The Need is Now

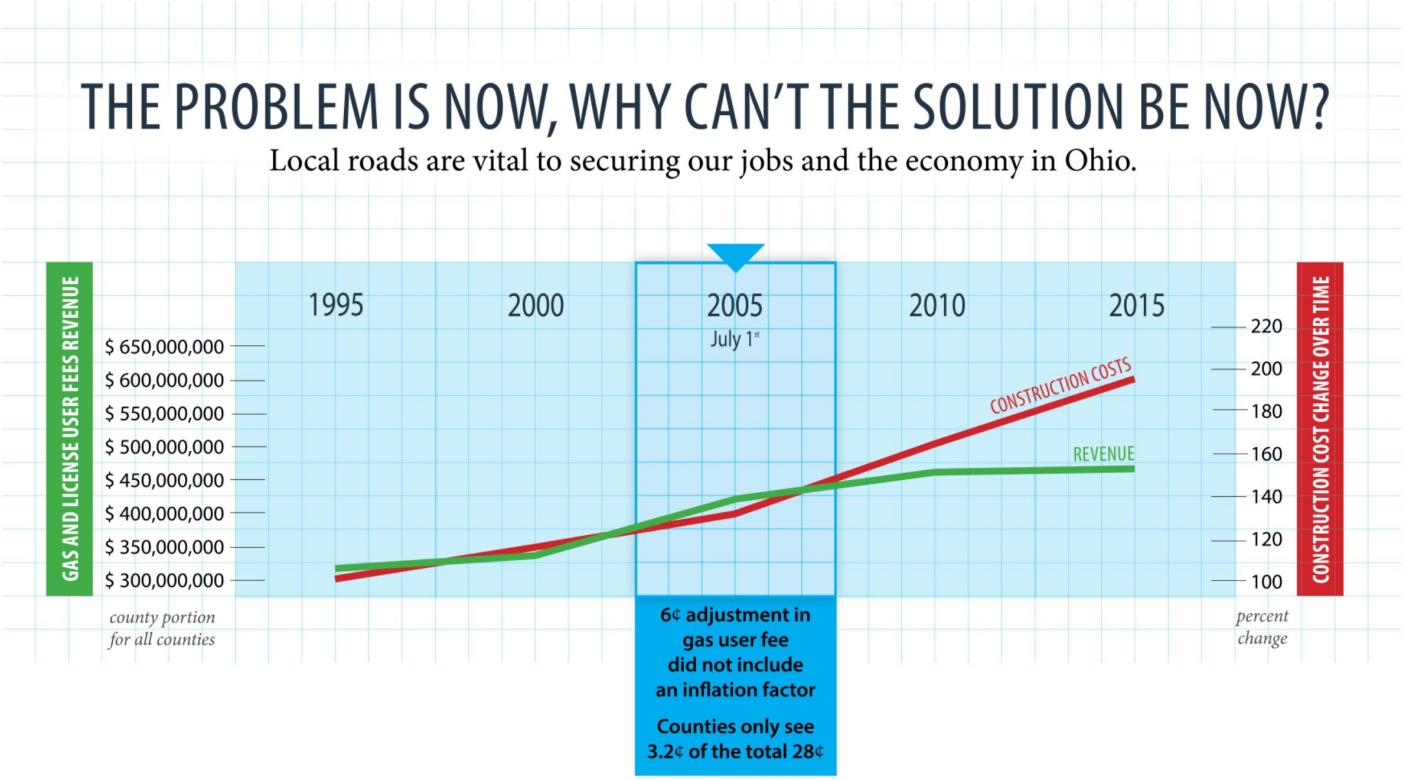
Why do we need more money?

Revenue from gas and license user fees has been stagnant and construction costs are always increasing. County Engineers, although using revenues efficiently, cannot keep up with the increasing costs for improvements. Since 2003, County Engineers have lost 50% of their buying power due to inflation.

Current revenue: $450 Million per year

Current need: $1.12 Billion per year

Funding deficiency: 60%



Fact: County Engineers cannot keep up with the increasing costs for improvements of our roads and bridges. Since 2003, County Engineers have lost 50% of purchasing power due to inflation.

Facts About Ohio County Roadways

Safety Facts

Traffic Accidents (5 year total)	156,320
Traffic Injuries - Serious (5 year total)	6,931
Traffic Deaths (5 year total)	890
Percent of Total Traffic Deaths in Ohio	17%

Road Facts

Total Miles of County Highway	28,970
Less than 20 ft Wide (Below Current Standards)	18,879
Between 20 ft and 24 ft	9,422
Greater than 24 ft	669
Cost per Year to Widen County Highways to Current Standards on a 20-year Schedule	$226 Million
Cost per Year to Pave County Roads on a 10-year Schedule	$362 Million
Cost per Year to Maintain County Highway System (including guardrail, pavement marking, signs, culverts, mowing, and snow plowing)	$406 Million

Bridge Facts

Total Number of County Bridges	26,298
Closed Bridges	96
Posted with Load Limits	1,356
One Lane Bridges	3,024
Bridges 50 years and older	9,576
Eligible for Replacement	1,854
Eligible for Repair	6,221
Total Cost to Replace and Repair all Eligible Bridges	$1.2 Billion
Cost per Year on a 10-year Schedule	$127 Million

Total Amount Needed = $1.12 Billion per year

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