



## **House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding Solutions**

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# About *NC Go!*

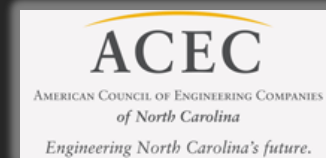
- Statewide coalition of broad-based organizations concerned about transportation infrastructure
- Created in 2001 in to focus on value of transportation construction projects



# About *NC Go!*

Approximately 600 advocates & members, including:

- Member-based associations
- Transportation construction firms
- Transit agencies
- City and county leaders
- Engineers and engineering firms

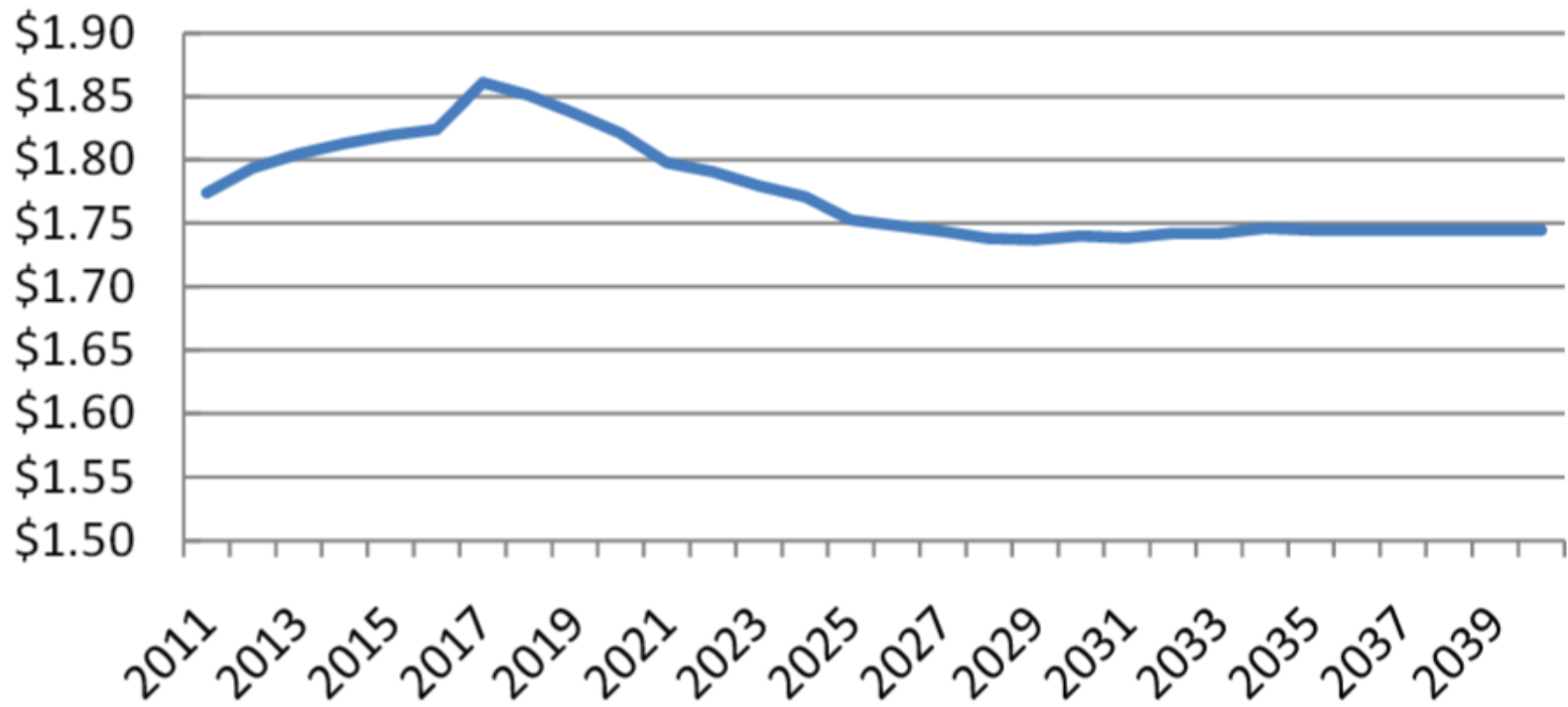


# Myths...



# Realities...

**Projected Motor Fuels Tax Revenues**  
**Billions of 2011 Dollars**



# Realities...

## 2013 ASCE Infrastructure Report Card

2,192

Structurally  
Deficient Bridges

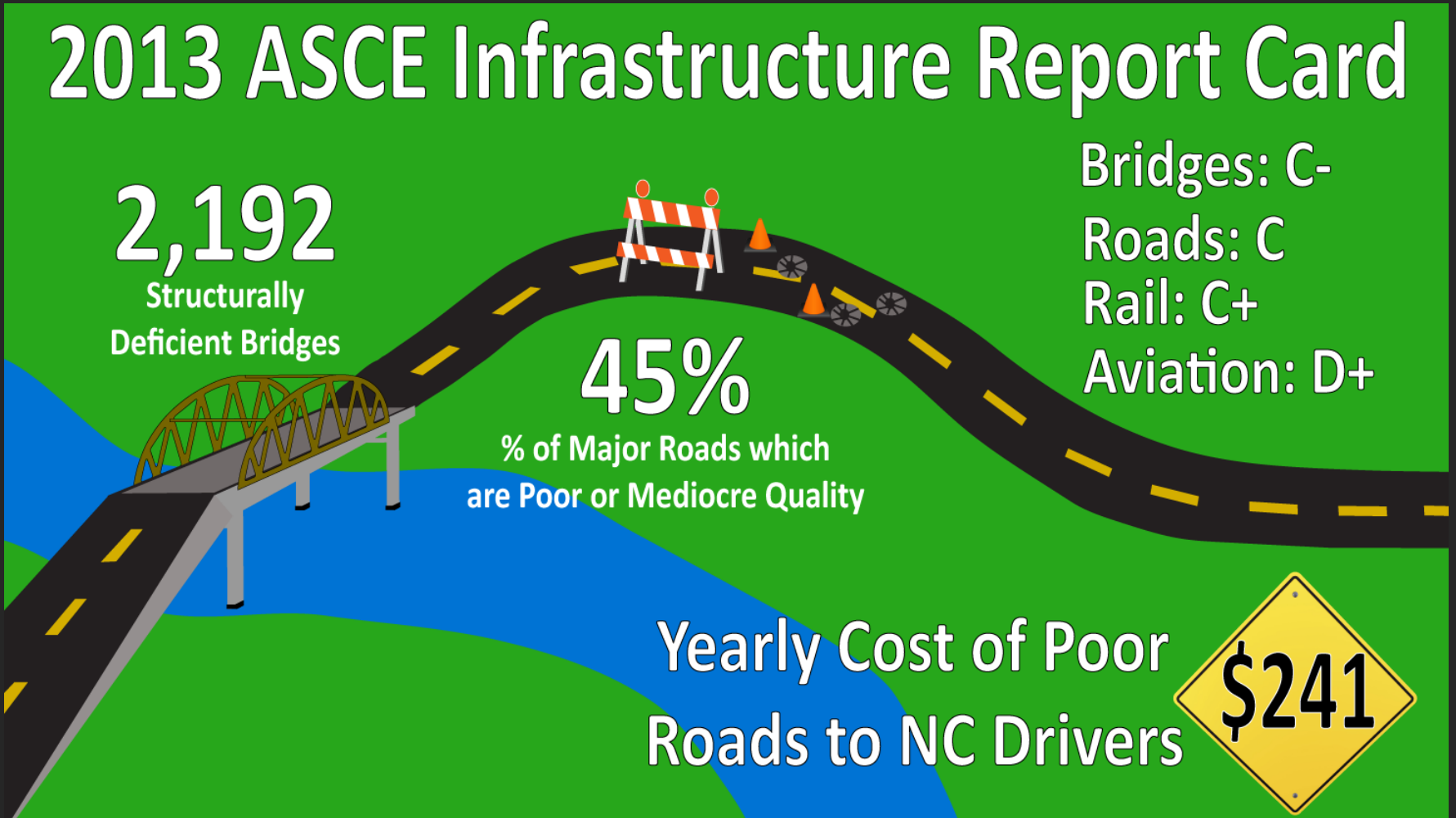
45%

% of Major Roads which  
are Poor or Mediocre Quality

Bridges: C-  
Roads: C  
Rail: C+  
Aviation: D+

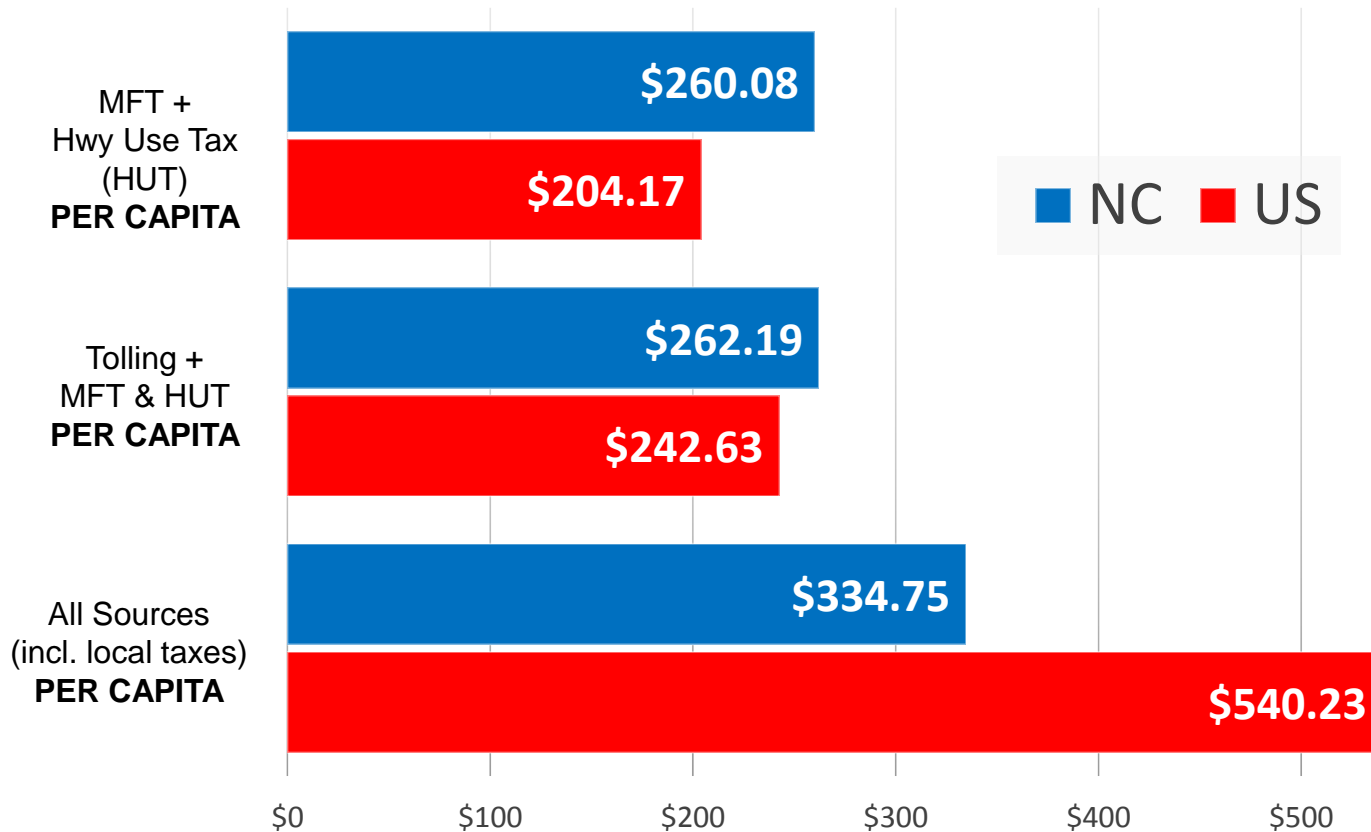
Yearly Cost of Poor  
Roads to NC Drivers

\$241



# Realities...

## Transportation Revenue Sources



# Our Needs

Projected Needs, Funding and Funding Gap <i>(Billions of 2011 Dollars)</i>			
	Target LOS	Current LOS	Continued Current Funding Levels
NCDOT Responsibility	\$114.11	\$86.30	\$59.70
Total Baseline Revenues	\$54.03		
Baseline Funding Gap	\$60.08	\$32.27	\$5.67



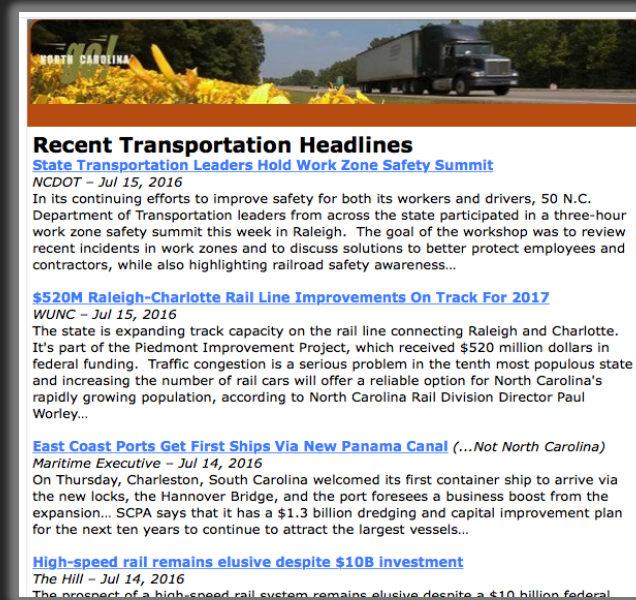
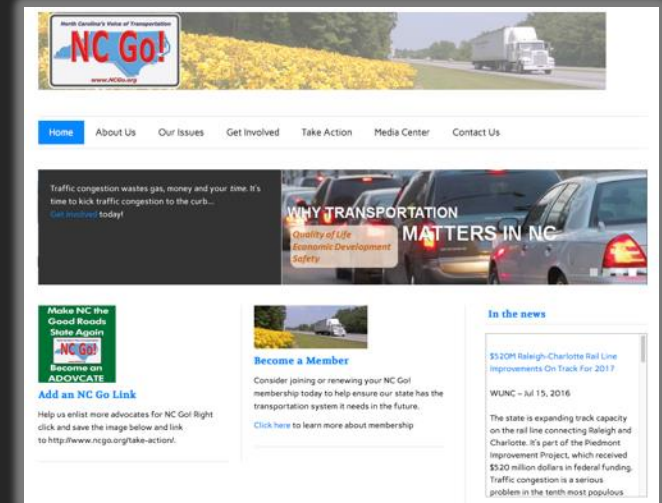
# ***NC Go! Advocacy Efforts Since 2007***

- End the Transfer
- Preserve the Gas Tax
- Allow/Promote Tolling
- Authorize Local Option Funding (HB148)
- Mobility Fund
- 2015 Session: SB 20 & \$700M+ funding over two years
- Preserve STI
- MAP-21/FAST Act & federal transportation reauthorization



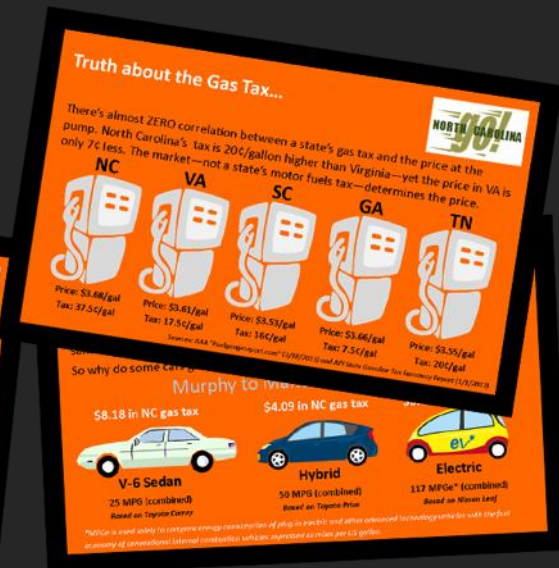
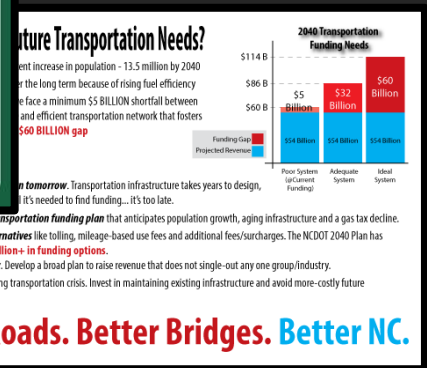
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- News and Updates
- Grassroots Advocacy
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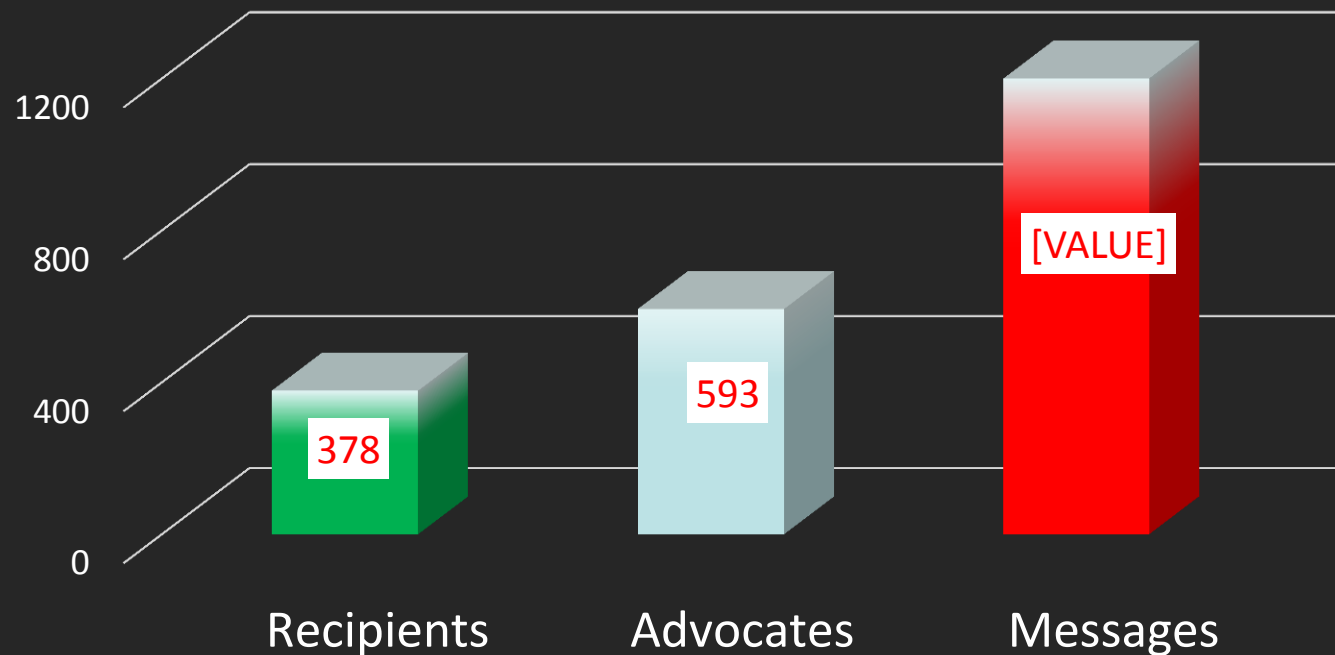


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# Advocacy: 2015-16



# Strategic Transportation Initiative (STI)

- Passed in 2013 to replace 1989 Equity Formula as the way to distribute transportation dollars from the Highway Trust Fund.
- Designated for new highway construction projects but also puts all other transportation modes in competition.



# NC Go! Policy Recommendations

## Short-Term

- ✓ Stabilize the gas tax
- ✓ End transfers of transportation revenue
- ✓ Adjust driver/registration fees
- Increase Highway Use Tax
- Focus on vehicles causing the most wear
- Vehicle insurance surcharge
- Allow tolling where appropriate
- Allow local option sales taxes



# ***NC Go!* Policy Recommendations**

## Long-Term

- User fees based on consumption
- Managed lanes
  - Congestion relief
  - Revenue
- Cordons (corridors/city centers)
  - Congestion relief
  - Revenue
- Expanded tolling





# NCDOT 2040 Plan

Transportation Revenue Enhancement Options in NC (Billions of 2011 Dollars)		
Revenue Enhancement Options	Est. Total Revenue until 2040	Assumed Year to Implement
✓ Continue Motor Fuels Tax Indexing	18.85	Ongoing
✓ Increase Registration/License Fees with Inflation	6.13	2016
✓ Eliminate Transfers from Highway Fund	4.25	2016
Redirect Short Term vehicle Lease Fee to NCDOT	0.63	2016
Additional 1% Highway Use Tax (Sales Tax on Autos)	3.25	2016
Dedicated Local Vehicle Property Tax	0.5	2016
Auto Insurance Surcharge (10% Tax Rate)	12.16	2020
Wholesale Motor Fuels Tax (8%)	12.22	2020
Interstate Tolling (6 cents/mi Rural; 12 cents/mi Urban; adjusted for 3.5% inflation)	41.93	2020
VMT Fee (2 cents/mi) adjusted for inflation	26.64	2020
<b>Total Revenue Enhancement Options Potential</b>	<b>126.56</b>	



***Thank You***