

# Transportation Funding is Going the **WRONG WAY**



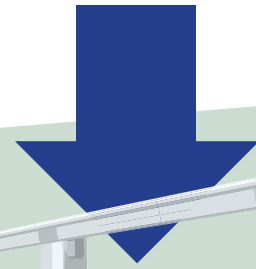
**FACT:**  
Riverside County has 16,835 lane miles of local roads.

California's transportation funding is deteriorating, which means so will Riverside County's roads and bridges.

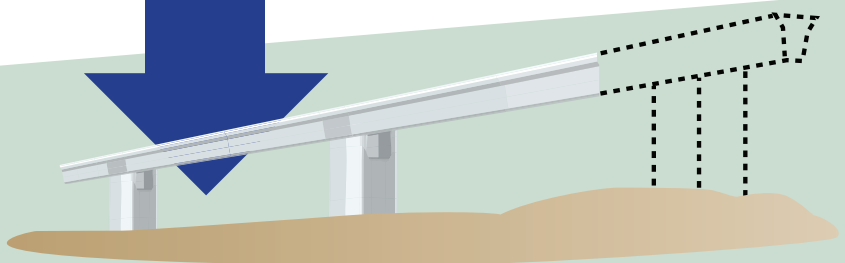
Riverside County local governments are facing a loss of more than **\$26 MILLION in a single year** due to the reduction of the state's fuel excise tax.



**-25%**



That's \$26 million (approx. 25%) less for **fixing potholes, modernizing bridges, and improving regional traffic flow** at a time when our county's economy is rebounding and more demands are being placed on our roads!



**Build 3/4<sup>ths</sup> of a Bridge? Fill 3/4<sup>ths</sup> of a Pothole?**

Cities in Riverside County will lose **\$14.3 million** and the County will lose **\$11.8 million** for basic maintenance and reconstruction of aging roads and bridges in FY 15/16.



## Why is transportation funding suddenly dropping?

California's reliance on taxing fuel to fund transportation is sending the state—and Riverside County—down the wrong side of the road. **Volatile oil prices and growth in efficient vehicles** means steep drops in transportation revenue are the new "normal."

The State Board of Equalization has **reduced the state fuel excise tax by 6 cents**. The *Fuel Tax Swap* eliminated the state sales tax on fuel and replaced it with an excise tax that fluctuates annually to collect the same amount of revenue that the sales tax *would have* collected. Unstable gas prices means unstable transportation funding.

**The result? Projects delayed** (along with the jobs and economic activity they create) while cities, the County of Riverside, and RCTC quickly **prepare to lose one-fourth of their state funds**.



## At Risk!

Drastically reduced state funds also threaten delay of regionally significant projects to the Riverside County economy, such as:

