

## 2016 Statewide Planning Partners Meeting

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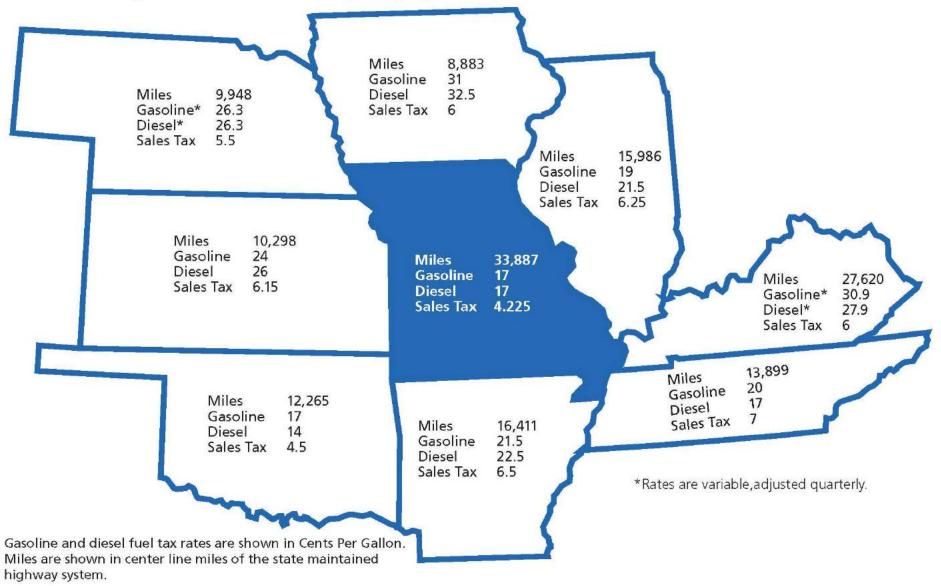


# Missouri continues to have a long-term insufficient transportation funding challenge.



#### **Missouri Lags Behind**

Missouri has a lower fuel tax rate than almost any of its neighbors. Yet it has a larger state-maintained highway system than all of them.





#### Steps Taken...

- Bolder Five-Year Direction
- Use of debt to advance projects
- Federal stimulus money

#### Moving Forward...

- Recommit to Taking Care of the System
- Feds pass five-year funding bill
- Connect Communities: bridge focus
- Short and long-term strategies



# **Current Situation**





### Improved State Economy

- Lower gas prices
- More miles driven / more fuel consumed
- Increased vehicle purchases

### The Result:

- Generated an increase in revenue
- Helps us match federal funds
- Commission rescinds Missouri's 325 System

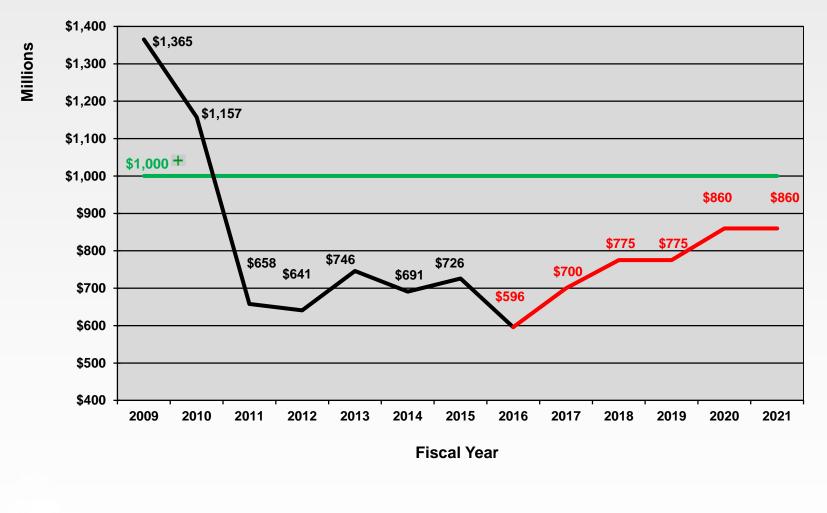


# Fixing America's FAST Surface Transportation ACT

- Five-year funded federal bill
- Reduces reimbursement risk
- Increase in available federal funding
- Allows for long-term planning
- MoDOT will spend down cash balance to help match federal funds
- MoDOT is also "federalizing" some maintenance activities



#### **Contractor Awards**





### With Additional Funding...

- The number of critical bridges will drop
- New safety measures can be implemented
- Economic development opportunities will increase

MoDOT welcomes any discussion on resolving our long-term insufficient funding challenge