

# CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Presentation to:

**Planning Horizons**

*The Role of the California Transportation  
Commission*

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# The Commission

Established in 1978 as an independent state body to:

- ▶ Advise and assist the Secretary of Transportation and the Legislature
- ▶ Program and allocate State & Federal funds
- ▶ Participate in the development of State and Federal legislation
- ▶ Adopt policies to implement enacted laws

**Government Code Section 14534.1:** Notwithstanding the Governor's Reorganization Plan, the commission shall retain independent authority to perform those duties and functions prescribed to it under any provision of law.



# The Commission

The commission consists of 13 members:

## **Governor Appointees:**

- ❑ Nine voting members, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate
- ❑ Geographic balance in Representation: North and South, Urban and Rural
- ❑ Represent the State at large

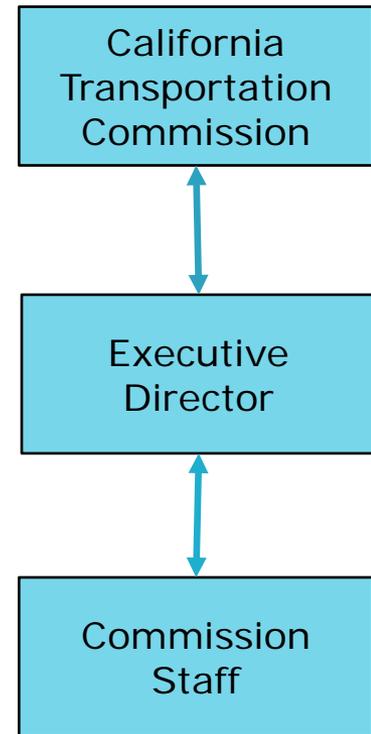
## **Legislative Appointees:**

- ❑ Two voting members: One by the Senate Rules Committee, and one by the Speaker of the Assembly
- ❑ Two non-voting ex-officio members: One by the Senate Rules Committee, and One by the Speaker of Assembly, usually the Chairs of the Transportation Committees

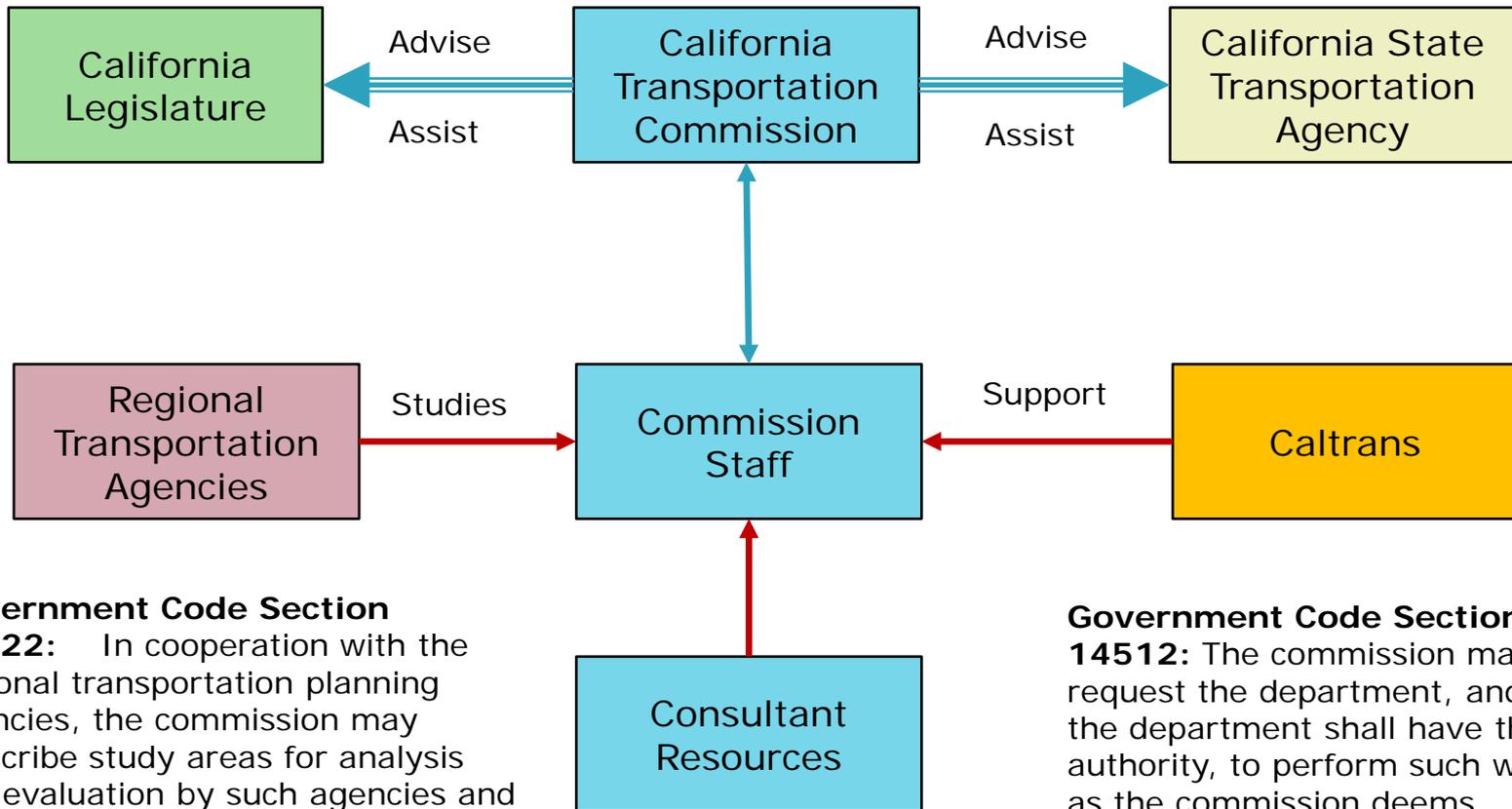


# Commission Staff

- The commission appoints the executive director who serves at the pleasure of the commission
- The executive director administers the affairs of the commission, as directed by the commission, and directs the staff of the commission
- The executive director may appoint such staff as necessary to carry the duties and responsibilities of the Commission
- The commission may employ its own legal staff or contract with other state agencies for legal services, or both
- The commission may request the department to perform such work as the commission deems necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities.



# Organizational Relationships



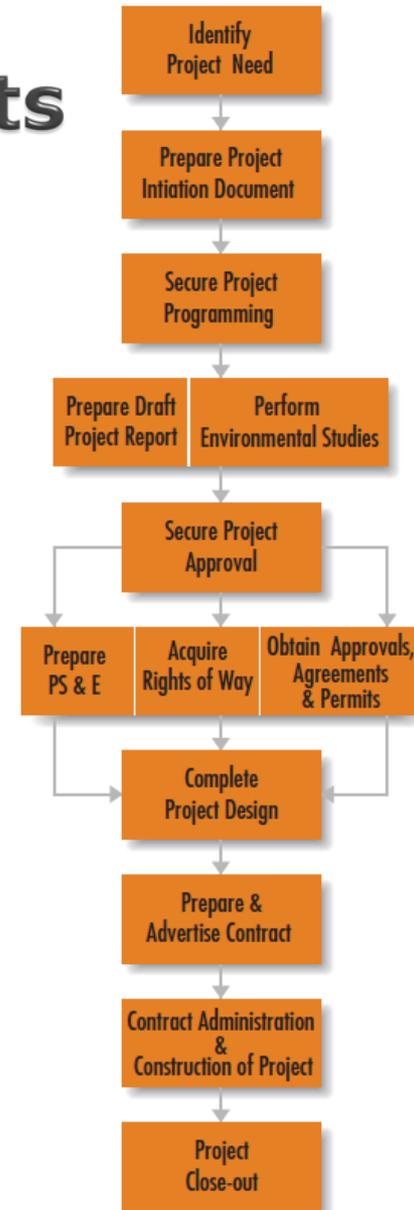
**Government Code Section 14522:** In cooperation with the regional transportation planning agencies, the commission may prescribe study areas for analysis and evaluation by such agencies and guidelines for the preparation of the regional transportation plans.

**Government Code Section 14512:** The commission may request the department, and the department shall have the authority, to perform such work as the commission deems necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities. This does not preclude, however, the commission from utilizing the services of other agencies, public or private.



# Role in Transportation Projects

- ▶ Adopt System & Regional Planning Guidelines
- ▶ Set Funding targets & investment priorities
- ▶ Develop multi-year transportation programs
- ▶ Responsible Agency under CEQA
- ▶ Approve Right of Way transactions
- ▶ Adopt Resolutions of Necessity
- ▶ Approve public road connections
- ▶ Approve Public Private Partnerships
- ▶ Allocate Funds
- ▶ Report to the Legislature & Administration

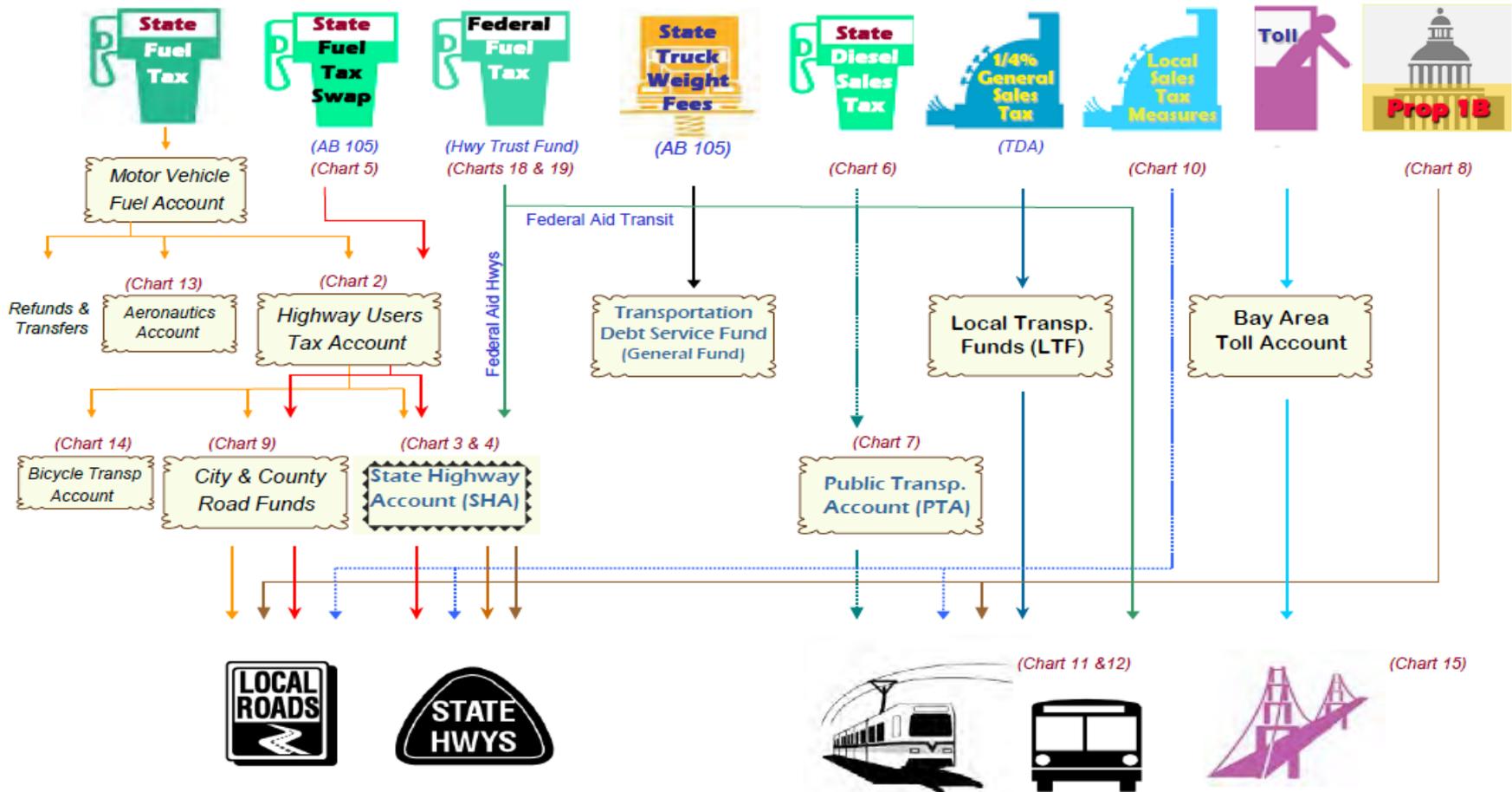


# Transportation Programs

- ▶ State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)
- ▶ State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- ▶ Proposition 1B - Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (9 Programs)
- ▶ Proposition 1A - the Safe, Reliable High-Speed Passenger Train Bond Act of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century
- ▶ Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP)
- ▶ Seismic Safety Retrofit Program
- ▶ Aeronautics Program
- ▶ Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program
- ▶ Active Transportation Program
- ▶ Local Assistance Lump Sum (Delegation to Caltrans)
- ▶ Others



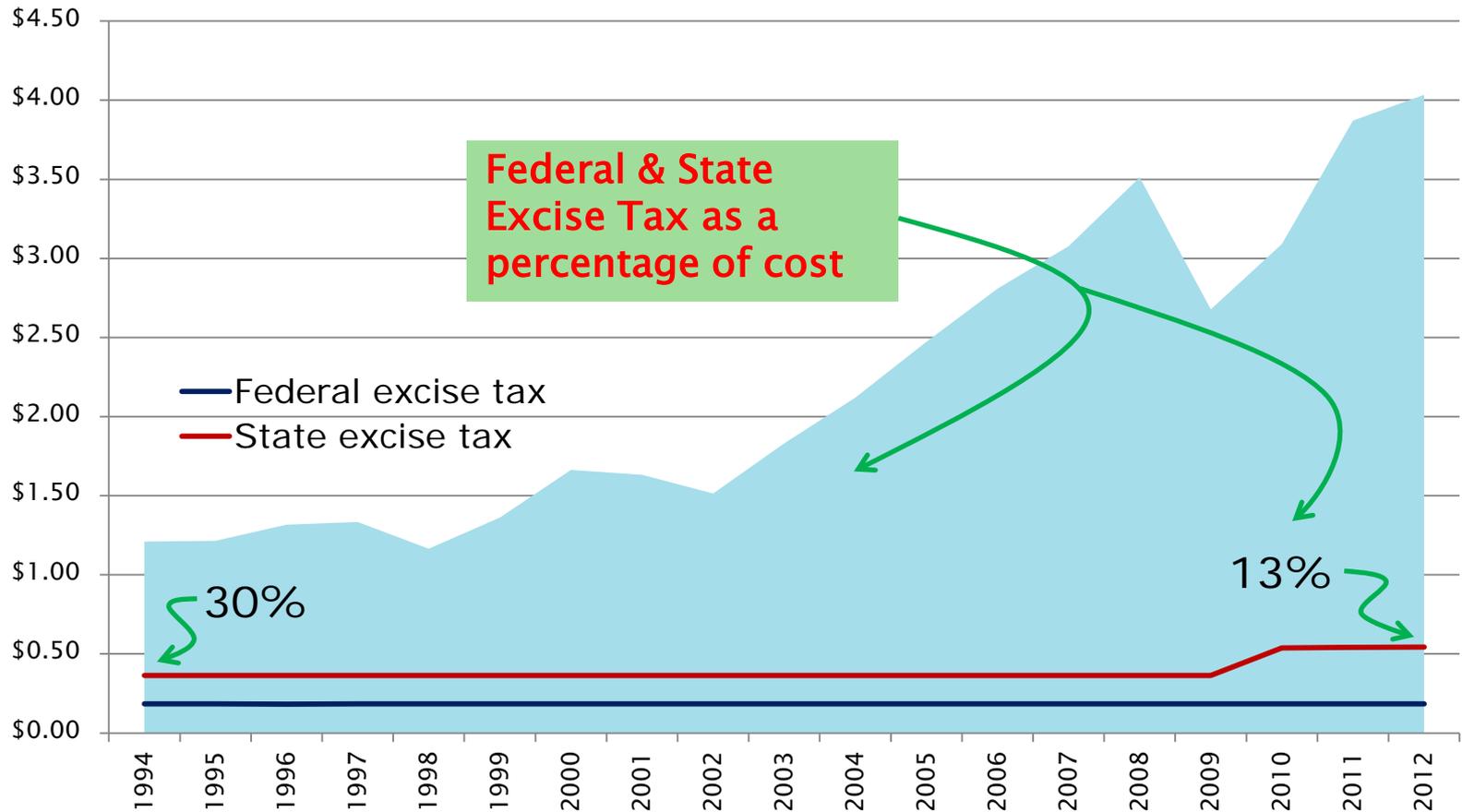
# Transportation Funding



Source: Caltrans Division of Planning



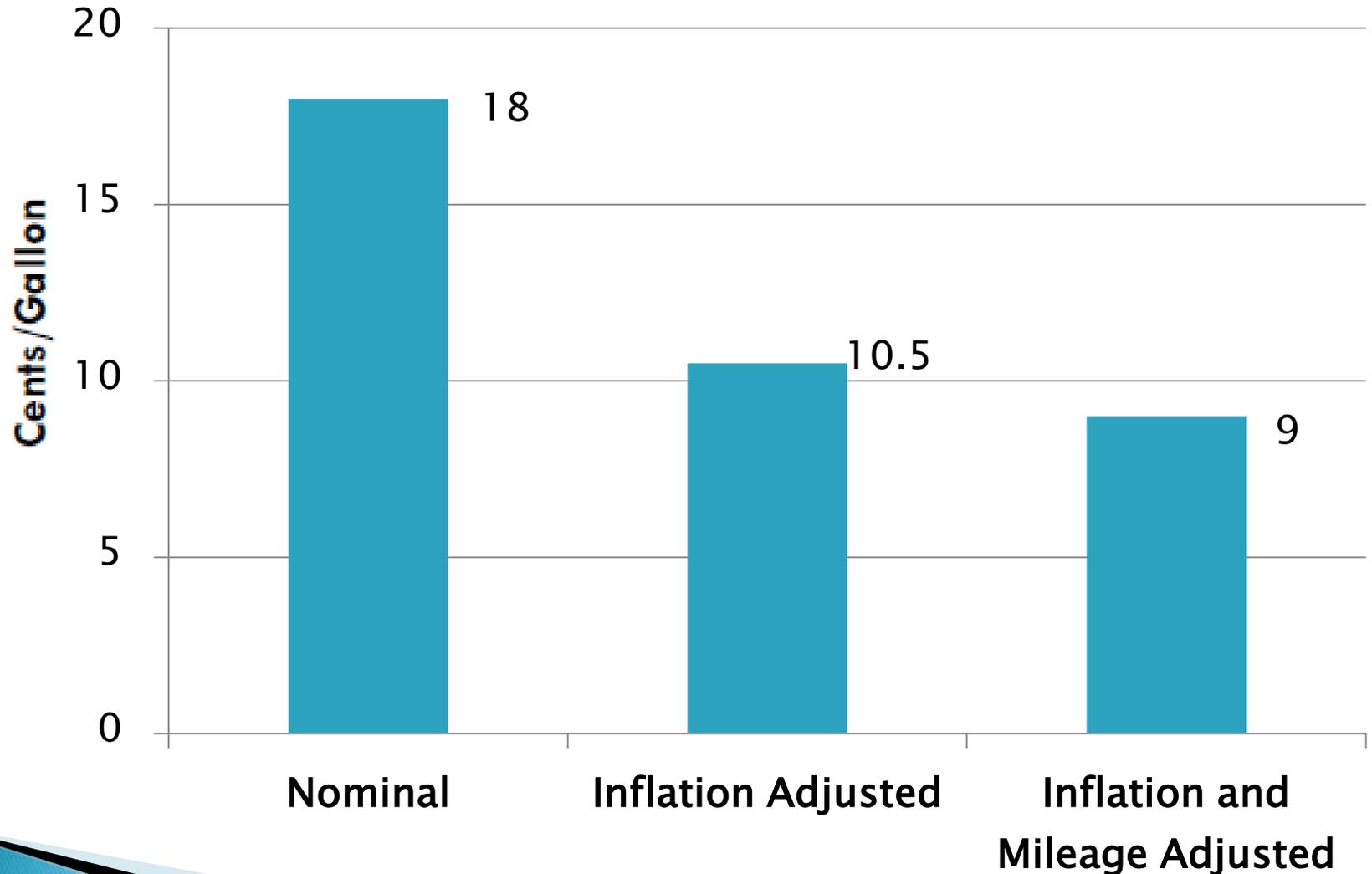
# Fuel Cost & Excise Tax



Average Yearly Price per Gallon of Gasoline Since 1994

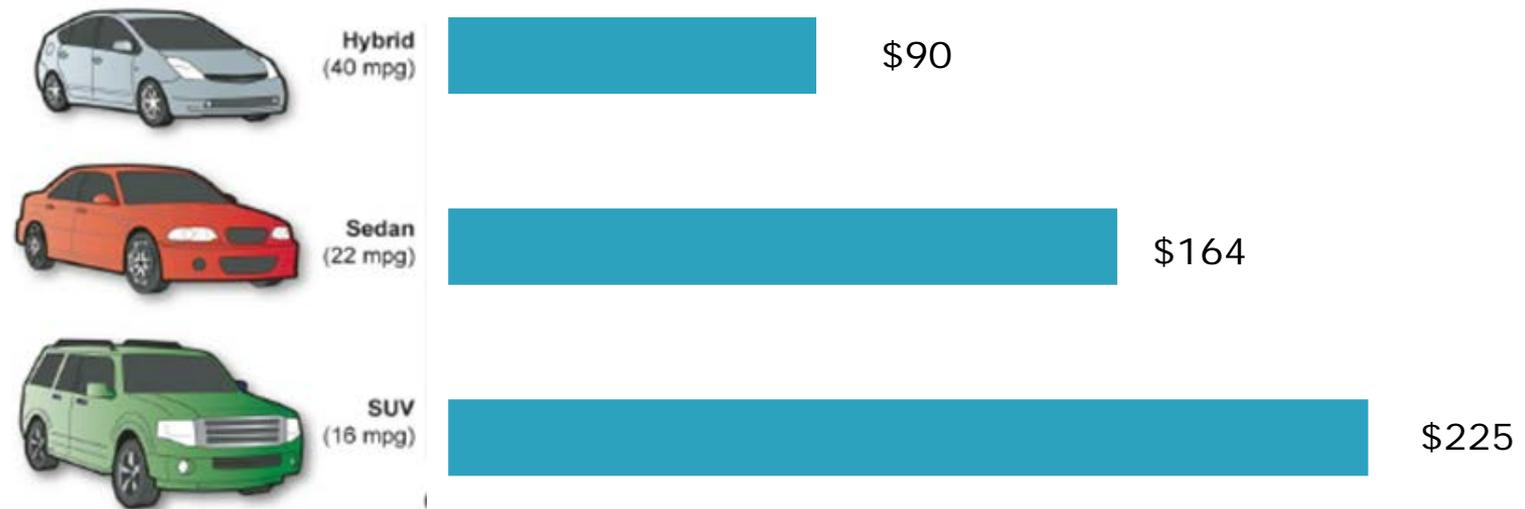


# Today's Worth of Base Excise Tax



Source: Caltrans Division of Budgets

# Average State Gas Tax Paid Annually



Assumes 10,000 miles & 36 cents per gallon of fuel



# Commission's Annual Reports

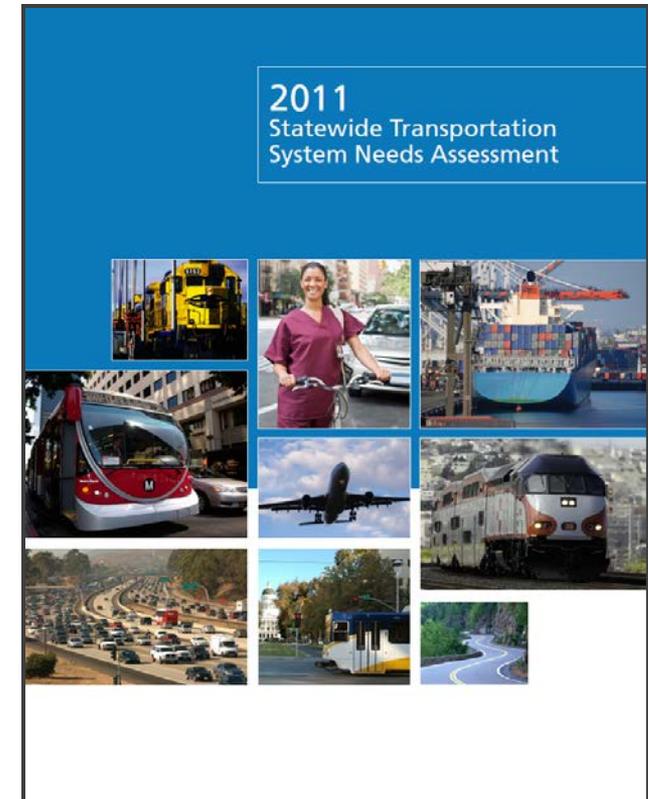
## Annual Reports to the Legislature

- Increase Gas Tax and Index to Inflation
- Consider Road Usage Charge
- Expand Pricing & Tolling
- Implement Reforms & Efficiencies



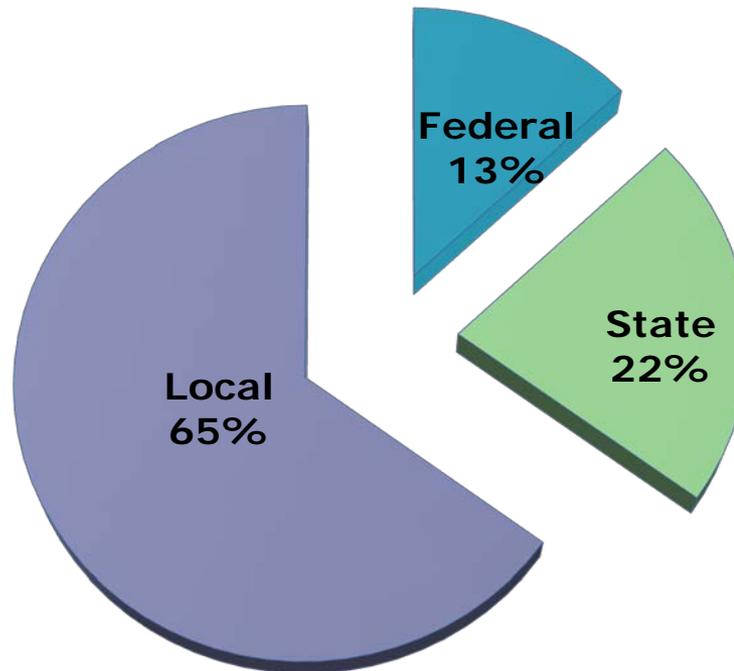
# 2011 Statewide Transportation System Needs Assessment

- ▶ “Surveys” of each of the state’s 18 MPOs, the 26 rural RTPAs, and Caltrans
- ▶ “Fiscally constrained” project lists from the most recently adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- ▶ “Special studies” for Local Roads and Public Transit



# Projected Revenue

**\$242 billion over the decade**



**Local Funds:**  
Statewide 0.25% sales tax,  
local sales tax,  
property taxes,  
and transit fares

**Federal Funds:**  
Excise taxes on  
motor fuels

**State Funds:**  
Excise tax on  
gasoline and  
diesel fuels,  
weight fees,  
bonds and  
General Fund



# Projected Needs

Ten Year Summary \*  
(millions)

	Preservation	Management	Expansion	Total Cost
Highways	\$79,660	\$7,545	\$78,740	\$165,945
Local Roads	\$102,900	\$2,295	\$24,156	\$129,351
Public Transit	\$142,357	\$1,270	\$30,904	\$174,531
Inter-city Rail	\$170	\$94	\$6,144	\$6,408
Freight Rail	\$64	\$387	\$21,924	\$22,376
Seaports	\$4,600	\$403	\$7,097	\$12,100
Airports	\$10,420	\$954	\$4,554	\$15,928
Land Ports	\$935	\$0	\$34	\$969
Intermodal Facilities	\$0	\$0	\$5,947	\$5,947
Bike / Ped	\$0	\$578	\$3,936	\$4,513
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$341,106</b>	<b>\$13,526</b>	<b>\$183,435</b>	<b>\$538,067</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$147,707</b>	<i>Mgmt + Exp=</i>	<b>\$94,693</b>	<b>\$242,400</b>
<b>Net Revenues</b>	<b>(\$193,399)</b>		<b>(\$102,268)</b>	<b>(\$295,667)</b>
<b>% Funded</b>	<b>43%</b>		<b>48%</b>	<b>45%</b>

\* Excludes the California High Speed Rail Project

Source: 2011 Statewide Transportation System Needs Assessment



# Governor's Response

- ▶ Charged Transportation Agency with convening a workgroup consisting of state and local transportation stake holders to refine the 2011 Needs Assessment, explore long-term, pay-as-you-go funding options, and evaluate the most appropriate level of government to deliver high-priority investments to meet the state's infrastructure needs



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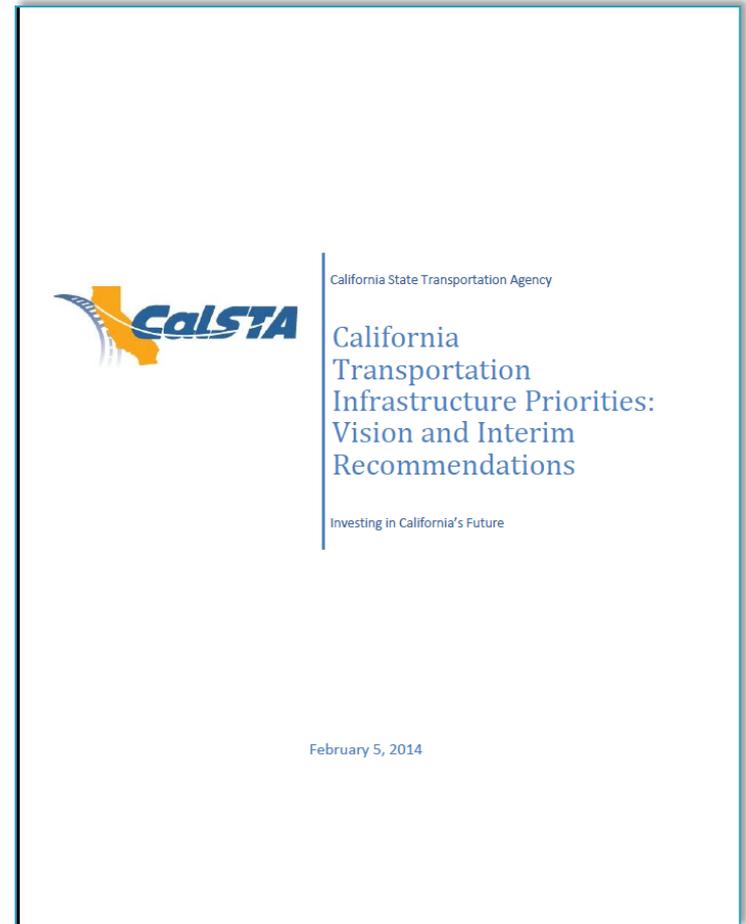
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# Transportation Agency's Response

- ▶ California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities: Vision and Interim Recommendations
- ▶ Longer-term Crosscutting Recommendations
  - Explore a voluntary pilot program to study, review, and consider the viability of a Mileage-Based User Fee (MBUF) in California



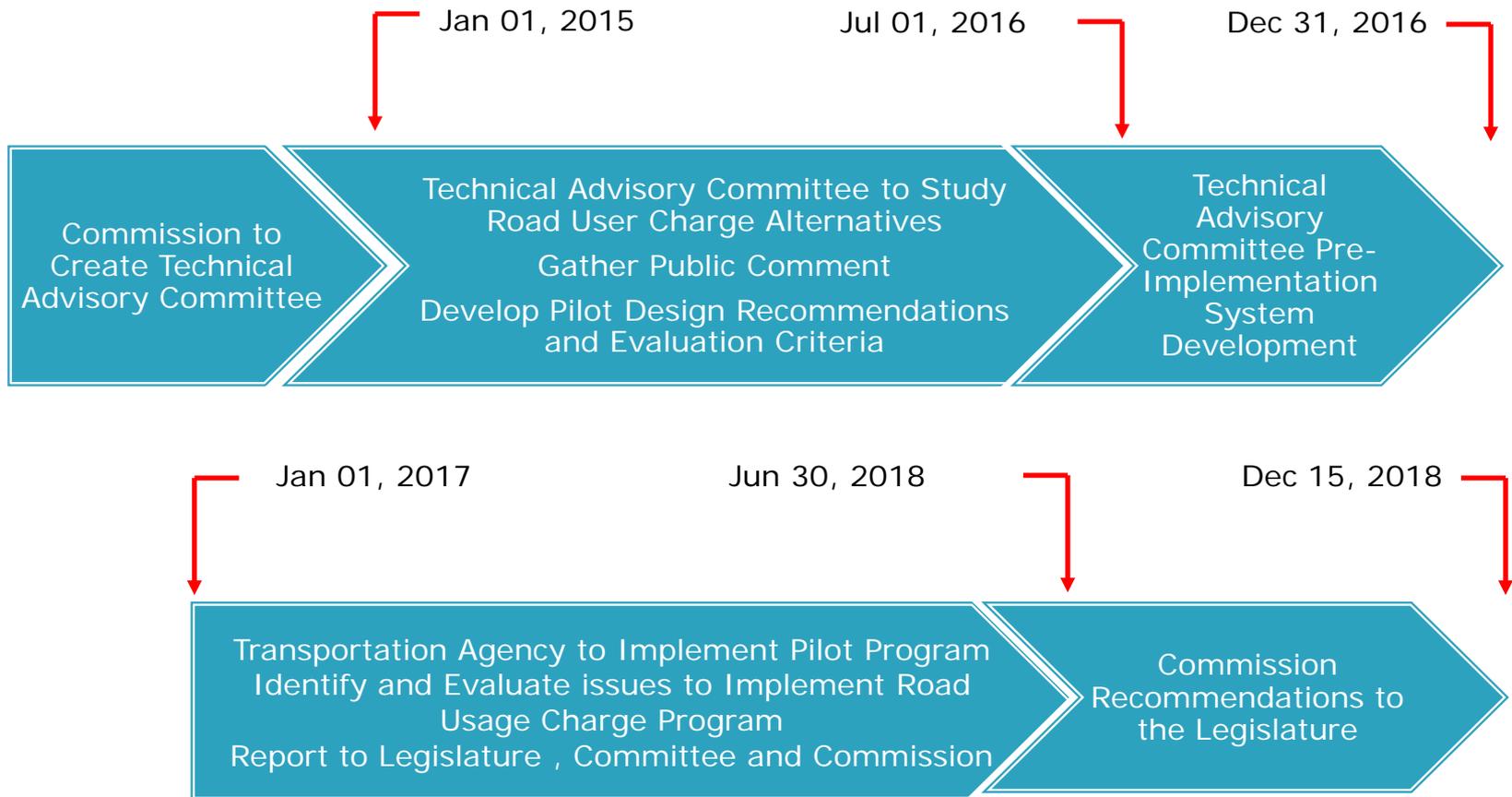
# Legislature's Response - Revenue

## Road Usage Charge Pilot Program (SB 1077, DeSaulnier)

- Acknowledges that the gas tax is an ineffective mechanism for meeting California's long-term revenue needs
- Stresses the importance of exploring alternative revenue sources in lieu of the current gas tax structure
- Introduces road usage charging whereby motorists pay for the use of the roadway network based on the distance they travel
- Submits that usage charge program has the potential to distribute the gas tax burden across all vehicles regardless of fuel
- Requires exploration of alternative revenue sources stake privacy implications into account, especially with regard to location data



# Phased Approach



# Legislature's Response - Reform

Caltrans: Goals & Objectives(SB 486, DeSaulnier)

- ▶ establish guidelines for the California Transportation Plan (CTP);
- ▶ Revises the procedures for the development of the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan (ITSP) and the Interregional Transportation Improvement Plan (ITIP), requiring the Commission to approve the ITSP and conduct public hearings regarding the draft ITIP;
- ▶ Requires Caltrans, in consultation with the Commission, to prepare an asset management plan to guide the selection of projects for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP);
- ▶ Requires the Commission to adopt targets and performance measures for, and review and approve, the asset management plan;
- ▶ Calls for the Commission to adopt the SHOPP



# Thank You

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