



Transportation Finance Issues

How does Wisconsin fund transportation?

Wisconsin's segregated, unified Transportation fund is unique

The state's Transportation Fund is considered a "segregated fund" because it puts transportation revenues into a separate account apart from other revenues the state collects that are deposited into the General Fund. A constitutional amendment passed in 2014, requires revenue generated by use of state transportation system shell only be expended for transportation-related purposes.

This account is the source of funding for all transportation modes – highways, air, rail, transit, harbors, bicycle and pedestrian facilities. It also funds the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Division of State Patrol.

Taxes and fees collected

Transportation system fees include:

- Highway fees such as state and federal gas taxes, vehicle registration fees, driver license fees and motor carrier fees.
- Aviation taxes and fees such as aircraft registrations fees, general aviation fuel taxes and the property tax on air carriers.
- Railroad taxes such as the tax on rail property

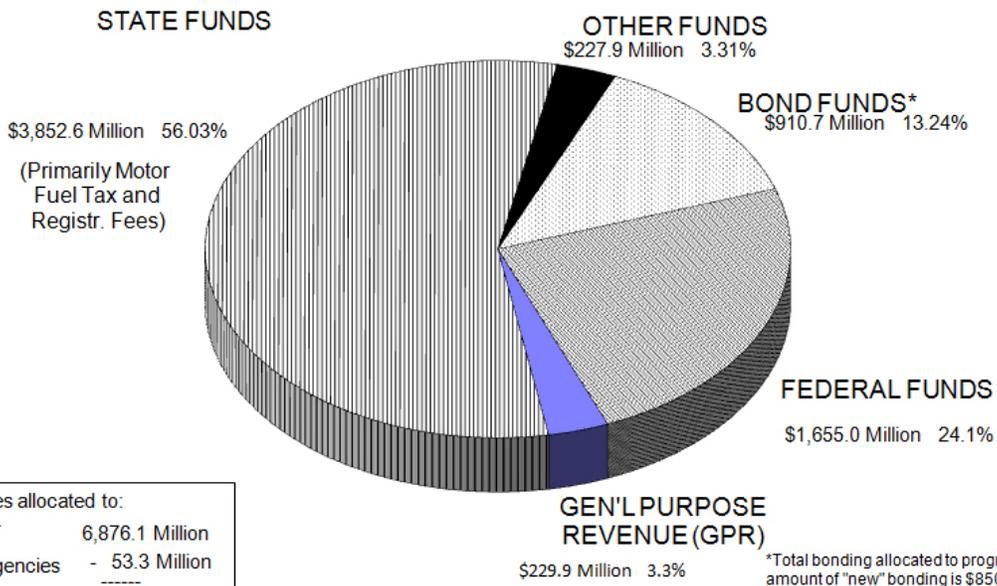
Most state revenue comes from the gas tax

About 56 percent of all transportation revenue comes from state resources. About 89.3 percent of this is generated from the state gas tax (30.9 cents per gallon) and vehicle registration related fees (a flat \$75 for automobiles and a graduated fee for light and heavy trucks that is based on gross vehicle weight).

Federal dollars are an important component of transportation funding in Wisconsin, providing about 24 percent of the transportation revenue. These funds are raised primarily through the federal gas tax (18.4 cents per gallon).

Other revenues are derived from bonding and the payments local governments make for individual transportation projects.

**2015-17 TRANSPORTATION
REVENUE SOURCES
TOTAL BUDGET \$6.82 BILLION
2015 Wisconsin Act 55**



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| Revenues allocated to: | |
| WisDOT | 6,876.1 Million |
| Other Agencies | - 53.3 Million |
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| | 6,822.8 Million |

*Total bonding allocated to programs. Total amount of "new" bonding is \$850.2 million.