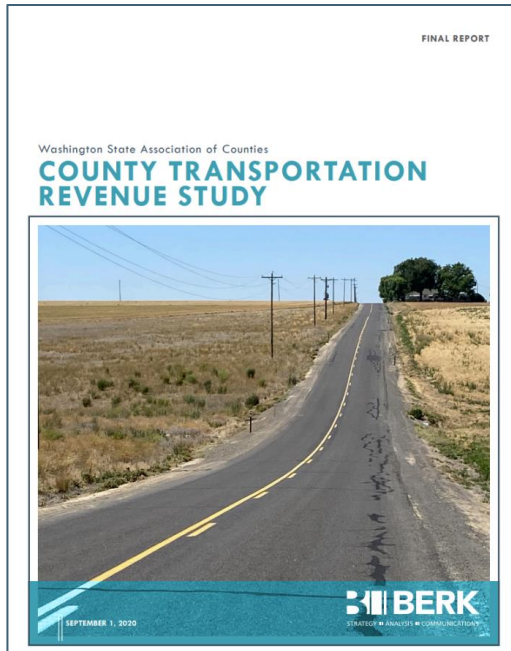




# COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDING STUDY UPDATE

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# INTRODUCTIONS



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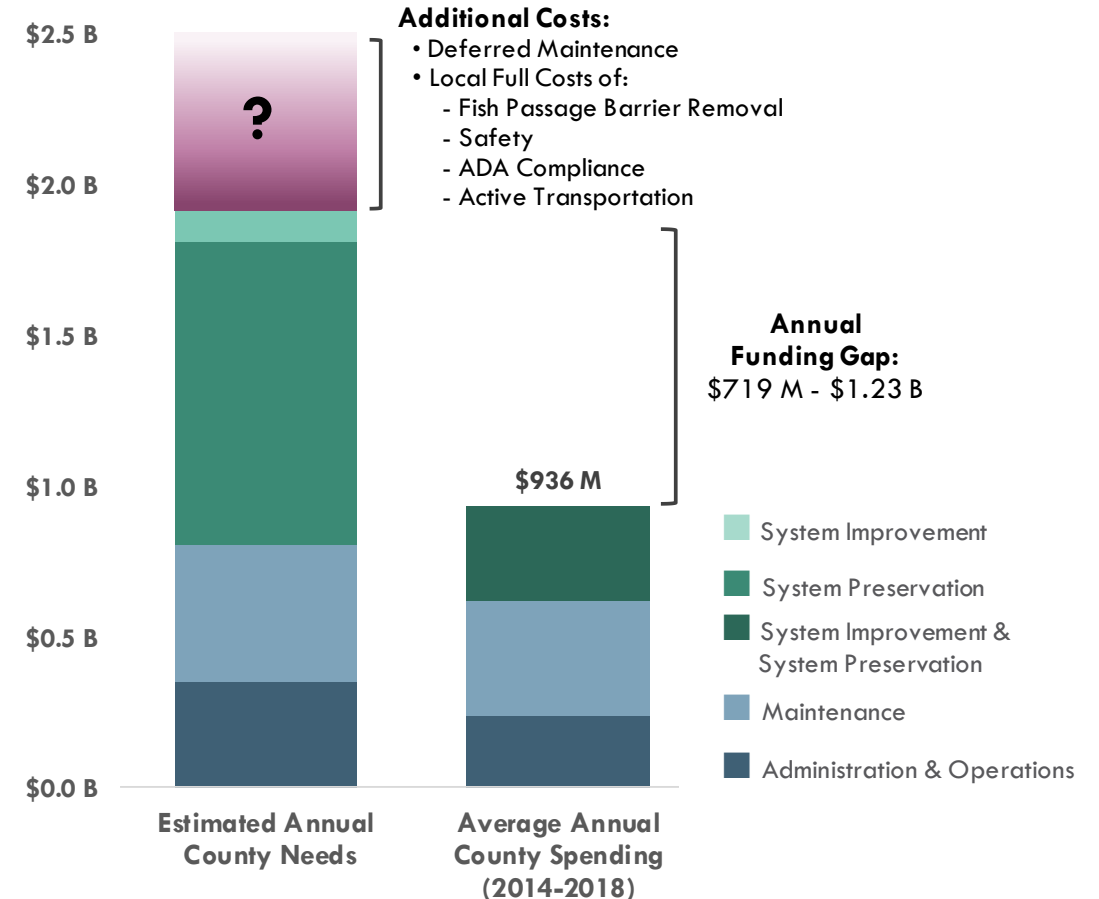
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# PROJECT PURPOSE

Update BERK's 2020 study to reflect current conditions

- Identify the current annual transportation funding gap for counties
- Quantify additional costs to the extent possible
- Provide best available information for WSAC to support funding requests

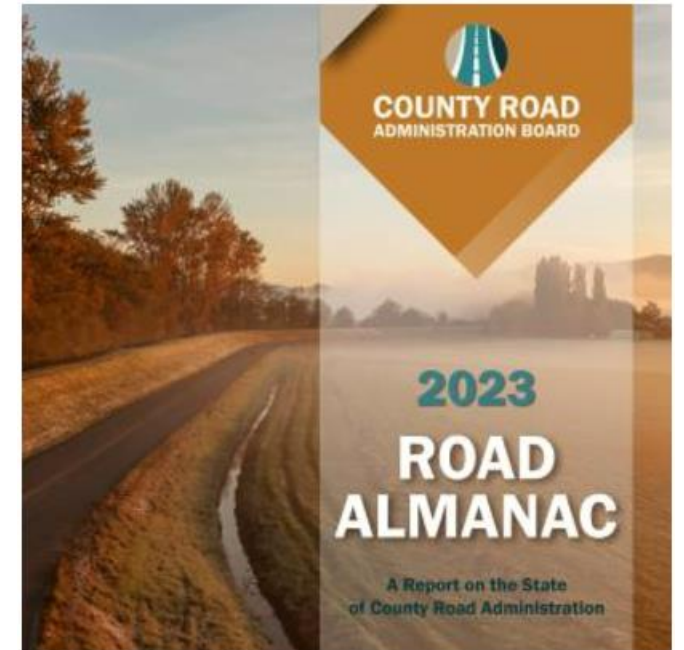
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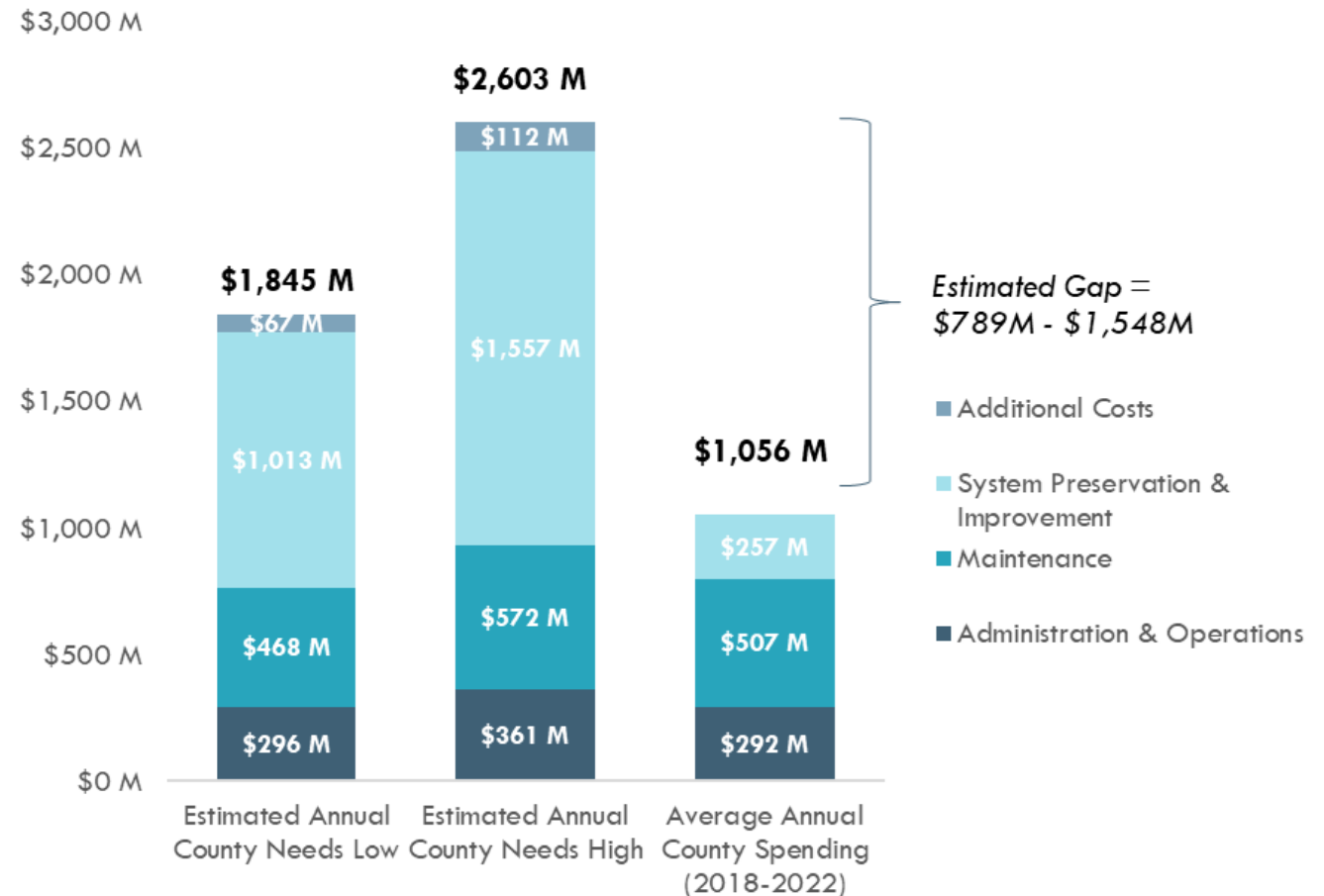
# PROJECT APPROACH

- Used the same methodology as 2020 study, identifying the difference between county needs and funding.
- Used data provided by CRAB, which is collected annually from each county.
- Reviewed each county's six-year TIP to identify capital project needs.
- Incorporated learnings from other project work, such as the study of CRAB's grant programs.



# DRAFT FINDINGS

- The funding gap increased from 2020, with the low end estimate 10% higher and the high end estimate 26% higher than the 2020 estimates.
- The primary sources of revenue for regular maintenance and preservation are not keeping up with inflation.
- Local access roads do not have outside sources of funding.
- Project work is experiencing delays.



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## DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. Increase support for preservation through new funding.
- B. Increase support for project delivery.
- C. Ensure any state alternative to the gas tax preserves revenue sharing with counties and maintains requirements that funding be invested for transportation purposes.
- D. Allow property tax rates to match economic conditions so revenues keep pace with expenditures.



**THANK YOU!**