

KEEP OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MOVING

Our country's transportation system faces a financial crisis, with its main source of money, the Highway Trust Fund, barely staying solvent. Learn how our current funding system is designed and why it needs fixing.

WHAT IS THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND?

The Highway Trust Fund is a supply of money that pays for the country's Interstate highways and other roads, bridges, and public transit systems – the heart of our surface transportation system.

WHERE DOES THIS MONEY COME FROM?

Drivers pay a federal gas tax that acts as a user fee, which helps pay for road upkeep.



WHO DECIDES WHERE THE MONEY GOES?

Though the user fees are collected by the federal government, local governments and individual states hold the power to decide how the money is spent.

WHAT DOES THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND PAY FOR?

- 1 Interstate highway construction and maintenance
- 2 Safety improvements like stronger guardrails and better lighting
- 3 Building and maintaining bridges and roads
- 4 Safety research and program development
- 5 Public transportation
- 6 Advanced technologies to reduce congestion

WHAT'S THE CURRENT SITUATION?

THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND IS PROJECTED TO GO BANKRUPT BY JULY 2015.

The user fee has not been increased above 18.4 cents per gallon of gas since 1993. It has lost almost 40% of its purchasing power.

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The federal government has borrowed a total of **\$64.1 billion** since 2008 to patch the HTF instead of solving the problem.

WHY HAS THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND ERODED?

1. Congress didn't peg the fuel tax to inflation
2. Vehicles are more fuel-efficient
3. Increasing need for road repair
4. Rising construction costs
5. Reduction in annual miles driven
6. An aging system

HOW CAN THIS SYSTEM BE FIXED?

ONE WAY IS BY MODESTLY INCREASING USER FEES

WHY IS THIS THE BEST IMMEDIATE OPTION?

- It has served Americans well as a user fee for decades.
- It is simple to collect and can be done immediately with no additional collection costs
- It is fair that those who use the roads pay for better and safer roads.

HOW WILL FIXING THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND BENEFIT YOU?

Real-world benefits for the average motorist.

SAVE ON VEHICLE REPAIRS
\$324 per year due to poor road conditions

CUT CONGESTION COSTS
5.5 billion hours **+2.9** billion gallons of gas stuck in traffic

PROTECT THE ECONOMY
877,000 jobs are at risk