

Federal Transportation Funds in Washington State

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Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)

- Six-year federal transportation act (FFY 2004-09)
- Focus on highways, roads and transit, with various federal programs and fund types
- Funds distributed to states and local agencies by formula, “earmarks,” and grants
- States administers most funds, subject to federal and state criteria, even funds that go to local agencies
- MPOs/RTPOs and transit agencies make many local funding decisions

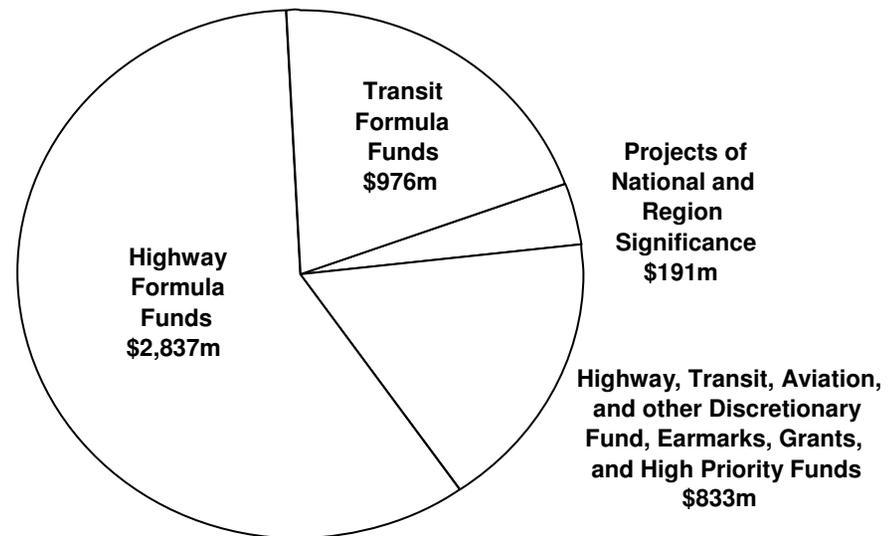
SAFETEA-LU

Total Funding for Washington State

\$5.56 billion **Total Estimated Apportionment**
“Contract Authority”
Washington’s total estimated funding for the life of the act

\$4.83 billion **Total Estimated Obligation Authority**
“Obligation Limitation”
Washington’s total estimated funding once adjusted

**SAFETEA-LU • Total
Estimated Obligation
Authority 2004-2009 •
\$4.837 Billion**

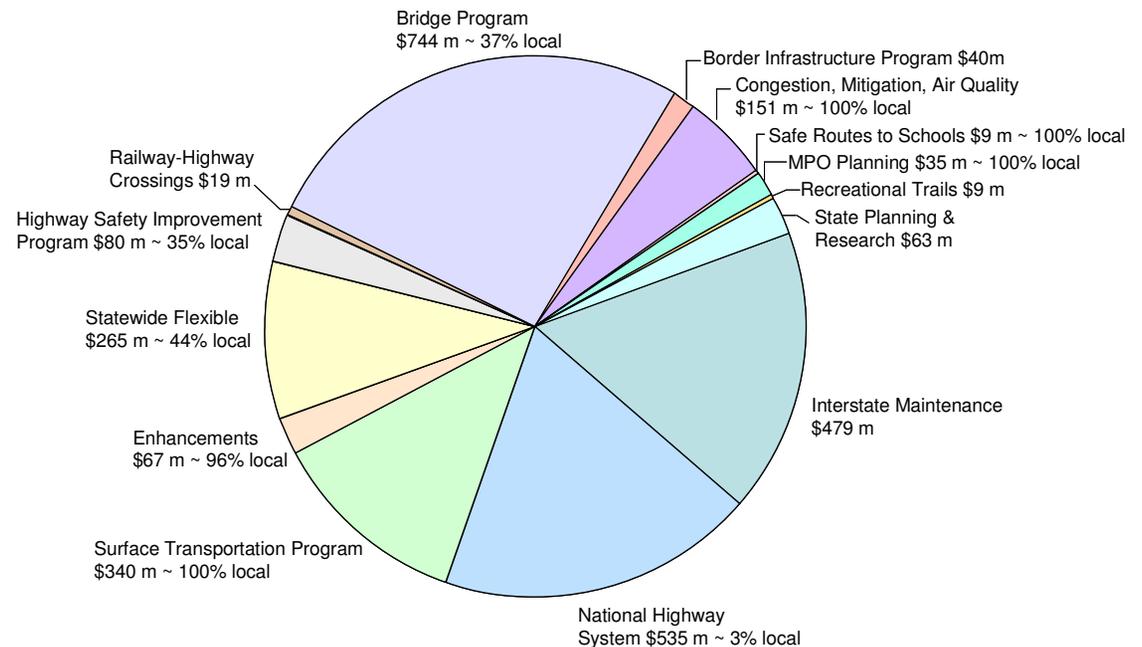


See separate pie chart for total estimated apportionment.

SAFETEA-LU Highway Formula Funds

- **\$2.8 billion in estimated total obligation authority**
- **Many federal programs, each with specific uses and criteria**
- **State and locals collaborated on best approach for flexible funds**
- **Overall, roughly 60 percent to state and 40 percent to locals**

**SAFETEA-LU - Highway Formula Funds
Total Estimated Obligation Authority
2004-09 - \$2.837 Billion**



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Non-Formula Funds

\$220 million	Projects of National/Regional Significance¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none">» 100 percent to state for Alaskan Way Viaduct ²
\$297 million	High Priority Projects¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none">» About 50 percent each to state and local agencies
\$596 million	“Earmarks”³ <ul style="list-style-type: none">» Earmarks, Demonstration Projects, Discretionary Grants, Etc.» About 34 percent to state and 66 percent to local agencies
\$87 million	Miscellaneous
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\$1.2 billion	Total Estimated Apportionment

¹ Projects and total funding identified in Act, subject to adjustments and annual federal appropriations bills. Washington assumes ~85 percent will be available for spending.

² Alaskan Way Viaduct also gets other federal funds, including High Priority and Earmark funds.

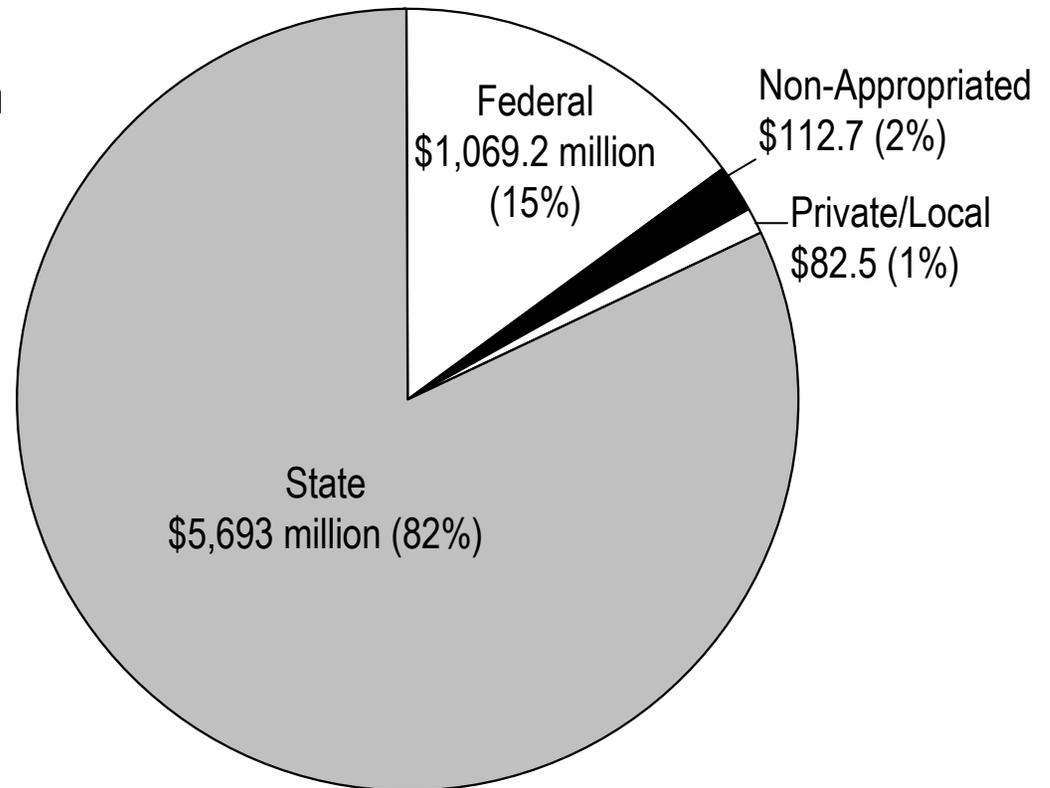
³ Projects and total funding identified and allocated in annual federal appropriations bills 2004-06 or awarded as grants by federal agencies. Subject to adjustments.

See separate list of all SAFETEA-LU non-formula funds projects.

Washington State Transportation Budget 2007-09

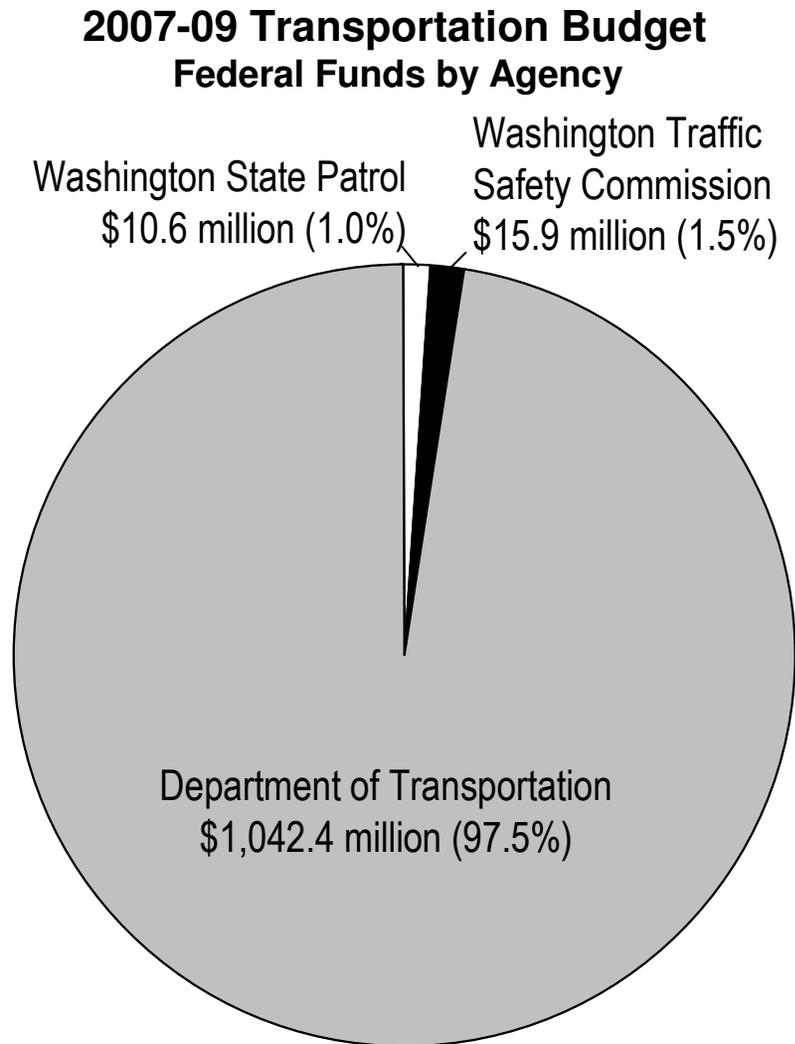
- **Two-year transportation budget (June-July FY) with 16-year financial plan**
- **\$6.7 billion total assumed for 2007-09 transportation budget, with about 15 percent from federal funds (incl. prior acts)**
- **\$4.6 billion for transportation capital projects and programs, with about \$905 million, one-fifth, from federal funds**

2007-09 Transportation Budget
Source of Funds



Washington State Transportation Budget 2007-09 Federal Funds by State Agency

- **Most federal funds are appropriated in the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) budget**
- **Some are not appropriated, but pass-through via separate state account to locals and transit agencies**



Decision-making Authority for Highway Formula Funds

Federal Program – Highway Flexible Funds

Decision Making Authority

National Highway System	WSDOT/MPO
Interstate Maintenance	WSDOT
Bridge	WSDOT
Statewide Planning & Research	WSDOT
Metropolitan Planning	MPO
Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ)	MPO
Surface Transportation Program (STP)	
Distributions by Population	
<i>More than 200,000 population</i>	MPO
<i>Less than 200,000 population</i>	MPO/County region
<i>Less than 5,000 population</i>	MPO/County region
State Flexible	
<i>WSDOT</i>	WSDOT
<i>Population Distribution</i>	WSDOT
<i>Freight Mobility projects</i>	Legislature
<i>2006-2007 Legislative projects</i>	Legislature
Enhancements	WSDOT
Safety	WSDOT
Railway-Highway Crossing	WSDOT
Safe Routes to Schools	Legislature
Border Infrastructure Program	Legislature

Some WSDOT decisions are based on recommendations to the Gov/Leg and subject to appropriation in the state transportation budget. Other WSDOT decisions are made within the agency with a “bucket” of funds and criteria for project selection.

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