



Washington State
Association of Counties

Transportation Revenues for Counties

Joint Transportation Committee
November 14, 2012



Summary of Road Miles and Vehicle Miles Traveled

Jurisdiction	Centerline Miles [3]		Lane Miles		Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (1,000s)	
State Total [1]	7,061.66	8.5%	18,571.44	10.6%	86,179	55.7%
<i>Interstate</i>	764.27	0.9%	3,984.61	2.3%	41,937	27.1%
City	17,696.69	21.2%	37,795.34	21.6%	41,522	26.9%
County	39,868.65	47.7%	80,618.36	46.2%	24,928	16.1%
Other [2]	18,877.85	22.6%	37,738.55	21.6%	2,030	1.3%
TOTAL	83,504.85	100%	174,723.69	100%	154,689	100%

Notes:

[1] Interstate figures are included in the State total.

[2] Other includes State Parks, Other State, Port Districts, Indian, U.S. Forest Service, and National Parks.

[3] Centerline miles are the actual length of the roadway in one direction of travel.

Source:

WSDOT, Highway Performance Management System Database, 2009.



County Road Fund Revenue Sources *

Property Taxes and
Other Taxes
47.7¢

Federal Shared
Revenues & Grants
11.6¢



State Shared Revenues
& Grants
26.9¢

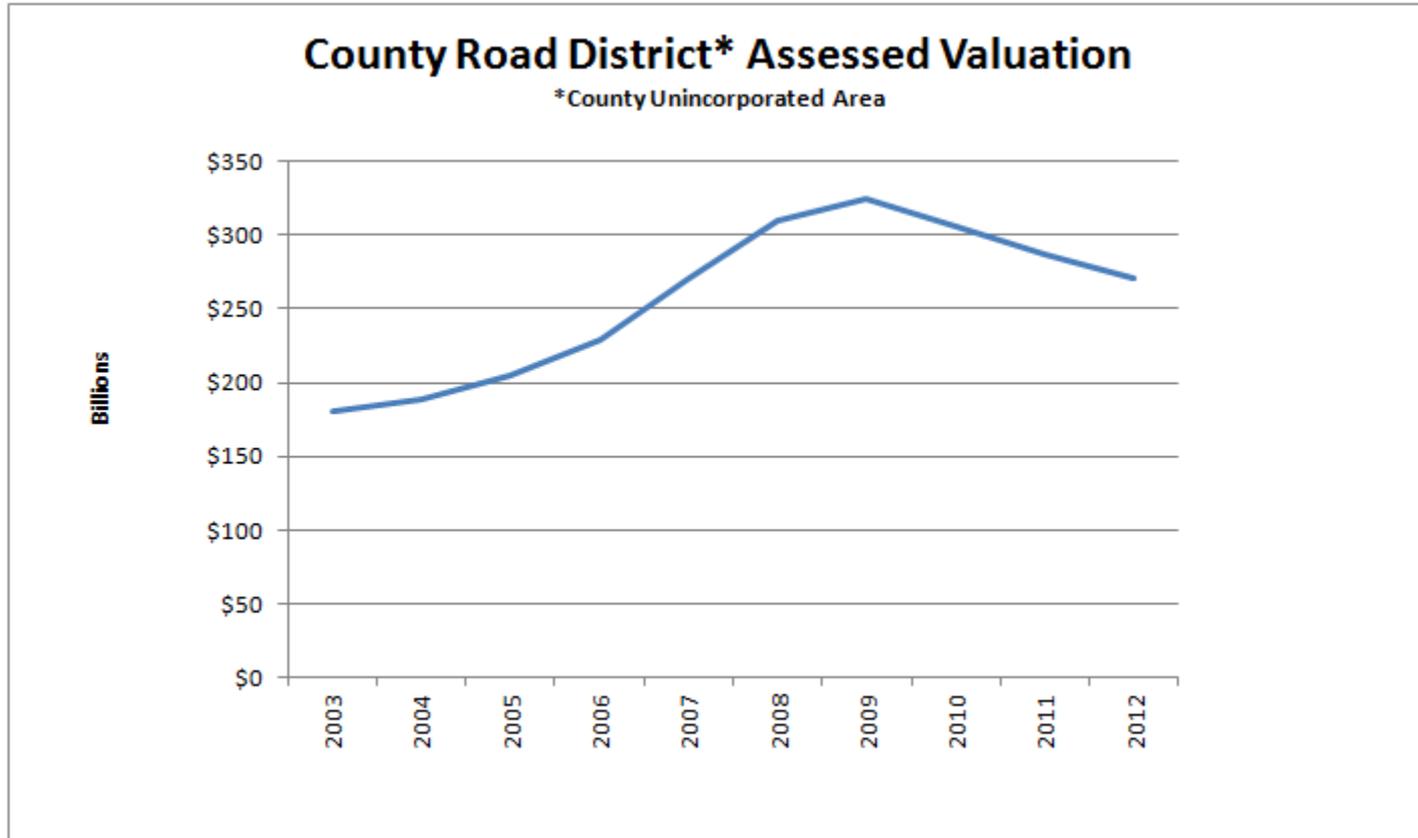
Fees, Reimbursables,
Misc. Revenue
13.8¢

* Statewide total - will vary with each county



County Road Property Tax

- Levy up to \$2.25 per \$1,000 assessed valuation
- Limited by 1% annual growth (plus new construction)
- May be increased with voter approval (lid lift)
- May exceed \$2.25 (within 1% limit) if total county levy and road levy does not exceed \$4.05
- May be diverted to county general use and spent only on unincorporated area uses
- May be shifted to county general use with tax levy spread over unincorporated and incorporated areas.



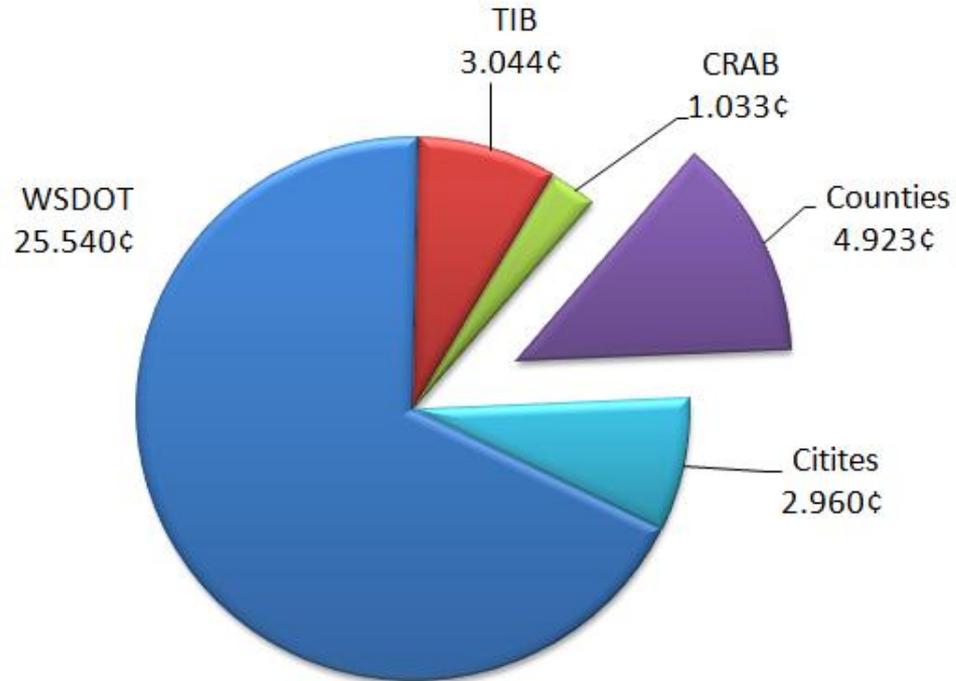


County Road Property Tax

- Currently two counties are at the maximum \$2.25 levy
 - Most notably King County – net reduction in road levy revenue in excess of \$12 million for 2012.
- If current decline in property values continues, other counties will be affected.
- One percent growth limit does not keep pace with growth in maintenance and preservation costs.



MVFT Distribution



Total Gas Tax: 37.5¢

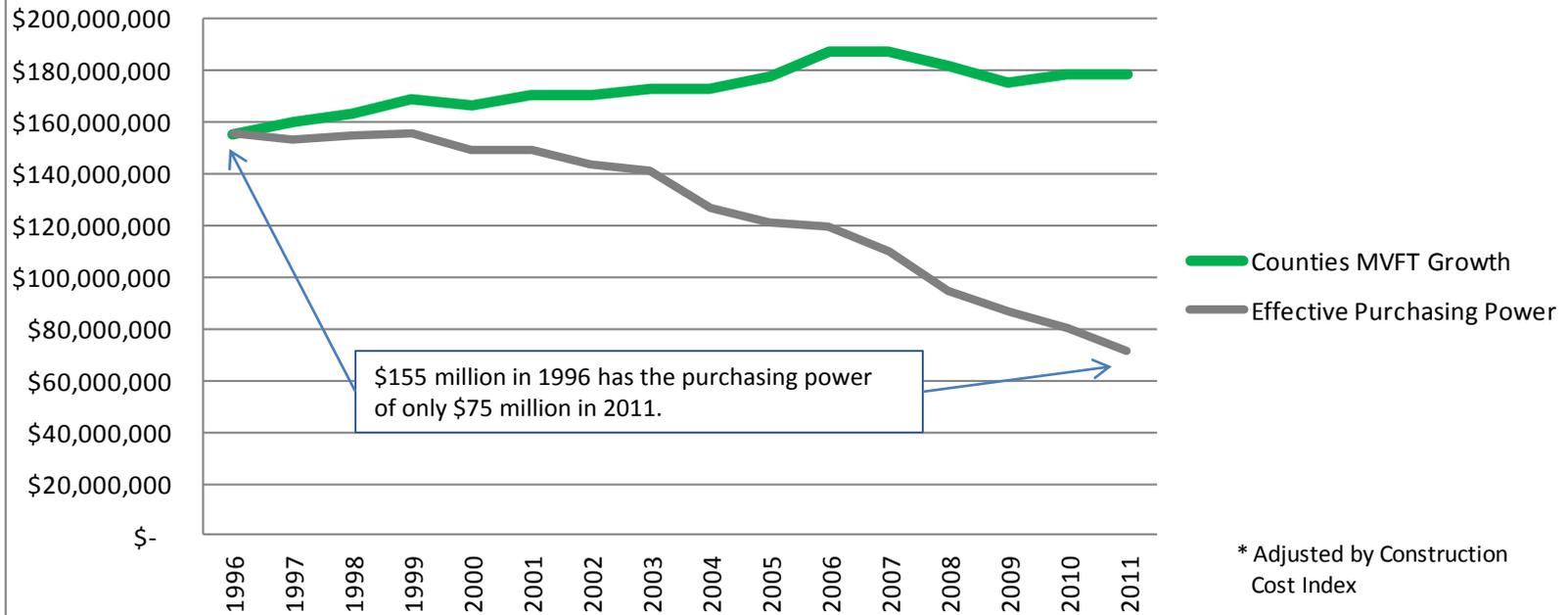


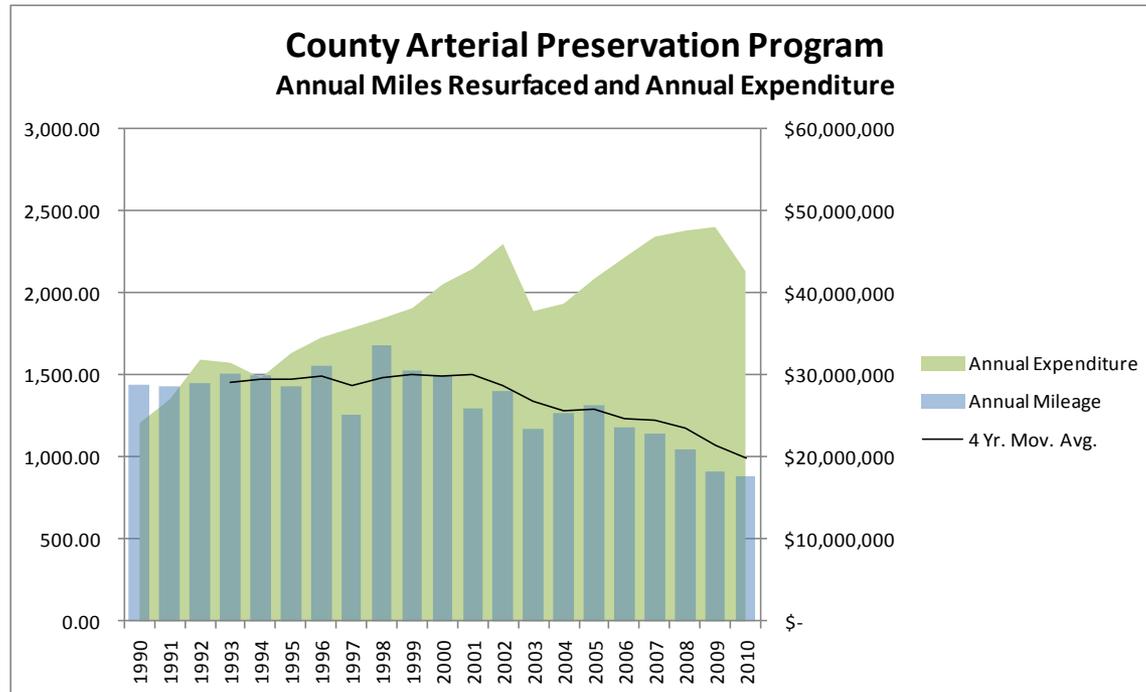
State Shared Transportation Revenue

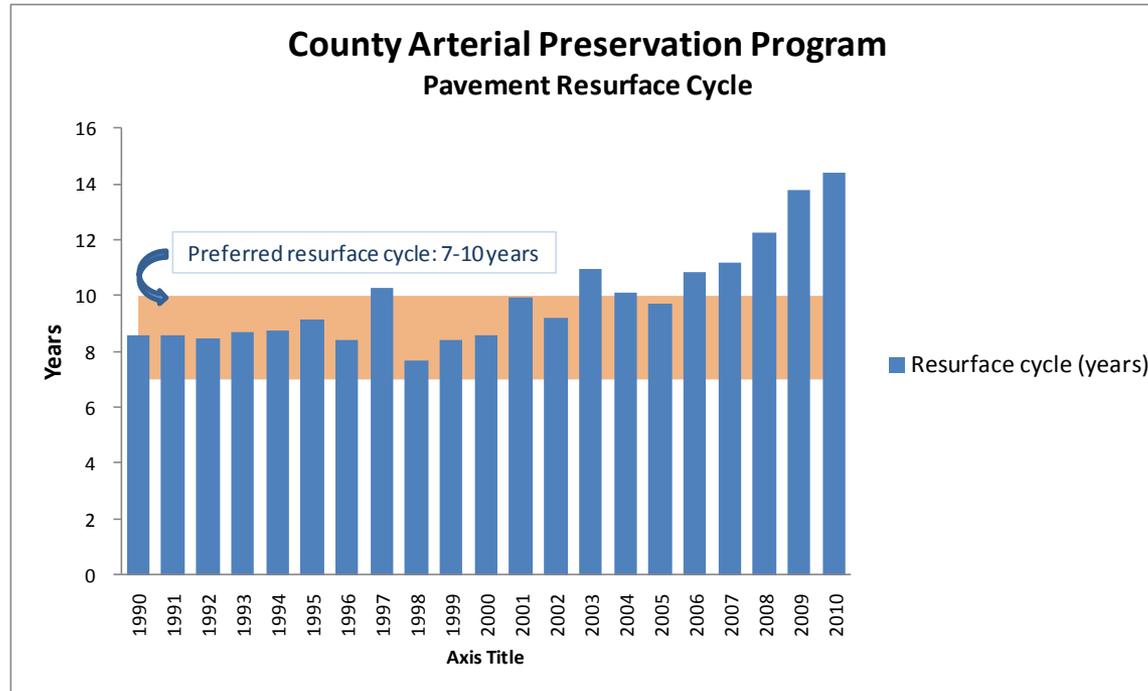
- 4.423 cents - distributed through “10-30-30-30” formula
 - 0.50 cents added to regular distribution with adoption of 9.5 cent Transportation Partnership Act in 2005
 - 0.45 cents for County Arterial Preservation Program (CAPP)
 - 0.58 cents for Rural Arterial Program (RAP)
 - \$1.5 million from Motor Vehicle Fund for CAPP in 2005
 - Total is approximately 6 cents.
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- \$3.5 million for CAPP - 2011-13 supplemental transportation budget
 - \$10 million for CAPP programmed for 2013-15 biennium



County Gas Tax Distribution Effective Purchasing Power *









Recommendations

- Counties need for increased revenues are in the range of \$100 to \$150 million annually for road maintenance and preservation.
- Needs for increased public transportation (transit) funding are in addition to the above.
- Continue to advocate for a mix of revenue options including, but not limited to, increases in state shared MVFT and transportation fees.
- Continue to develop local option proposals that provide more flexibility for adoption and implementation.



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