



REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN
2012-2035 RTP
 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY
 Towards a Sustainable Future



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Funding Strategies

Investing in our region's transportation system is critical to our economic prosperity. To compete nationally and internationally, Southern California needs a 21st century transportation system that improves mobility for both businesses and people. Without long-term strategic transportation investments and the revenue sources necessary to build and maintain those investments, our region will be at a competitive disadvantage for future generations.

WHAT ARE OUR FUNDING CHALLENGES?

Both state and federal gas taxes, the traditional means of funding transportation, have not increased since the 1990s

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Vehicles are becoming more fuel efficient and will travel farther on less gasoline as technology advances to meet federal and state mandates

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Gas taxes today are charged on a per gallon basis and do not fluctuate with the overall price at the pump

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Costs for building/maintaining transportation infrastructure have continued to grow every year

≡ Gas tax revenue has declined to represent less than 1/3rd of our transportation funding, resulting in underinvestment while demand continues to grow

HOW DO WE ADDRESS OUR FUNDING CHALLENGES?

Since the 1980s, Southern California voters have approved county sales tax measures to backfill declining transportation funds, but substantial investment needs remain. To bolster available funding, the 2012 RTP recommends user-based strategies that reflect the true cost of transportation.

- ▶ Additional \$0.15 per gallon adjustment to state and federal gas taxes to maintain historical purchasing power (starting 2017) and long-term transition to mileage-based user fees (\$0.05 per mile to replace gas taxes starting 2025)
- ▶ Construction of new toll supported highways
- ▶ Leverage existing resources to maximize cash flow and take advantage of currently low borrowing and construction costs
- ▶ Expand partnerships with private sector entities to deliver transportation investments sooner and cost efficiently

QUICK FIGURES

FIGURE 1
 2012 RTP Revenue Summary \$524.7 Billion
 (in Nominal Dollars) FY2011-FY2035

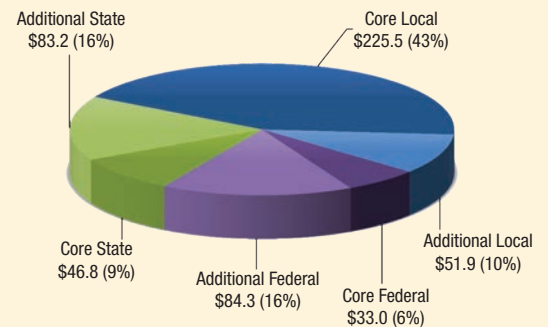
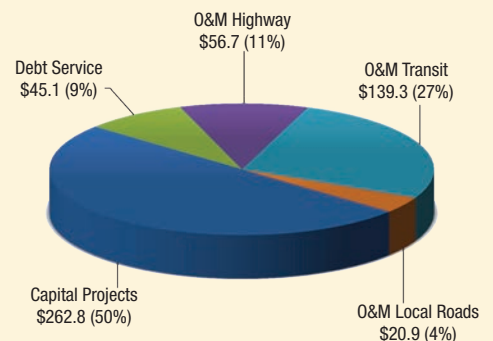


FIGURE 2
 2012 RTP Expenditure Summary \$524.7 Billion
 (in Nominal Dollars) FY2011-FY2035



An investment of less than \$2 dollars per day per capita will achieve the region's mobility and air quality objectives.