Transportation Funding, Fiscal Year 2011
Where it comes from and where it goes

Sources of Minnesota state transportation funds:

- Federal Fuel Tax Grants: 18%
- State Fuel Tax: 10%
- Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST): 19%
- Motor Vehicle Registration Tax: 11%
- Federal Aid: Local Roads and Multimodal: 9%
- Long-Term Debt: 5%
- Other Income and Transfers: 1%

Approximately 80 percent of Mn/DOT funds are appropriated by the legislature and 20 percent are statutorily appropriated. Sources of legislative appropriations include state motor fuel taxes, motor vehicle registration fees, motor vehicle sales taxes (MVST), and federal motor fuel tax grants. Fiscal year 2008 was the first year of a five-year phase-in of the motor vehicle sales tax, of which 100 percent will be directed to transportation by 2012.

Uses of Minnesota state transportation funds:

- State Aid for Local Transportation: 35%
- Public Safety: 33%
- Multimodal Systems: 7%
- Operations and Maintenance: 6%
- State Highway Construction: 5%
- Infrastructure Investment and Planning: 4%
- Debt Service: 2%
- General Support and Other: 1%

Mn/DOT is a multi-modal agency. Its activities include transit, aeronautics, freight and commercial vehicles, construction, maintenance, and operation of 12,000 miles of state highways. Approximately 30% of Mn/DOT’s appropriations are state aid to local governments for road and bridge projects and other activities.

Note 1: Revenues and expenditures of the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) and Metro Transit are not included.
Note 2: Data is from the State of Minnesota Revenue and Expenditures for Transportation Purposes flowchart (budgetary basis).