Infrastructure Update

Americans for Transportation Mobility
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Highway Trust Fund: Receipts and Outlays Discrepancy

Note: From Congressional Budget Office. Excludes $8.017 billion transfer from General Fund to Highway Account of HTF in September 2008; $7 billion transfer from General Fund to Highway Account of HTF in August 2009; $19.5 billion transfer from General Fund to Highway and Mass Transit Accounts of HTF in March 2010.
Decline in Purchasing Power of Motor Fuel Taxes
(Based on Inflation since 1993)
More Taxes for Transportation?

“What if the state government said it needed more money just to maintain current funding for transportation? Would you be willing to pay higher taxes for this purpose, or not?”

Economic Impacts: 2020 outlook

- 20%-30% growth in Highway Truck Freight
- “Within our means” = $1 trillion loss in economic growth.
- Transportation costs rise by $430 billion.
- Average American household income will drop by more than $700.
- U.S. exports will decline by $28 billion.
Peak-Period Congestion on High-Volume Truck Portions of the National Highway System: 2040

Recruing Peak-Period Congestion

- Highly Congested
- Congested
- Uncongested

Note: High-volume truck portions of the National Highway System carry more than 8,500 trucks per day, including freight-hauling long-distance trucks, freight-hauling local trucks, and other trucks with six or more tires. Highly congested segments are stop-and-go conditions with volume/service flow ratios greater than 0.06. Congested segments have reduced traffic speeds with volume/service flow ratios between 0.75 and 0.95. The volume/service flow ratio is estimated using the procedures outlined in the HPMS Field Manual, Appendix N.

More Highways?
Train Volumes in 2035 Compared to Current Capacity

America’s Marine Highway Program
More than Half of All Federal Spending Will Be on Entitlement Programs in 2012

Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security—along with other entitlements such as food stamps, unemployment, and housing assistance—make up 62 percent of all federal spending. In contrast, spending on foreign aid represents about 1 percent.

Source: Office of Management and Budget.
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