Department of Transportation
Budget Overview

Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3
Source of Caltrans Funding

Sources of Funding:
- State Excise Tax on Fuel
- State Price-Based Excise Tax on Gasoline
- State Sales Tax on Diesel
- Federal Excise Tax on Fuel
- Commercial Vehicle Weight Fees
- General Obligation Bonds
Transportation Funding & Challenges

- Funding is complex
- Funding is insufficient
- Revenues and buying power have been declining due to economic pressures
- Scarce resources increases scrutiny of every priority
- Increasing external mandates
- Increasing demand for transportation
From peak in 2006-07, Fuel Tax revenues have declined to levels not seen since 1996-97. The most drastic drop can be seen in 2008-09, concurrent with the beginning of the “Great Recession.”
It takes the revenue generated from the sale of 2.3 million gallons of gasoline to pay for the rehabilitation of one lane mile of highway - The amount contained in 3.5 miles of tanker trucks parked end-to-end. That's enough gasoline to drive an average car 55 million miles!
External Factors Limit Available Funding

Inflation and Mandates Put the Squeeze on Available Funding

- Loss of Buying Power (inflation)
- Funding Available for Rehabilitation of the System
- Mandates, Safety, and Damage Restoration