

What Shortfall

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ARRA (Stimulus)

- Effect on PennDOT Construction Program
- Context of Current Political Climate
- Challenges
- Opportunities

Effect on PennDOT's Program

- 2008 \$2.2 Billion Lets
 - 2009 \$2.8 Billion Lets
 - 2010 \$1.5 Billion Lets*
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- *Assumes Current Federal Program
 - *Assumes Loss of I-80 Revenue

Current Political Climate

- Federal Highway Trust Fund Set to Expire – September 30, 2009
 - Increased Funding Needed or 50% Cut
 - LaHood – “Gas Tax is off the table”
 - Oberstar – opposed to tolling

Current Political Climate

- I-80 Toll Revenue Lost by 2010
- Mood of State Legislators
 - Funding of transit vs. roads/bridges is a zero sum game.
 - Funding schemes are riddled with political danger i.e. I-80 tolling.
 - Funding roads and bridges requires a tax increase and this is bad for me politically.

Challenges

- **No Capacity for Capacity?** In 10 years, freight traffic could grow by more than 70%, adding thousands of trucks to today's roads-Will there be room for Minivan's and Motorcycles?
- **Living on Borrowed Time?** Pennsylvania has 6,938 bridges that outlived their design nearly 20 years ago.
- **A Rough Ride Ahead?** Poor pavement quality costs the average motorist an additional \$400 in vehicle maintenance costs-more than double the average total in fuel taxes paid!
- **How Much is a Life Worth?** Poor road conditions are a factor in nearly 1/3 of all traffic fatalities costing more than 14,500 lives annually.
- **Paying Less and Getting Less?**
 - As vehicle fuel economy increases, motorists pay less per mile to drive.
 - Construction material cost increases of more than 80% during the past five years means less miles maintained per dollar.

Senate Transportation Committee-Senator Robert C. Wonderling
Chairman Tuesday, April 07, 2009

Opportunities

- PennDOT “at the top of it’s game”
 - Other States Disorganized
 - Entire \$1.02 Advertised in 180 Days
- Infrastructure Portion of Stimulus Supported
- Chance to Show Industry Can Perform
 - Projects of Value
 - Jobs Creator
- Need to “Change the Conversation”