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Powell Bill Overview

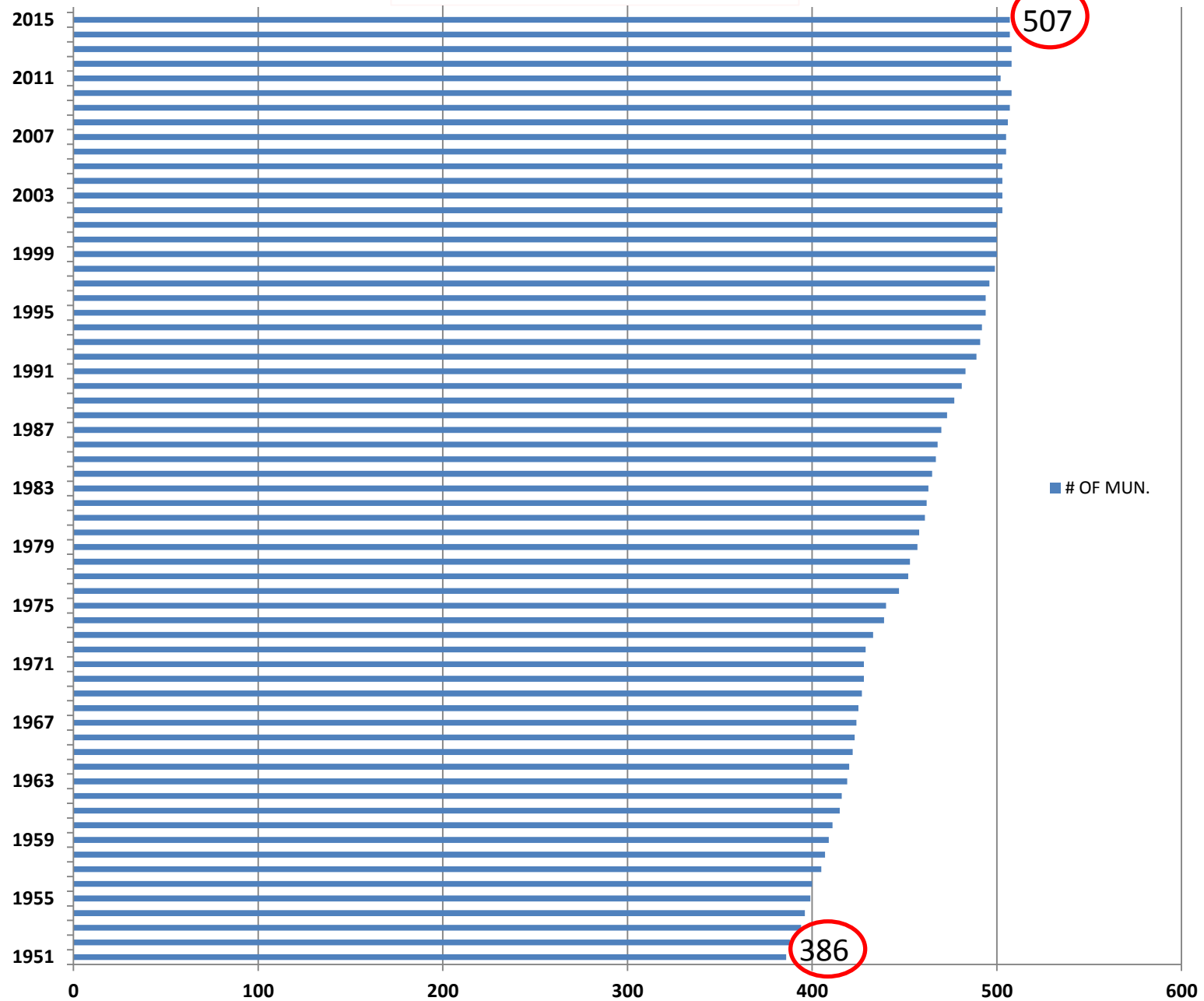
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History of the Powell Bill Program

- NCGS 136-41
- Law initially passed in 1951
- The goal was to provide financial assistance to municipalities for municipally-maintained streets
- State Senator Junius K. Powell, an attorney & former Mayor of Whiteville, led the signatures on the bill as it was introduced, which resulted in the naming of the “Powell Bill” Program
- First Powell Bill funds were distributed in the Fall of 1951
@ \$4.5 million among 386 participating municipalities

Number of Municipalities



Allocation Formula

NCGS 136-41.1(a)



75%

25%



2015 Allocation

\$147,759,959.21

5,435,422 population = \$20.39 per capita

22,559.64 miles = \$1,637.44 per mile

* Mileage of the public streets which are not part of the state highway system.

Status of 2015 Distribution

- Distribution of \$147.7 million to 507 municipalities for 2015 has been completed.
 - The initial allocation of half the total (\$73,879,982.04) was sent before October 1, 2015.
 - Second half was sent just before January 1, 2016.
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Largest and Smallest Recipients

	Municipality	County	Population	Miles	Allocation
Largest	Charlotte	Mecklenburg	803,392	2,455	\$20,399,633
Smallest	Falkland	Pitt	97	0.05	\$2,060

Eligible Activities

- ❑ Construction, planning and maintenance on streets, sidewalks, bikeways, and greenways such as:
 - Curb and gutter
 - Storm drainage
 - Patching
 - Resurfacing*
 - Widening
 - Snow removal
 - Sand and debris removal resulting from natural causes
 - Street sweeping
 - Purchase or rental of equipment
- ❑ Traffic Control such as:
 - Purchase and maintenance of traffic control devices
 - Traffic signs for proper traffic control
 - Speed bumps
 - Traffic paint for on-street parking or crosswalks
 - Traffic cones
- ❑ Municipal Street Bond Debt Service such as:
 - Current payment of principal or interest due on bonds outstanding issued exclusively for streets and sidewalks.

*SL2015-241, Section 29.17D.(b) requires Powell Bill funds to be used primarily for contract resurfacing.

Powell Bill Expenditures for FY 2015

Paving & Resurfacing (42.6% of expenses)	\$ 63,737,582.04
Maintenance (25.31% of expenses)	37,867,876.24
Debt Service Payment (13.36% of expenses)	19,988,759.00
Traffic Control	5,119,298.02
Sidewalks	4,977,054.36
New Equipment	4,967,640.34
Drainage & Storm Sewer	4,091,370.29
Engineering	3,431,368.43
Snow & Ice Removal	1,722,687.57
New Construction	1,666,058.68
Curb & Gutter	996,639.72
Right of Way	618,952.18
Bridge Construction & Repair	314,297.74
TIP (Transportation Improvement Project)	74,739.41
Bikeways	27,025.97
Greenways	<u>18,200.00</u>
Total Powell Bill Expenditures (507 Municipalities)	\$149,619,549.99

HB 97 changes to G.S. 136-41.1

Funding Prior to HB 97

State Highway Fund

- 1951 – 1971 -- 1/2 cent per gallon of motor fuel
- 1972 – 1981 -- 1 cent per gallon of motor fuel
- 1982 – 1986 -- 1 3/8 cent per gallon of motor fuel
- 1987 – 2012 -- 1 3/4 cent per gallon of motor fuel
- 2013 – 2014 -- 10.4% of the net amount collected after refunds

Highway Trust Fund

- 1990 – 2012 -- 6.5% of the net amount collected after refunds

FY 2014 , actual revenue collected after refunds were \$1,416,230,948.66 and 10.4% of that sum was distributed - \$147,288,018.66

Funding as of July 1, 2015

Appropriation of funds set by the General Assembly

- 2015 - \$147,500,000.00
- 2016 - \$147,500,000.00



HB 97 changes to G.S. 136-41.1

136-41.3 (a) Uses of funds. - The funds allocated to cities and towns under the provisions of G.S. 136-41.2 shall be expended by said cities and towns ~~only~~ primarily for the resurfacing of streets within the corporate limits of the municipality but may also be used for the ~~purpose~~ purposes of maintaining, repairing, constructing, reconstructing or widening of any street or public thoroughfare including bridges, drainage, curb and gutter, and other necessary appurtenances within the corporate limits of the municipality or for meeting the municipality's proportionate share of assessments levied for such purposes, or for the planning, construction and maintenance of bikeways, greenways, or sidewalks.

