

Summary of Road Funding Status in Other States

ILLINOIS

- A large capital infrastructure bill (SB 1110 – “Illinois Works”) is under consideration that includes \$4.75 billion in new transportation funding for roads over six years. Funding will be supported with revenue from new casinos in Illinois.
- The Transportation for Illinois Coalition is seeking \$6 billion in additional funding for roads over five years.

MINNESOTA

- Legislation passed last session but was vetoed by Governor Pawlenty to increase fuel tax by five cents per gallon. A 2.5 cent per gallon surcharge would also be implemented to allocate to debt service for past bonding. This legislation is expected to be introduced again in the coming session.
- The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce supports a five cent per gallon fuel tax increase that would generate \$165 million per year and an increase in vehicle registration fees that would generate \$114 million per year.

MISSOURI

- Missouri DOT’s construction program for FY 2008 is \$1.2 billion and they expect it to drop to \$569 million by FY 2010 with current revenues and debt service.
- Missouri DOT is undertaking a ‘design-build-maintain’ bridge improvement program. Proposals have been accepted from contractors to replace and/or rehabilitate over 800 bridges by 2012 and they will be responsible for keeping them in good condition for at least 25 years. The contractors will finance this program and will receive federal bridge funds from Missouri DOT to service their debt beginning in 2012.
- Legislative proposals considered last session:
 - HB 1237: Generate \$4.2 billion over six years by:
 - Increasing car registration by \$15
 - Increasing truck registration by \$20
 - Increasing gas tax by four cents
 - Increasing diesel tax by six cents
 - Levying a two percent sales tax on motor fuel
 - Increasing state sales tax by 0.5 percent
 - SB 310: Generate \$7.3 billion over 10 years by increasing state sales tax by one percent.

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NEBRASKA

- Legislative Speaker Mike Flood considers road funding to be the number one issue facing the Legislature in 2008. This is primarily due to concerns that federal highway funding will be cut in FY 2009.
- The Governor and Legislators are considering mechanisms to make up the shortfall including using general fund dollars for transportation.

SOUTH DAKOTA

- South Dakota DOT revenue has declined \$12 million over the last two years.
- Governor Rounds is not seeking additional funding at this time but has said he will consider raising the gas tax if a shortfall in funding continues.

WISCONSIN

- The Legislature had considered a tax on oil companies to provide an additional \$234 million in road funding. However, the tax was not included in the final budget bill just adopted in October.