

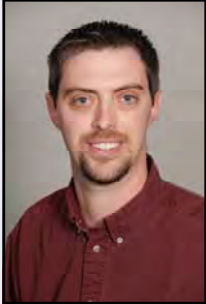


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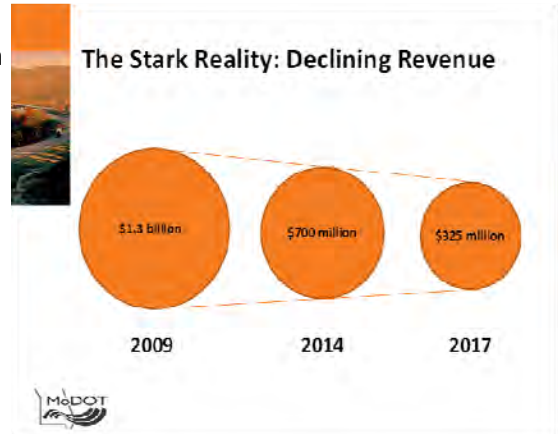


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## MoDOT Facing Stark Funding Reality

The Missouri Department of Transportation is facing a stark reality when it comes to funding over the next few years. The state's latest financial forecast shows MoDOT's construction budget is rapidly declining - from \$1.3 billion in 2009 to \$700 million in 2014 and down to about \$325 million for 2017 through 2019. It takes \$485 million to maintain the current road system, but these drastic funding decreases could change that.



### MoDOT Funding Issues - At A Glance

- The cost of doing business has increased.

PURCHASING POWER HAS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY DUE TO INFLATION			
	1992	2011	% INCREASE
CONCRETE	\$51.30/YD	\$153.60/YD	199%
FUEL	\$1.30/GALLON	\$3.85/GALLON	196%
ASPHALT	\$21.52/TON	\$59.31/TON	176%
STEEL	\$450/METRIC TON	\$900/METRIC TON	100%

- **Fuel taxes, which are MoDOT's primary revenue stream, have not increased in 20 years.** The overall dollar amount MoDOT gets from the 17-cent tax has decreased as people drive less and buy more fuel efficient vehicles.
- **The federal highway trust fund will be insolvent this fall.**
- **Less state funding means MoDOT will not be able to match federal funding by 2020.** That funding would then go to other states and be lost to Missouri forever.

MoDOT is committed to a safe, reliable and prosperous transportation future, but without a solution to our growing transportation funding issue we will not be able to accomplish what Missourians have come to expect.

### What Does This Mean for Us?

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission voted not to add any new projects to the 2015-2019 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. That means no more new bridges like the new Blanchette or the Boone and no more projects like the ongoing safety improvements on Route D and Route DD. This will ensure we deliver on projects already promised.

The Cost-Share Program has also been suspended. This is the program that allows local governments to partner with MoDOT on road improvement projects that enhance economic development. The \$118.2 million Route 364/Page Extension project was funded through the Cost-Share Program with funds coming from MoDOT, St. Charles County and local municipalities.

If things don't change, MoDOT won't be able to build new projects that improve safety, reduce congestion, spur economic activity and create jobs.