve all 77 counties
  - Urban public transportation systems serve the Oklahoma City, Edmond, Norman, Tulsa,
     Enid and Lawton metro areas
  - 90 transit agencies provide enhanced mobility services for seniors and individuals with disabilities
- Funding
  - o \$24.7 million in federal formula funding distributed to transit providers
  - \$5.75 million in state funding used as match
  - \$5 million additional appropriation in 2024



## **Transit Revolving Fund State Resources**

Income Tax Revenue \$3 million

State Transportation Fund \$6.9 million

Gas Tax \$850,000

State Public Transit Revolving Fund \$10,750,000



### **Mobility Management Program Highlights**

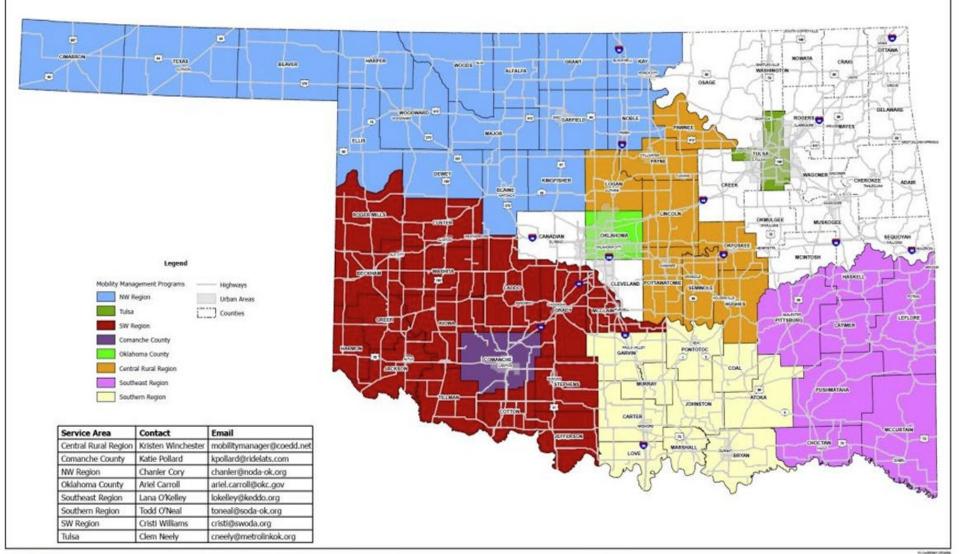
Mobility Management is improving coordination among public transit and other transportation service providers to enhance transportation access for people beyond those served by one agency or organization within a community.

- Working towards an additional 13 mobility management programs to provide 100% coverage across the state. (See map in next slide.)
  - 8 ODOT mobility programs currently active
  - 3 to 4 additional programs expected in 2025

#### Budget

- Each mobility program costs \$100,000
- To cover the entire state: \$2.5 million annually
- Currently using FTA funds (seniors and disabled) with 80/20 match but unable to support entire state at current funding levels
- Looking for alternative federal funds to support entire state







## **Mobility Management Programs**



## Weigh Stations and Ports of Entry

- Five modern port of entry facilities on I-35 and I-40 in operation.
- New virtual weigh station at the Bryan County Port of Entry for southbound commercial vehicles opened in the Spring 2024.
- Virtual weigh station in Delaware County serves as port of entry from Arkansas on westbound US-412.
- Eight interior weigh stations in operation.
- Enforcement is administered by OCC and DPS.
- Funds from the Weigh Station Revolving Fund are intended to be used by ODOT for construction and maintenance of facilities, including scales and other technology. The online permitting program "OkiePros" is updated and maintained from this fund as well.



### **Focused Performance Metrics:**

#### Continued reductions in:

- Highway fatalities
- Structurally deficient bridges on the highway system
- Two-lane highways with deficient shoulders

#### Continued improvements to:

- Safety
- Pavement conditions
- Digital infrastructure including AI initiatives
- Workforce challenges



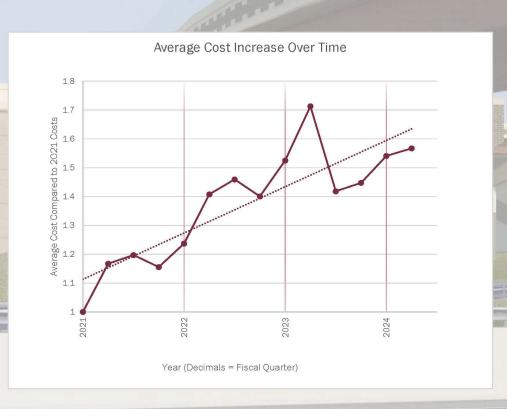




## **INCREASE OF MAJOR PAY ITEMS**

- Earthwork
- Sodding
- Asphalt
- Concrete
   Pavements
- Bridge Beams
- Concrete Bridges
- Reinforcing Steel

On average, costs have increased approximately 60% since 2021.



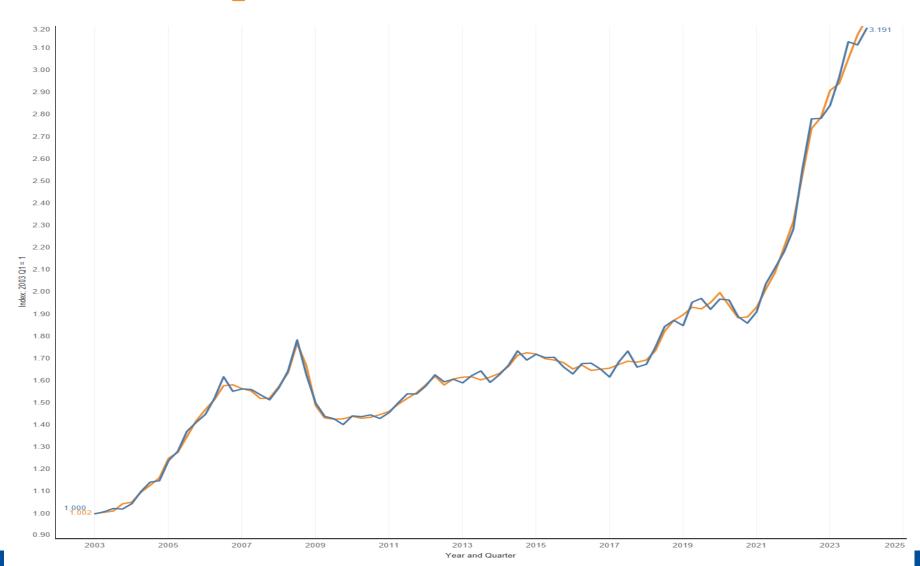


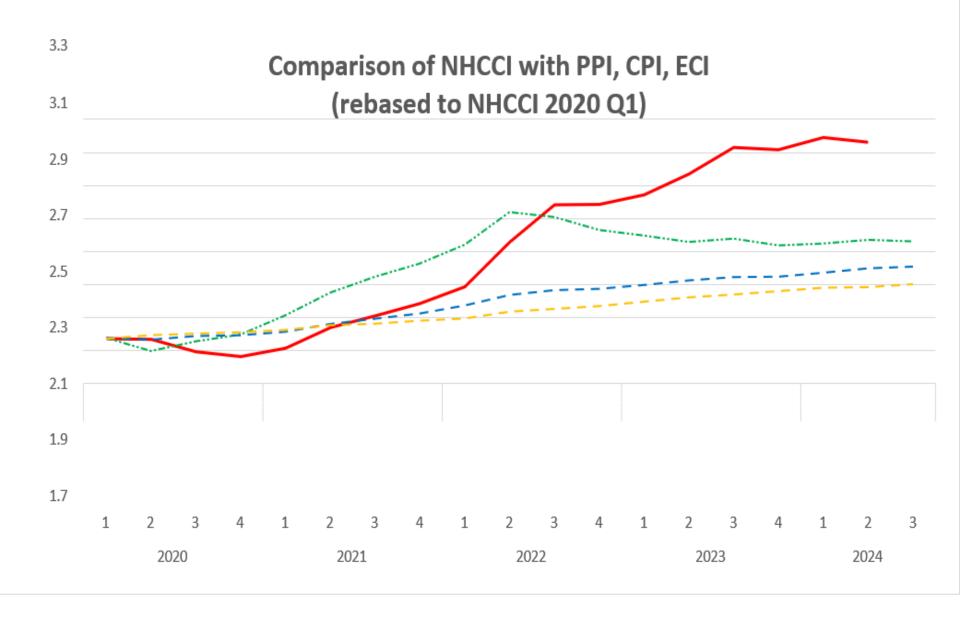
#### National Highway Construction Cost Index (NHCCI)

#### Federal Highway Administration

Select Year and Quarter: 2003 Q1 to 2024 Q1 and Null values

Select Series: ✓ Seasonally Adjusted NHCCI





NHCCI ----- PPI All commodities - - - CPI All items - - - ECI Construction

## Managing the Challenge of Inflation/Reduced Buying Power

- Recognize the impact inflation has on improving and maintaining an efficient statewide transportation system and plan accordingly
- Monitor trendlines for engineering and other professional services
- Stay informed of costs for major construction items
- Take advantage of creative funding opportunities and innovation, utilization of bonding and federal loans
- Adjust investment strategies based on infrastructure needs

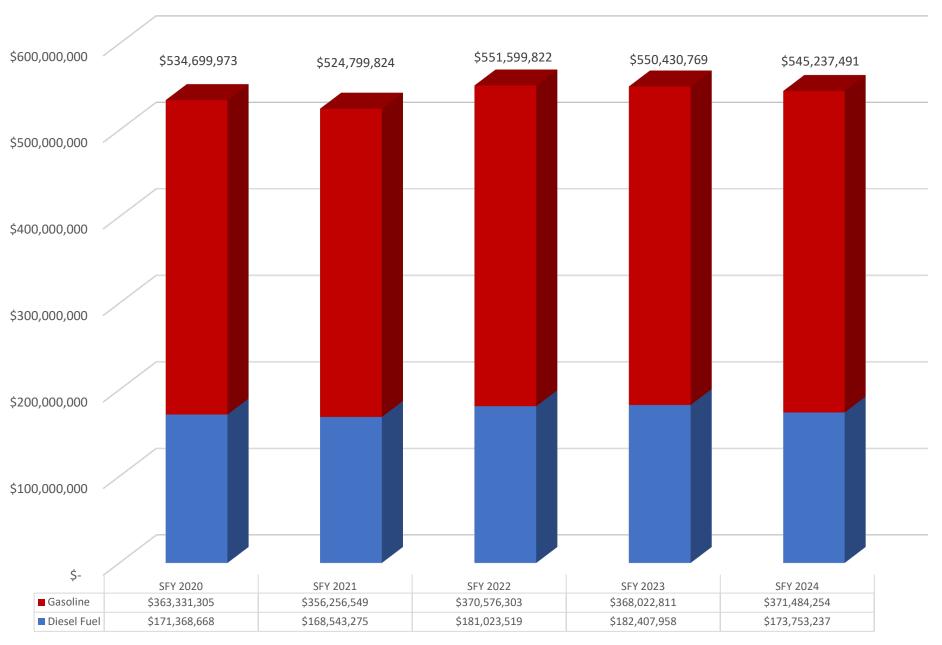


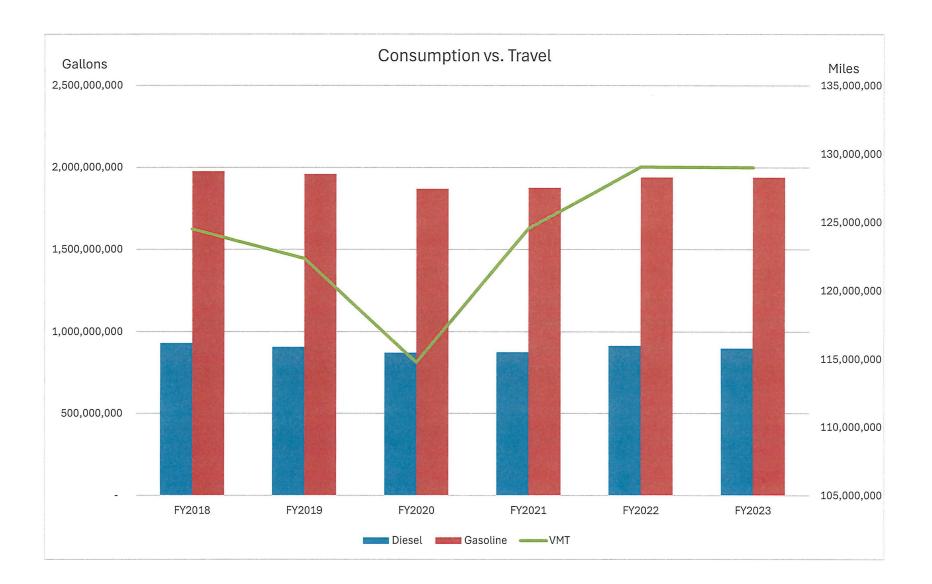
## **Managing the Workforce Challenge**

- Increase the size of co-ops with the universities.
- Cover the cost of design co-op fees such as computer use, parking etc.
- Expand partnerships with the universities and tech schools including branching into the field of construction management.
- Increase the number of job fair recruitment events and initiate an outreach program to engage high schools across the state.
- Provide customized benefit opportunities.
- Job market study and adjustments.



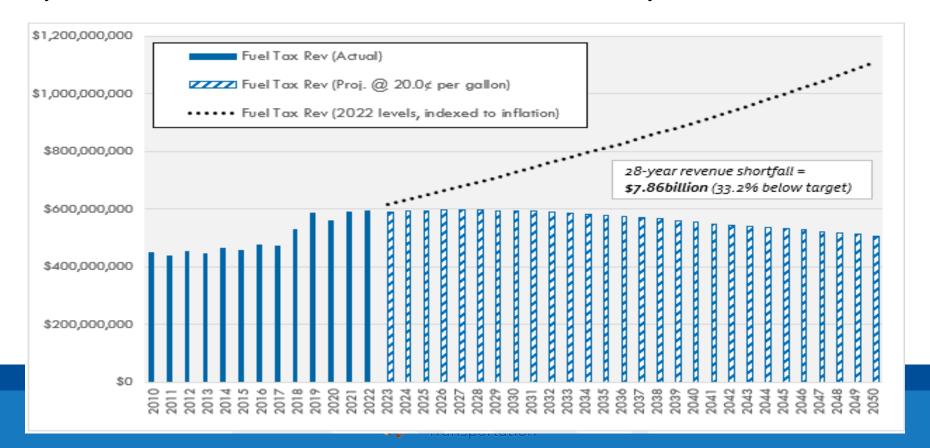
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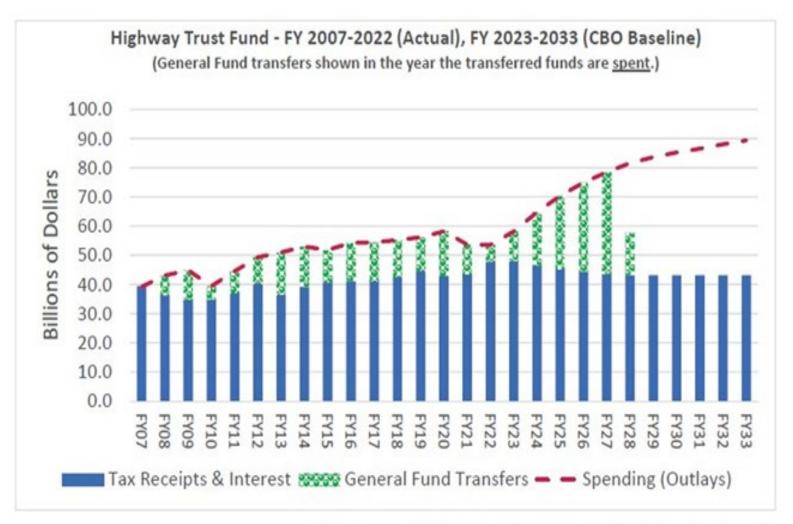




### **Anticipated Reduction in Motor Fuel Tax**

- Oklahoma's fuel tax program is expected to produce a relatively flat stream of revenue that will decline in real (inflation-adjusted) value despite of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) expected growth of 1.5% annually.
- Current policies do not begin to keep pace with inflation, as indicated by the gap between the black dotted line and the hatched blue bars in the graph.
- By 2050, actual fuel tax revenue will be over 50% lower than today's level of revenue.





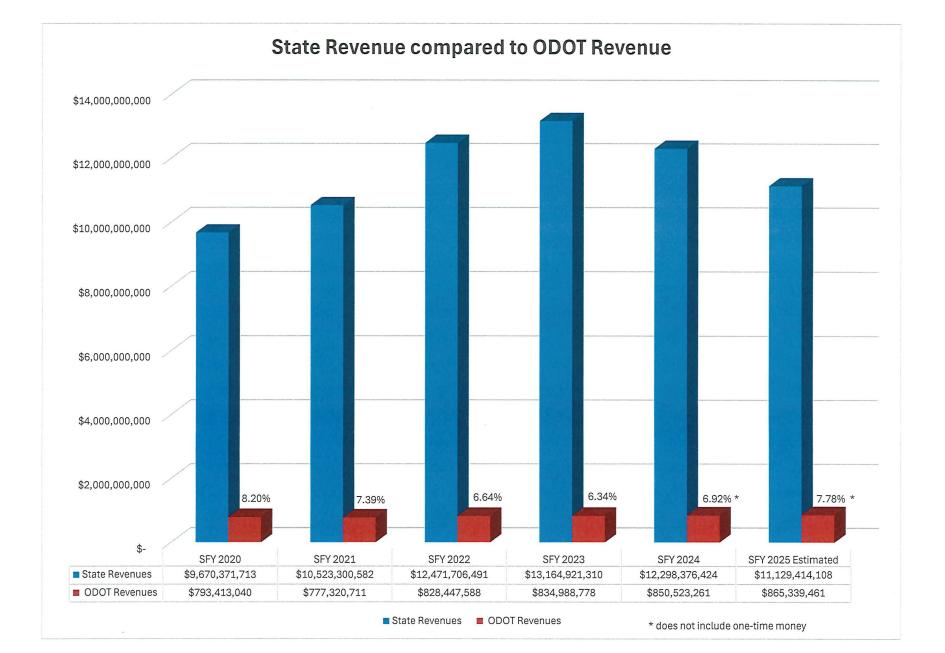
Data sources: FHWA Table FE-1; CBO May 2023 HTF baseline forecast.



## FY 2026 Budget Request Summary

- Receive full statutory authorization of the Rebuilding Oklahoma Access and Driver Safety (ROADS) Fund, remaining at the \$590,000,000 cap.
- Receive full statutory allocation of the State Transportation Fund which would equate to approximately \$204 million.
- Restore \$6.3 million to the State Transportation Fund (STF) from SFY2024 revenue shortfall due to previous discrepancies between estimates and receipts in the fund.
- Allocation of \$10 million to the Weigh Station Revolving Fund for the purpose of supporting the Size and Weights Permitting Office, port of entry and weigh station infrastructure construction, operation and maintenance, along with the development, deployment and long-term maintenance of the associated technology and systems as defined in statute.
- Request \$6.9 million to the Rural Public Transit Revolving Fund.
- Request \$2 million to fully fund the Mobility Management program.
- Request \$10 million to fund Lake and Industrial projects.





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