

# Transportation Partnerships Office

*Advancing important transportation projects and priorities by engaging the private sector and other public partners in joint ventures that benefit the citizens of Washington*

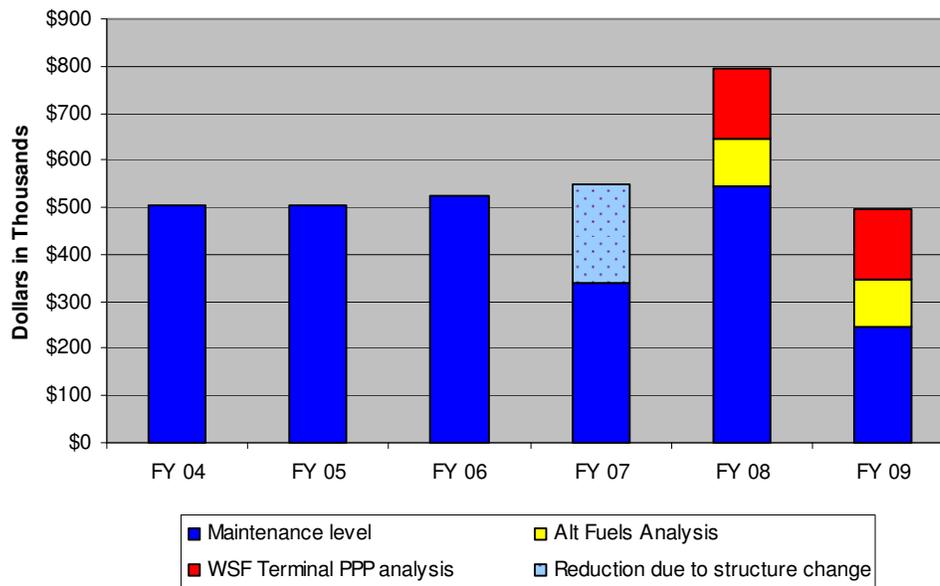
## Program Funding History (Program K)

The last three biennia have been marked by significant changes to Program K. First, in July 2005, a new public/private partnerships law took effect, superseding the previous law and PPI program (1992-2004). Unfortunately, the amount budgeted for the 2005-07 biennium was developed before the new law took effect, resulting in higher-than-necessary funding that was based upon the old PPI program. This was corrected through program structure changes made in 2006 which reallocated FTEs and funding to other programs.

Second, in December, 2006, the new Transportation Partnerships program submitted its first biennial budget request, one that more accurately reflected the program's changed mission (and lower base budgetary requirements). The original legislative appropriations for 2007-09 included maintenance level funding, but did not fund requests for contractor and consultant assistance. Instead, the Legislature specifically earmarked two projects for funding and more detailed analysis.

The third significant event was the recent sharp funding cuts enacted in Spring, 2008. In response to these cuts, the Transportation Partnerships Office reduced staffing levels from 4.5 FTEs to 3 FTEs, and curtailed other program activities. At legislative direction, these budget cuts were then biennialized, resulting in a significantly lower base-level funding heading into the 2009-11 biennium.

### Program K Funding Decisions, 2003- present



## 2009-11 Funding Request

The Transportation Partnerships office is requesting \$672,000 for the biennium. This is a carry-forward level request, and represents 47.9% reduction in funding from the prior biennium.