

FHWA Outlook

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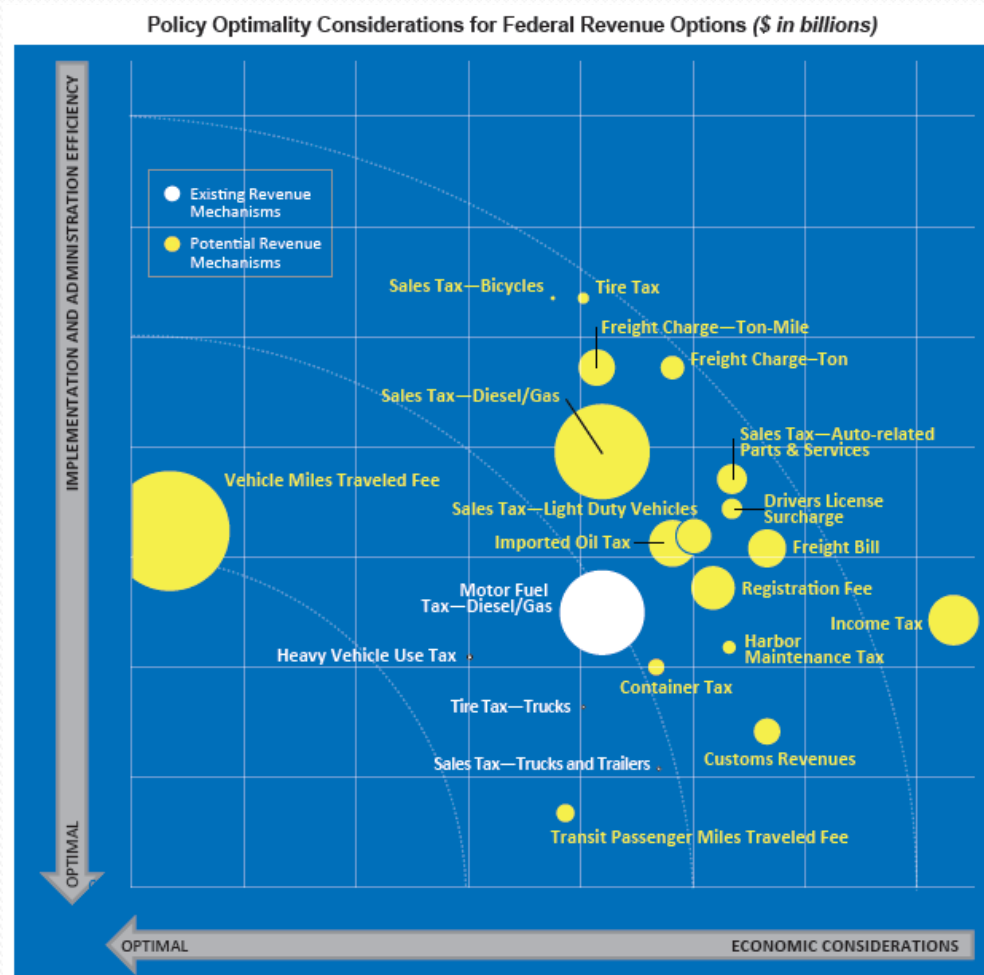
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Transportation Problems Solved!



Transportation Funding Solved!



New Stewardship & Oversight Agreement

- SCDOT is the first state transportation department since enactment of MAP-21 to receive approval of its Stewardship & Oversight agreement from FHWA.
- The Stewardship & Oversight Agreement documents the roles and responsibilities of the FHWA's South Carolina Division Office and the SCDOT concerning project approvals and oversight responsibilities.
- This Agreement will facilitate coordination between SCDOT and FHWA to further enhance effective delivery of the Federal-aid Highway Program in South Carolina.
- Go to SCDOT website for more details:

http://www.scdot.org/doing/doingPDFs/stewardship_oversightplan_2014.pdf

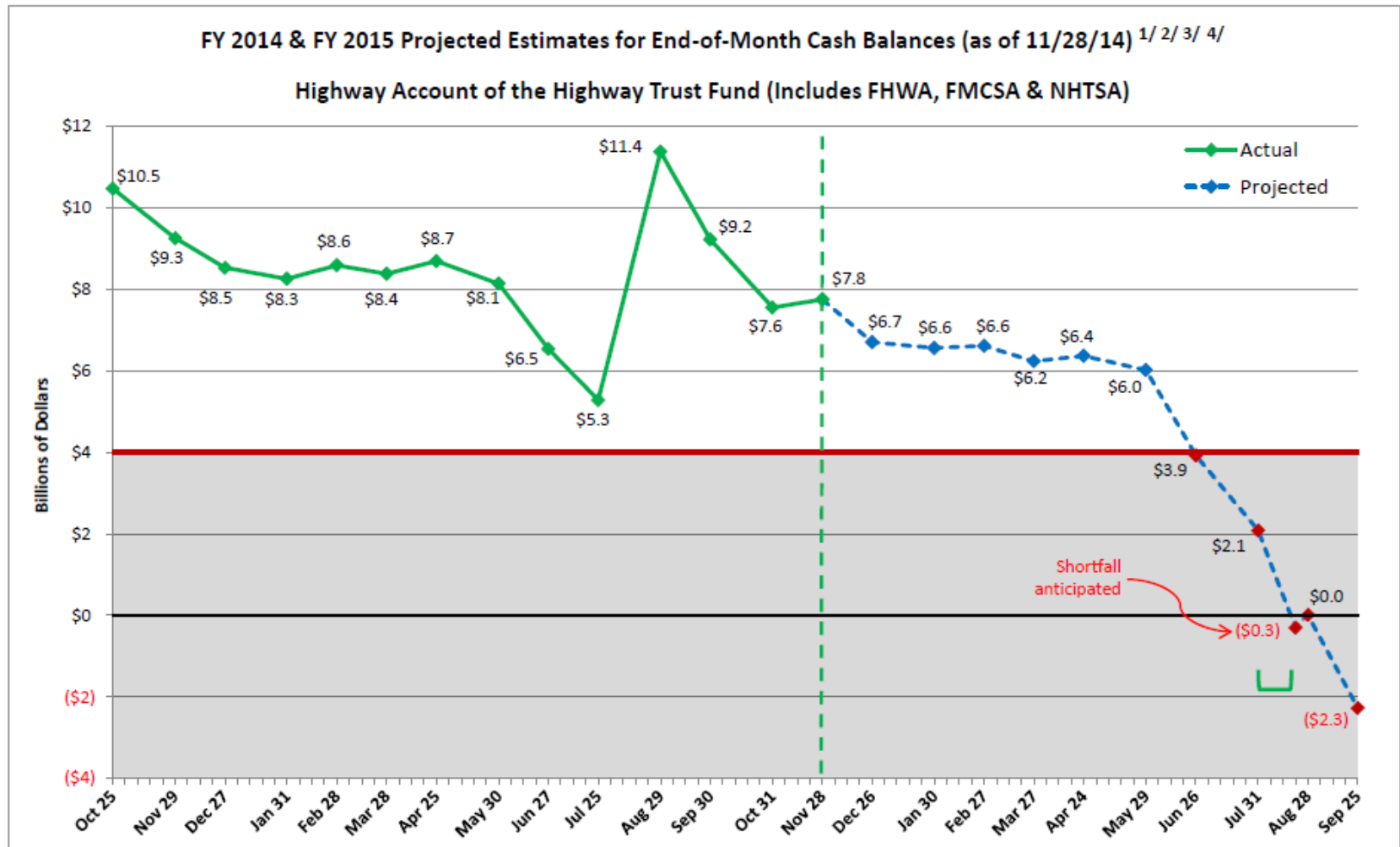
Talking points

- Common theme at national, state and local levels is the status of transportation funding
- Transportation funding crisis
- Recognition of issues and a wide range of possible solutions
- Long term sustainable solution needed

Transportation Funding



Highway Trust Fund



Transportation Funding

- On July 31, 2014 Congress extended surface transportation funding through May 2015. (MAP-21 extension)
- Federal funding bills once sustained our transportation system for up to six years, but over the past five years, Congress has passed 27 short-term measures.
- The unpredictability about when, or if, funding will come has caused states to delay or cancel projects altogether.
- The result has been an enormous infrastructure deficit – a nationwide backlog of repairing and rebuilding.
- We cannot continue funding our transportation with measures that are short-term and short of the funding we need.

Actions Needed in 2015

- A new Transportation Authorization Bill or further extension of MAP-21 which expires on May 31, 2015.
- Identification of a sustainable revenue source for national highway funding
- Infrastructure investment at a level which reflects our commitment to maintain the best transportation system in the world.

MAP-21 Performance Measurement

- Notices of Proposed Rulemakings (NPRM):
 - National Performance Measures for Assessing Pavement Condition
 - National Performance Measures for Assessing Bridge Condition
 - SDOTs will establish performance targets
- FHWA seeks your feedback
 - View the NPRM at: www.regulations.gov
 - Docket number: FHWA-2013-0053
 - <https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-30085>
 - Comment period open until April 6, 2015