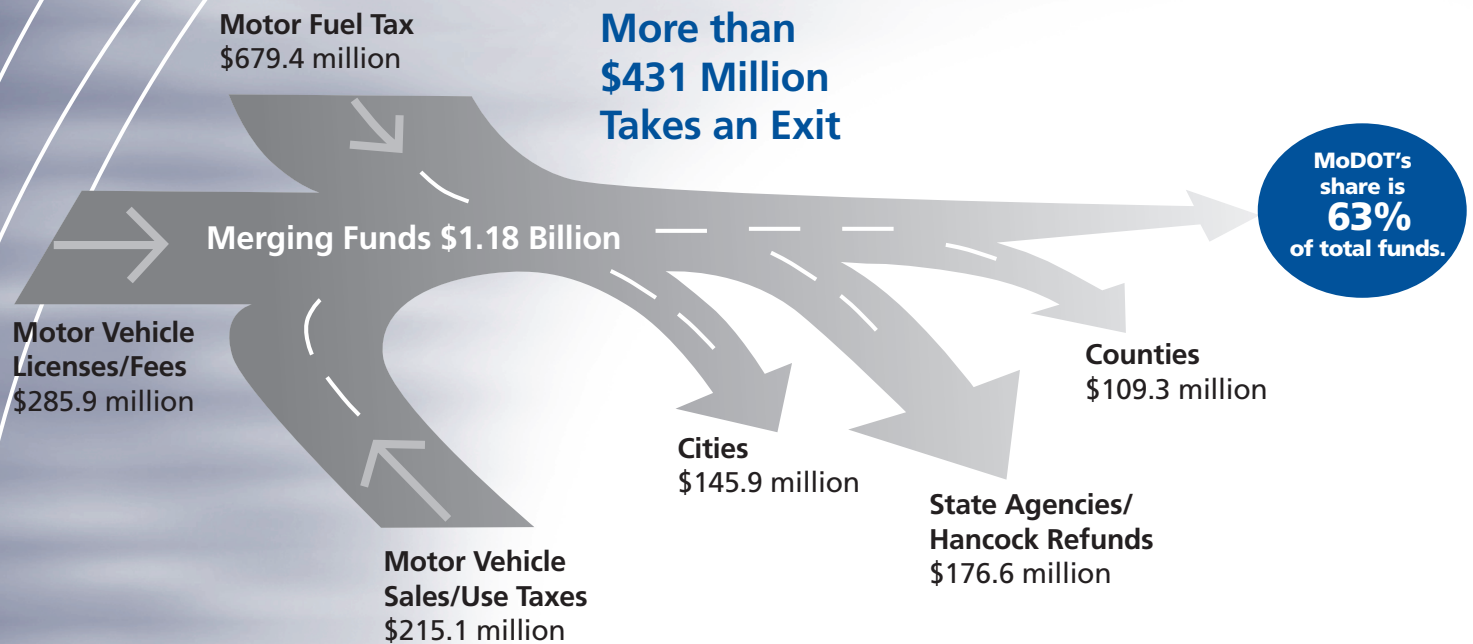


State Funds Exit Before Road Repairs Begin



The Missouri Department of Transportation receives funding from a variety of sources. Missourians support their transportation system through motor-fuel taxes, vehicle license fees and motor-vehicle sales/use taxes. What many people don't know is that MoDOT receives only a portion of these funds.

As directed by the General Assembly, a large chunk of this revenue takes an exit to cities, counties and other state agencies. Refunds from the Hancock Amendment also chip away at the sum. By the time MoDOT receives its share, nearly 40 percent of the funds are gone.

In fiscal year 2003, revenues going to other state agencies totaled more than \$176 million. City governments received nearly \$146 million, and counties shared in another \$109 million.

The bottom line: MoDOT received around \$748 million in taxes and fees to meet all its highway responsibilities. If we halted all new construction immediately, current funding would enable MoDOT to accomplish little more than maintaining what we have.