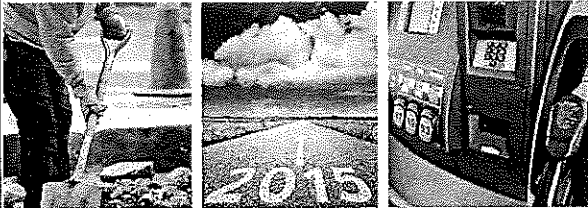



2015 Legislative Update:

State Actions on Transportation Funding and Finance





Presentation to the Colorado Transportation Legislative Review Committee
September 30th, 2015
Jim Reed, Group Director – Environment, Energy and Transportation

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2015 Legislative Sessions – Transportation Bills


- IN SESSION THIS WEEK: ILLINOIS, MASSACHUSETTS, MICHIGAN, NEW JERSEY, NORTH CAROLINA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA AND WISCONSIN.
- 49 states have considered at least 535 bills
- 39 states have enacted 98 bills



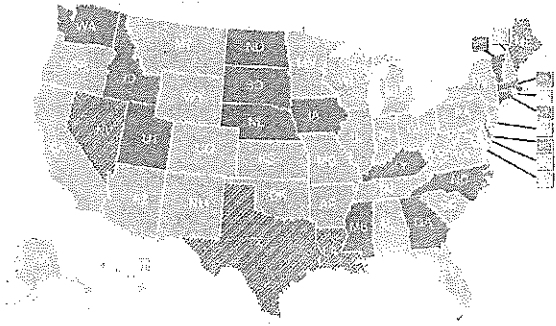
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Transportation Infrastructure Investment is a Top State Issue

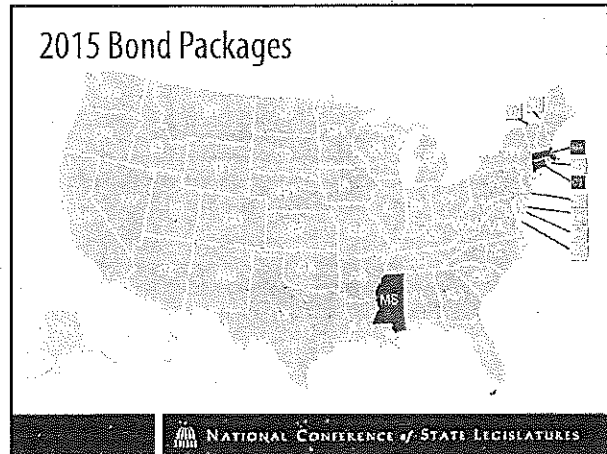
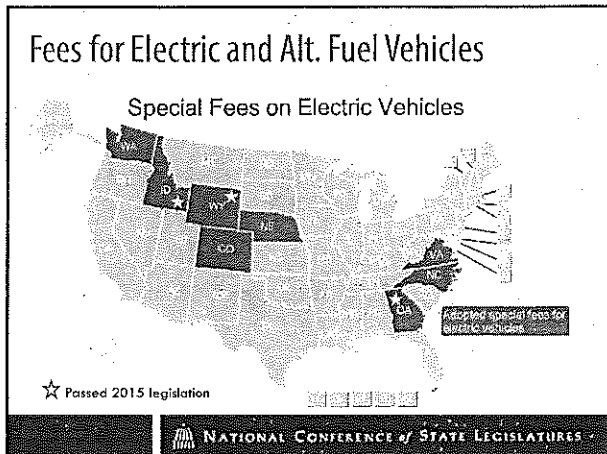
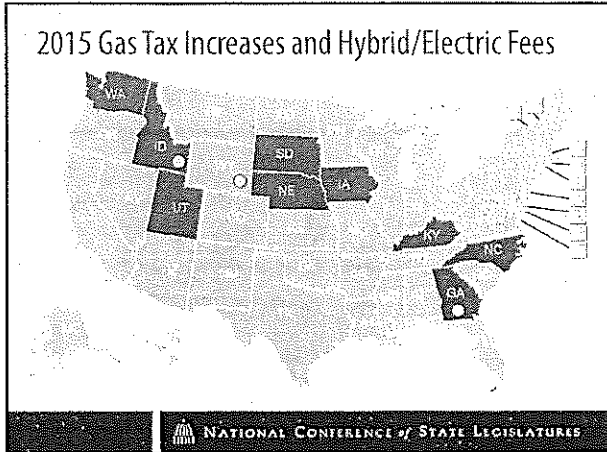
- In 2013 and 2014, at least 748 relevant bills considered in every state and D.C.
- Over 500 bills introduced in 2015.
- For the past 3 years, NCSL's executive committee named transportation funding, infrastructure, and the highway trust fund the number one state/federal priority.

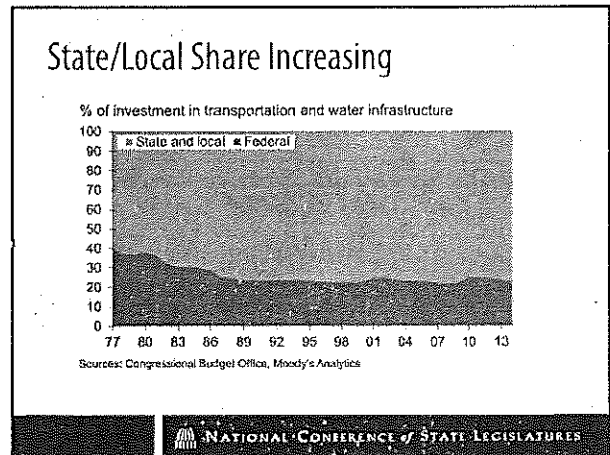
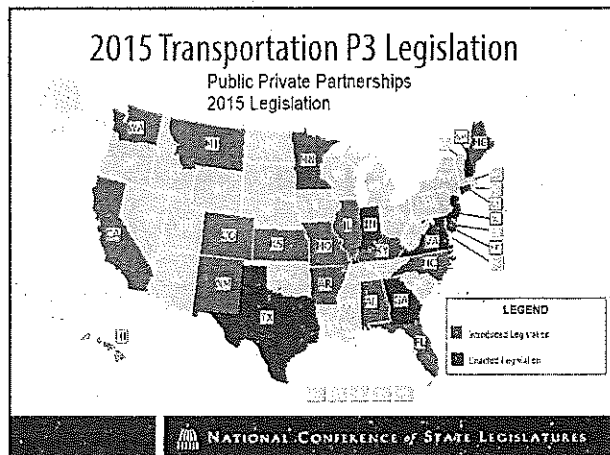
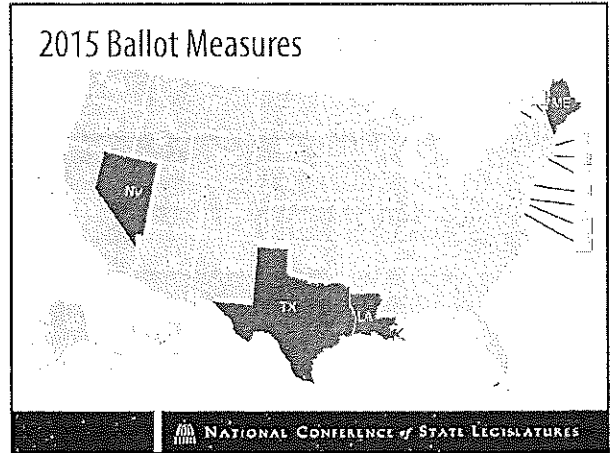
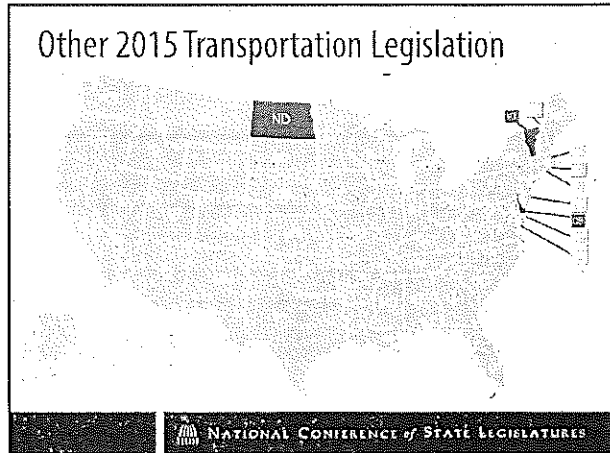
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2015 Transportation Funding Legislation



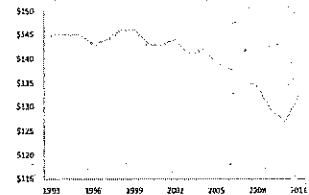
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The Value of State Gas Taxes Has Fallen...

Real Per Capita State and Local Motor Fuel Revenue, 1993-2011



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

¹ The state and local revenue total is merely all state tax revenue. Local option gas taxes are not.

Source: Tax Policy Center, 2014; 077; 2015; NCSL, 2014

- Only 13 states have raised their gas tax by more than 10 cpg since 1993.
- 15 states have not raised their gas tax in over 20 years.
- Motor fuel tax revenues account for 1.6 percent (2011) of total state and local general revenues. Down from 2.3 percent in 1993.
- Small increases have lagged behind funding needs



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Gas Tax Increases – 2015

State	Total Increase
Georgia	7.5 cents
Idaho	7 cents
Iowa	10 cents
Nebraska	6 cents
South Dakota	6 cents
Utah	6 cents*
Washington	11.9 cents

*Utah implemented a 12% tax on the wholesale price of gas. The minimum wholesale price is set at \$2.45/gallon, creating a minimum 6 cent increase.

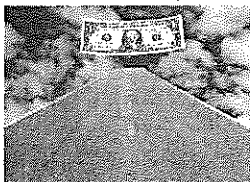
**KY and NC both adjusted their gas taxes to limit decreases in revenue.



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States Seek Sustainable Transportation Funding

As states begin to realize the potential issues with the sustainability of a gas tax, they are looking at a wide range of other possibilities.

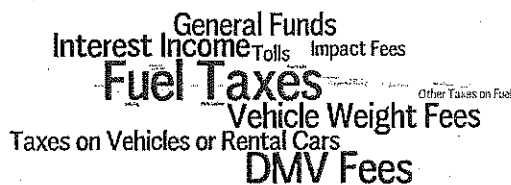


- Tracking with the economy
- Capturing all users



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How Have States Funded Surface Transportation?

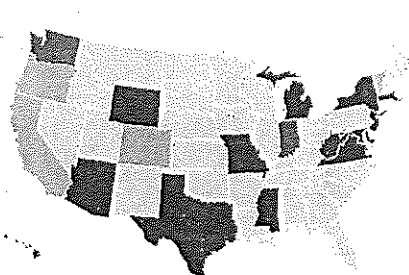


Note: States provide about half of all funding for roads, bridges, rail and transit—compared to the federal contribution of about 20 percent.



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State VMT Bills Since 2008 (green= enacted)



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Vehicle-Miles Traveled

- 12 states considered 15 bills in 2015
- Oregon will launch OReGO in July
 - 1.5 cents per mile
 - Proof-of-concept
 - Mechanisms to alleviate privacy concerns



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Transportation Resources



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For details about specific state bills, see NCSL's online, searchable Transportation Funding and Finance Legislation Database:

<http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?TabId=25720>

You can find databases for other transportation topics on our website:

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- Access and Mobility
- Aviation
- Car/Ride Sharing
- And many more

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