

# **THE STATE OF TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY IN TEXAS**

Where Are We?

How Did We Get Here?

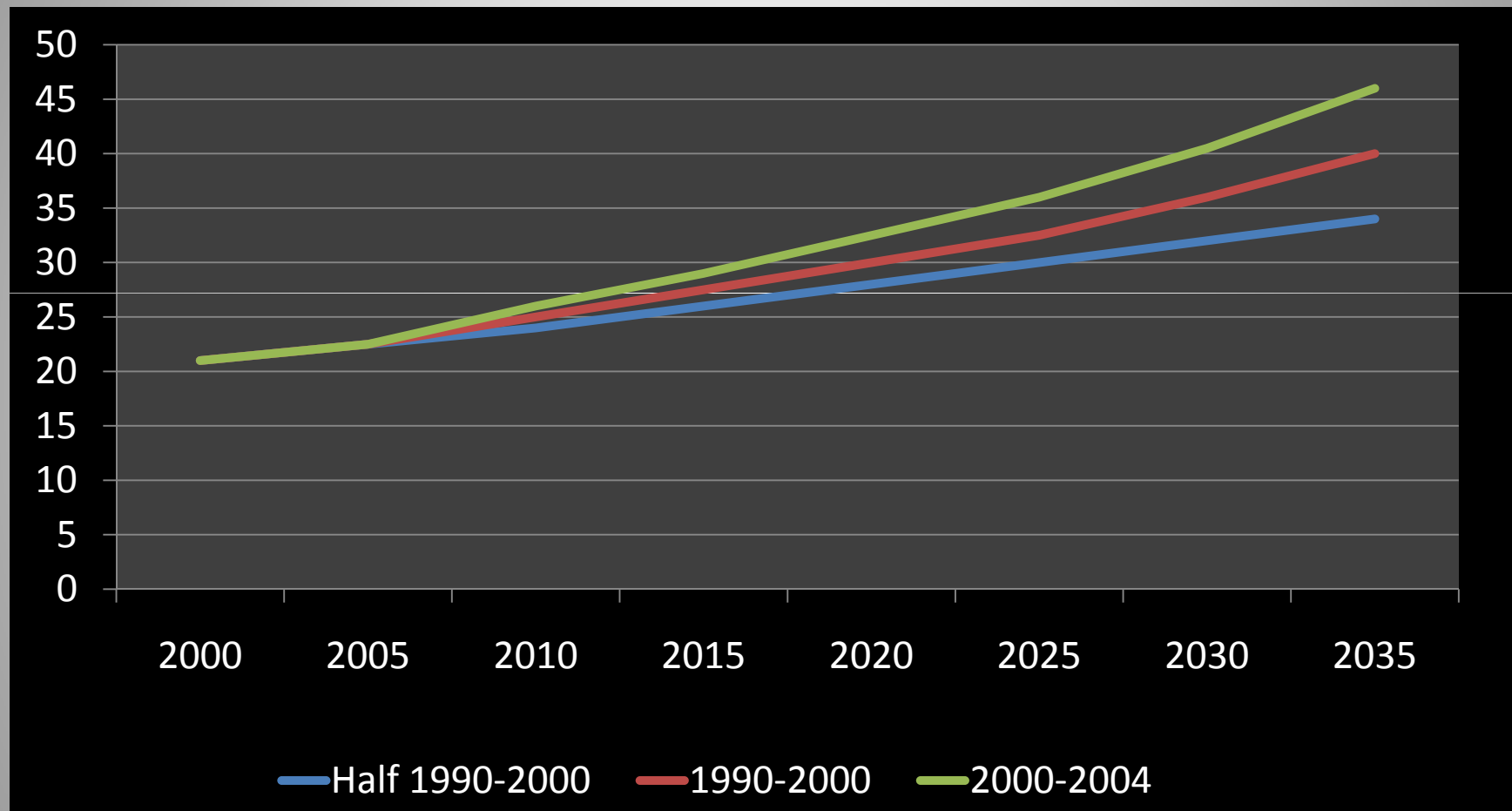
Where Are We Going?

How Do We Convince the Public . . .  
and the Politicians?

# **Texas Transportation is in Crisis!**

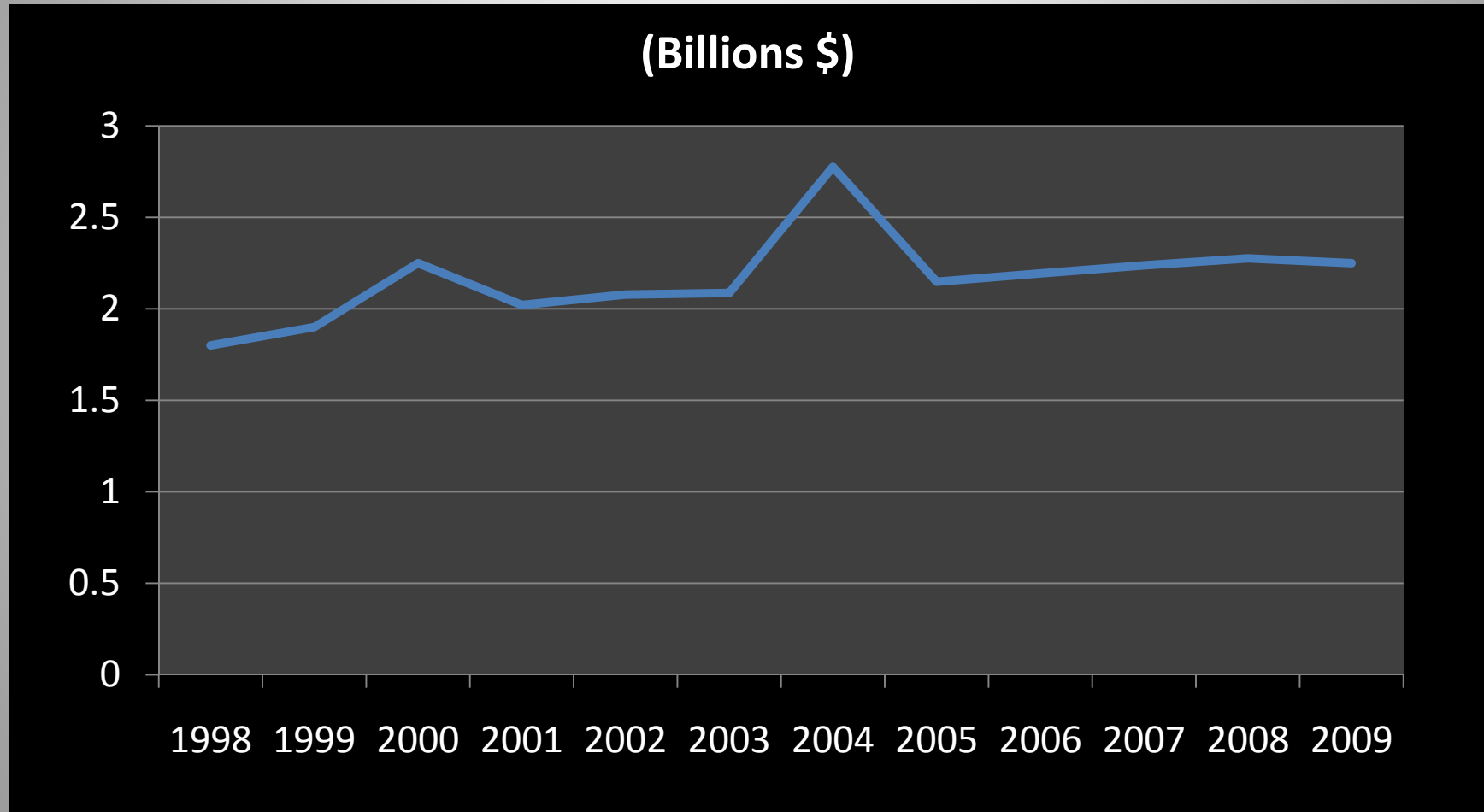
- **Increasing population (and vehicle miles travelled)**
- **Flat revenue**
- **Diminished purchasing power**
- **Massive debt**
- **Increasing congestion**

# Population

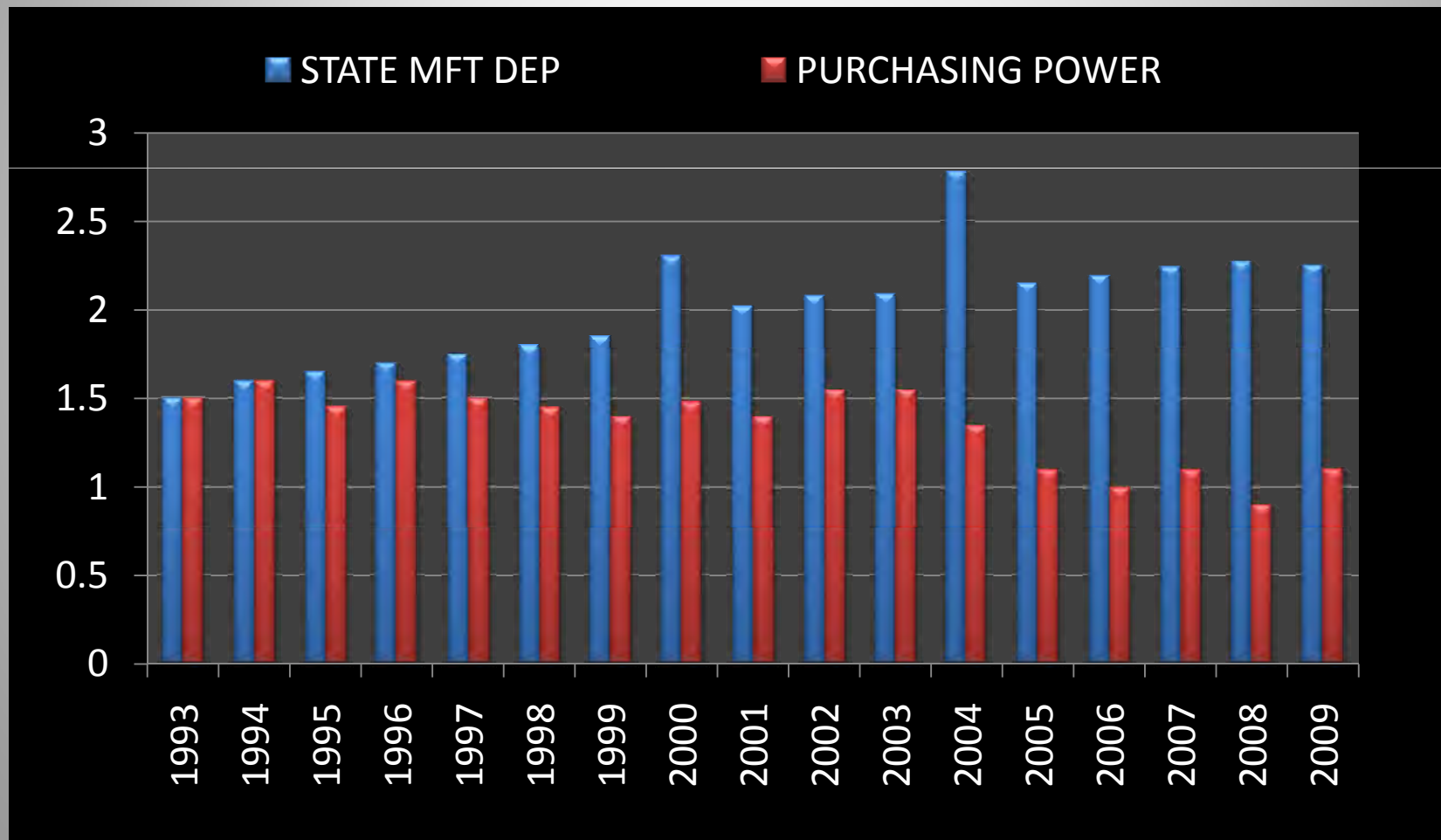


**1,000 New Residents Per Day**

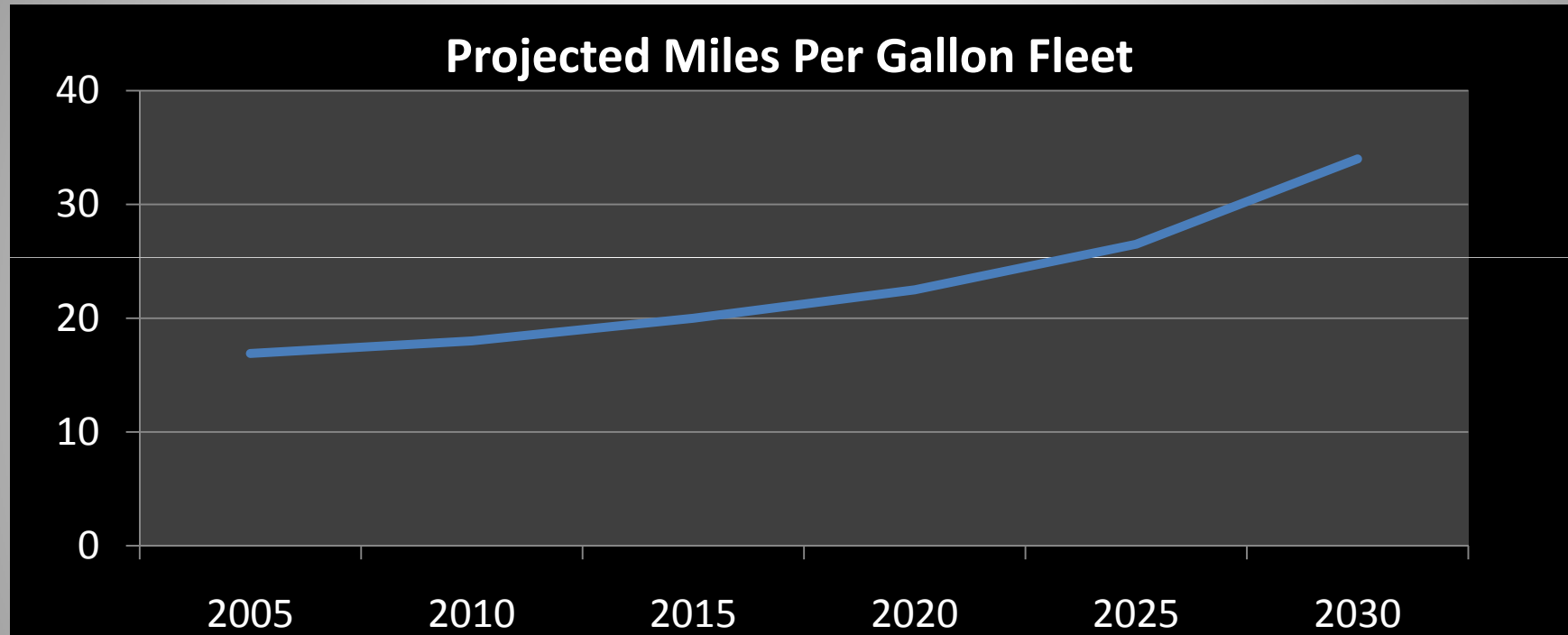
# Motor Fuel Tax Collections Flat



# But Inflation Reduces Purchasing Power



# Increased Fuel Efficiency Means



**Even with more miles driven -  
Less fuel used and less user fee revenue**





**Q: So what's paying for all of this highway construction I see?**



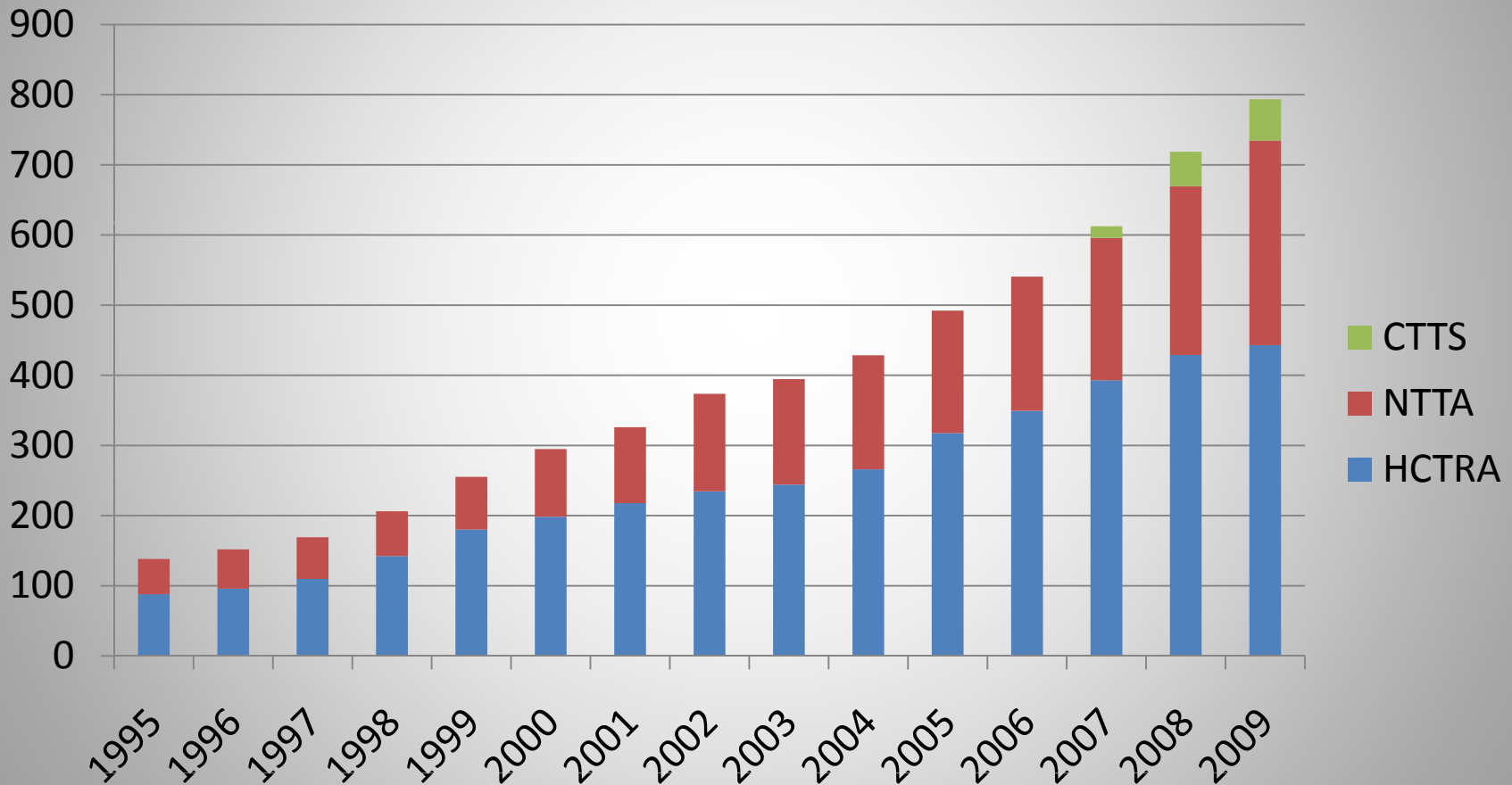
# **Answer:**

# **Mostly Borrowed Money**

**Toll Roads**  
**Mobility Fund**  
**Federal Stimulus**  
**Prop 14**  
**Prop 12**  
**CDAs**

# Gross Toll Revenues in Texas

1995-2010 (Millions \$)

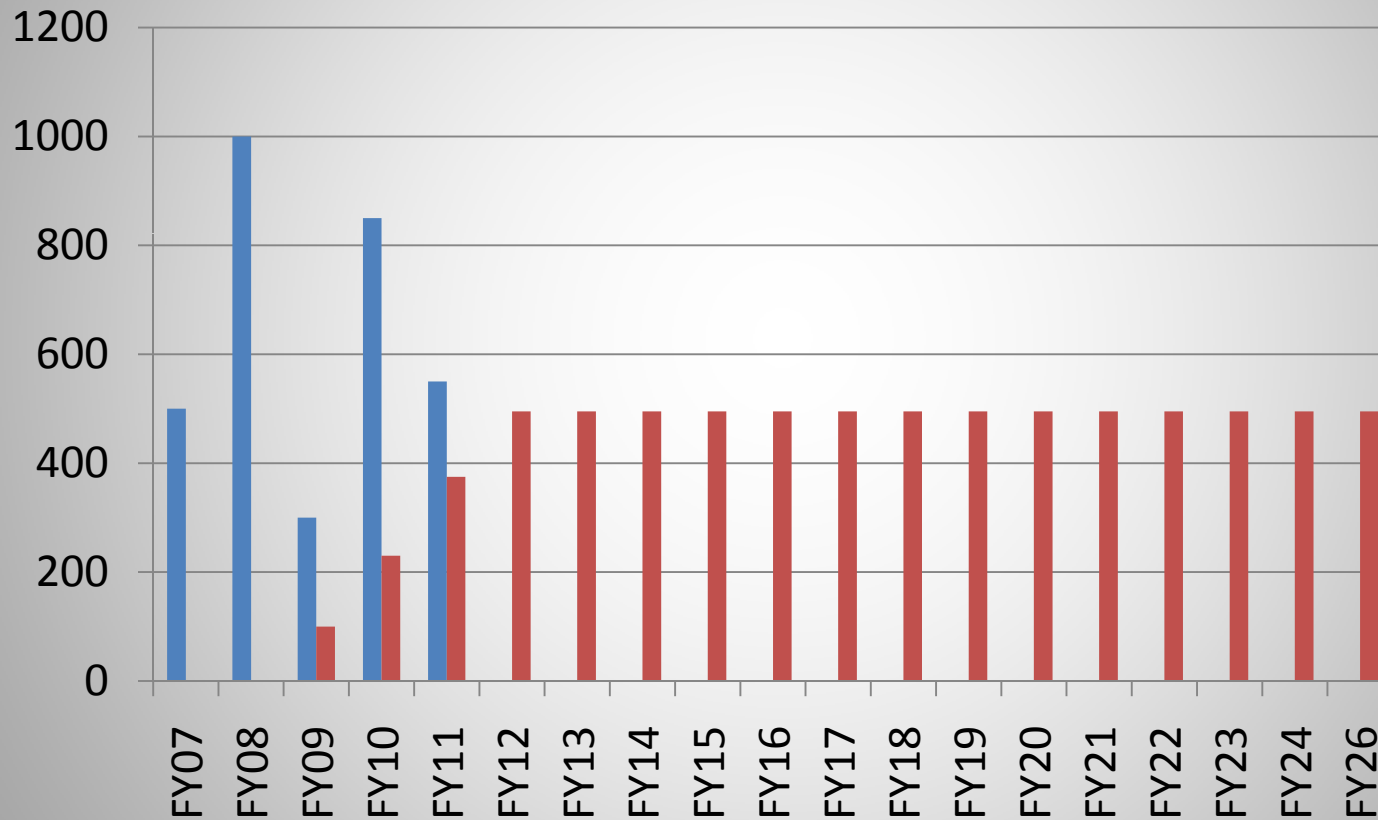


# Texas Mobility Fund Construction and Debt

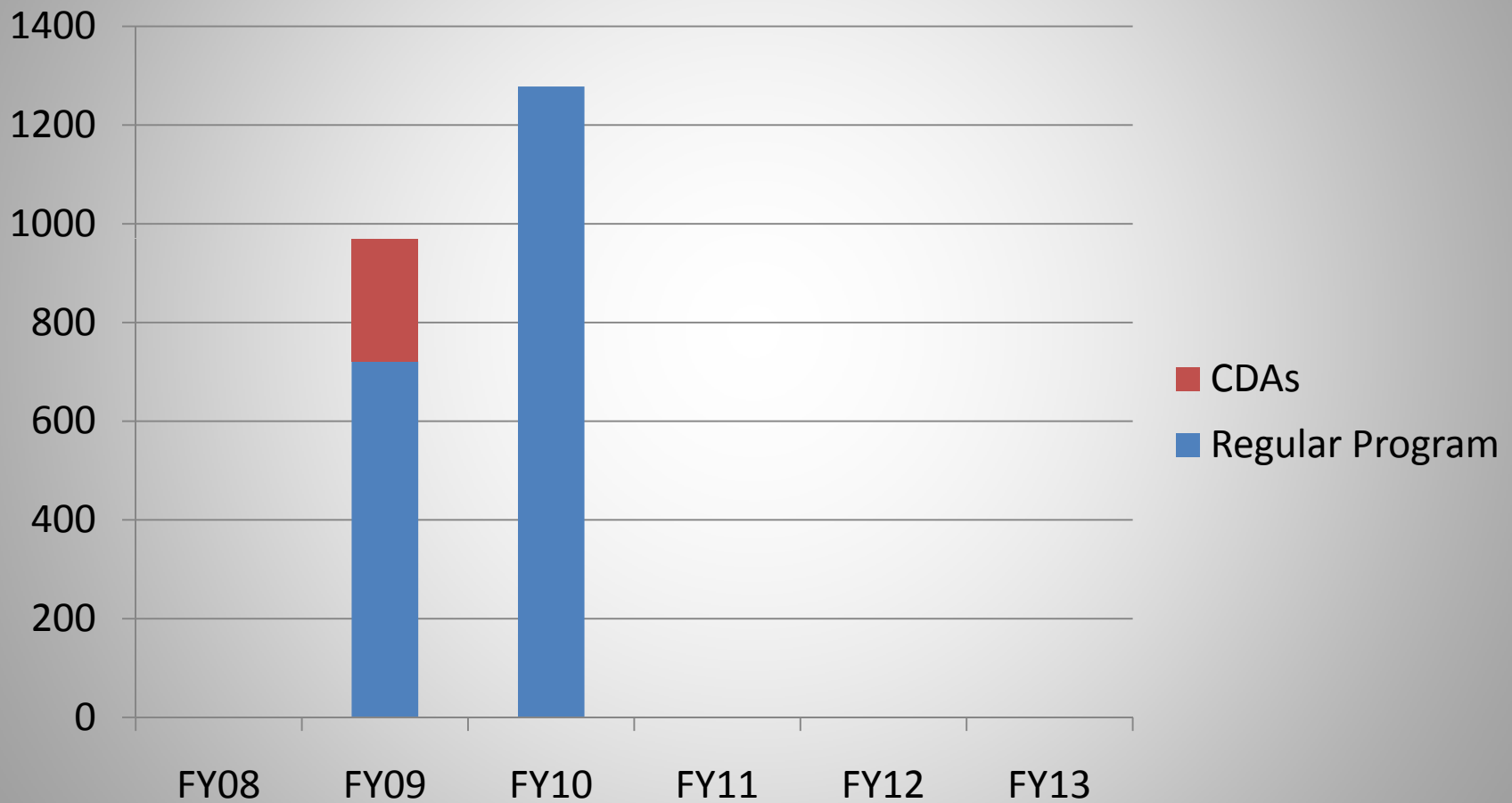


# Proposition 14

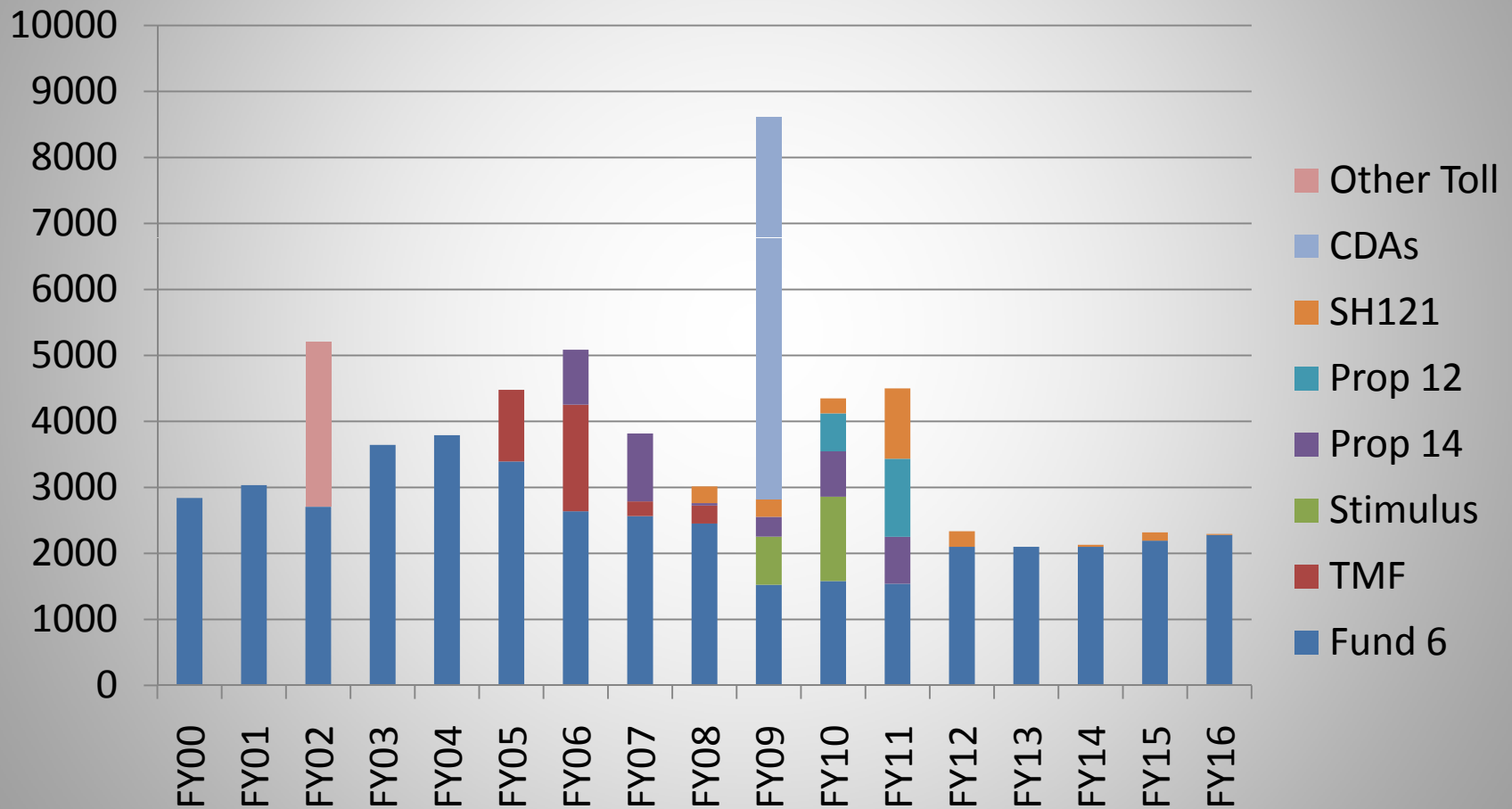
## Construction and Debt Service



# Federal Stimulus



# TXDOT Construction Program



# **The Immediate Future**

- **No money for new construction after 2012**
- **Deterioration from inadequate maintenance**

# **The Question Isn't Whether You Want To Pay More – You Will Pay More**

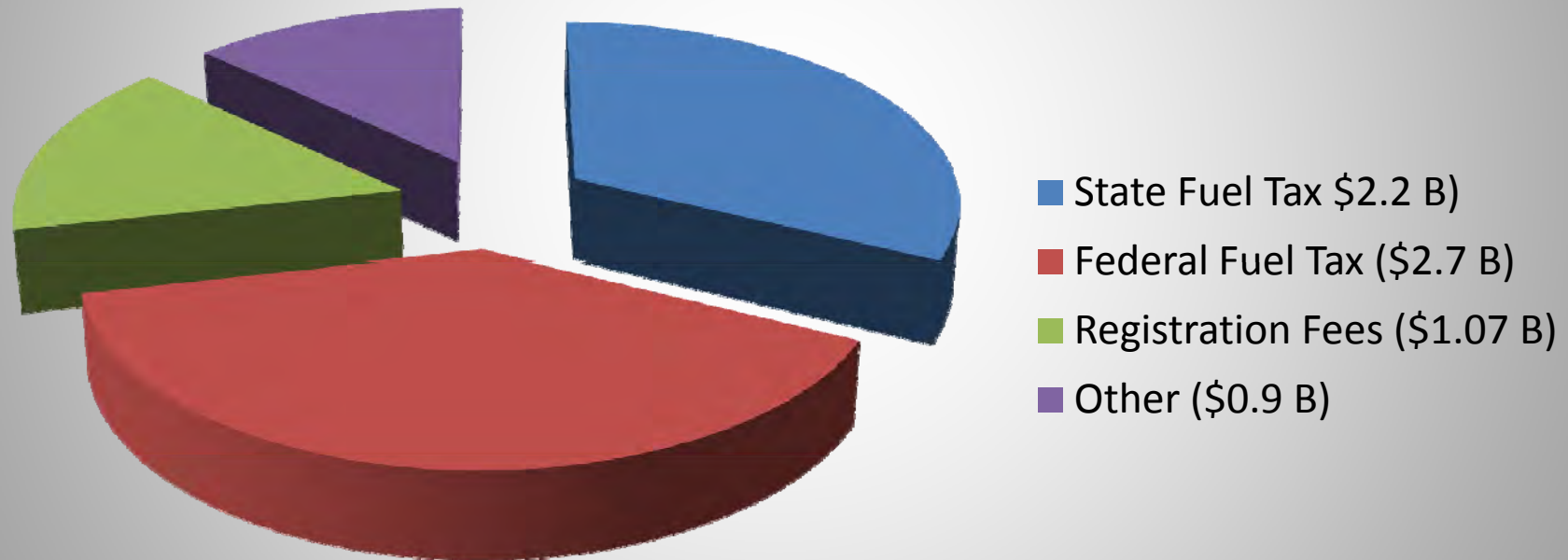
**The Question is :  
How Do You Want to Pay?**

- **With more of your time sitting in congestion**
- **With more tolls**
- **With user fees**



# A Primer on Transportation User Fees

Revenue (Excluding Bond Proceeds)



# User Fees

- **State fuel user fee = 20 cents per gallon**
- **Federal fuel user fee = 18.4 cents per gallons**
- **Registration fees = \$50 per year**

# The Average Driver

- 12,000 miles per year
- 20 miles per gallon
- \$50 per year registration fee

**\$280 per year**

## **Not Counting . . .**

- **The 35% of the state user fee that goes to education and policing the highways or**
- **The 25% of the federal user fee that goes to mass transit (largely in other states)**

**\$215 per year**

**Or less than \$20 per month to drive  
on the state's highways**

**A 10 cent per gallon increase in  
the state user fee **100%**  
dedicated to mobility**



**More Roads  
More Jobs**

**Two Dimes a Day**

# **What Other Options?**

**More borrowing?**

**More concessions and toll roads?**

**Wait on the federal government?**

**Stop diversions?**

**The road fairy?**

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