

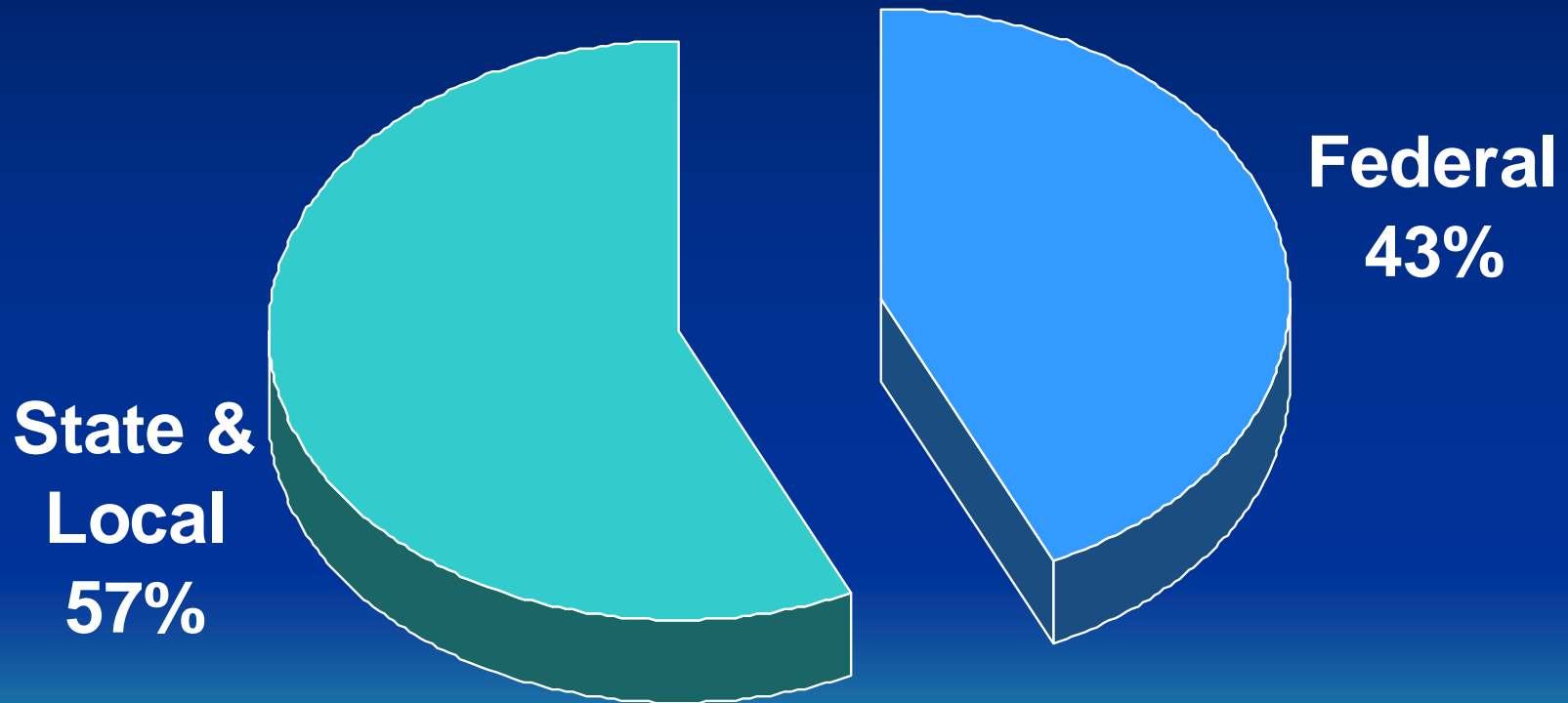
# Critical Commerce Corridors (3C) A New Vision

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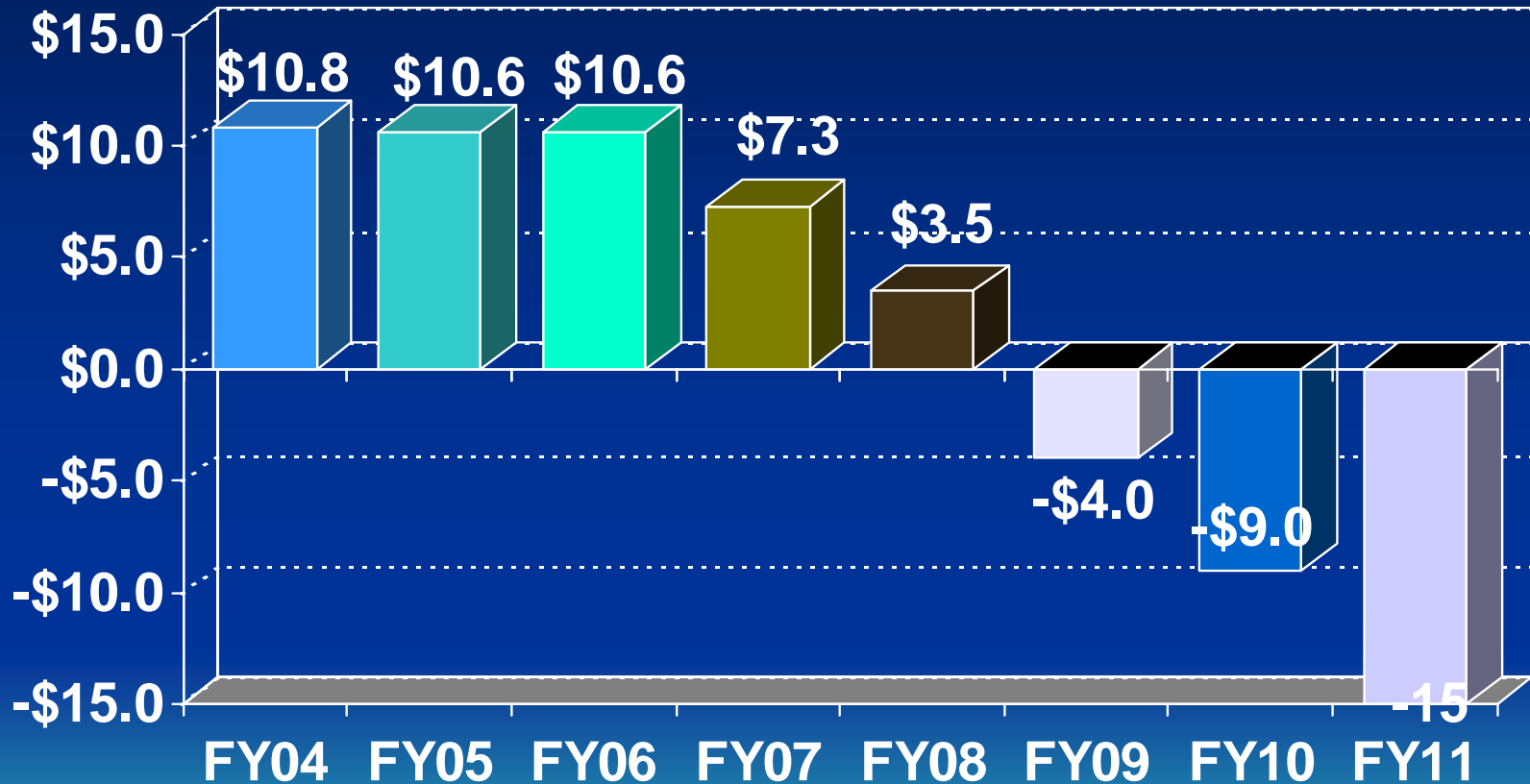
- Founded in 1902 **ARTBA** is a national federation of private firms, public agencies and associations.
- “**Consensus Voice**” focused exclusively on the trans construction industry.
- 5,000 members from **all sectors of the US transportation industry** in all 50 states
- Represents the **\$200 billion** transportation construction industry and sustains 2.5 million American jobs



# Why Congress Matters

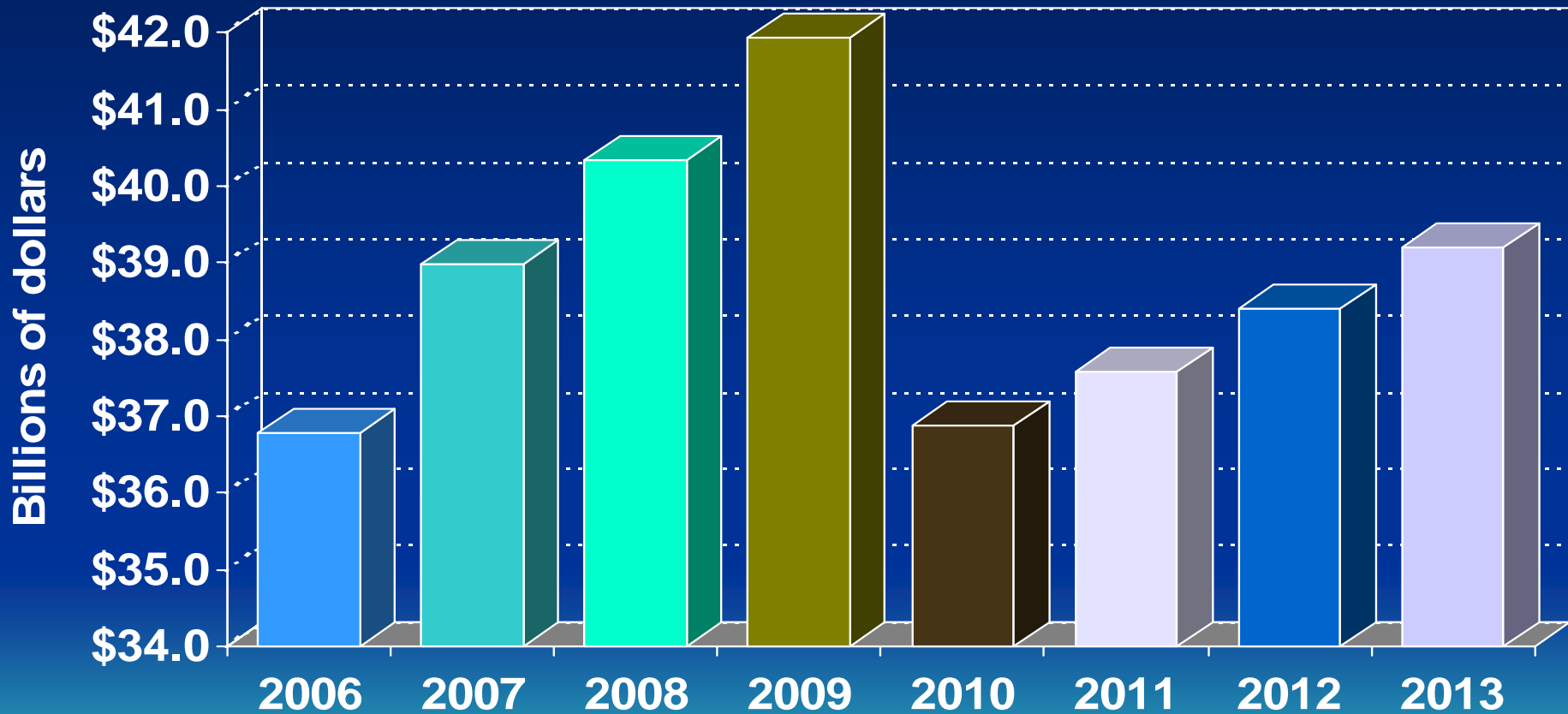


# SAFETEA-LU Will Spend Down Hwy Account Balance



Projected End of Year Balance in Highway Account

# Fed Hwy Funding Will Have to be Cut Without New Revenues



SAFETEA-LU Funding

Projected Highway Account Revenues

# America's Freight Infrastructure





# Impending Freight “Tsunami”

## 1980 – 2002

- VMT up 87%
- Truck travel up 98%
- Trucks #'s up 37%
- Hwy capacity +5%

## Projection 2035

- Hwy's will carry 73% of freight
- Freight is expected to triple +300%
- Inadequate infrastructure today

# The Competitive Challenge

- China
- India
- European Union
- Russia





# The Competitive Challenge

Our future economy and quality of life depends on a safe and efficient U.S. surface transportation network.

Where is the U.S. Plan?

# A New Vision

## First... Boost Existing “Core Program” Highway/Transit Investments

A major federal motor fuels excise increase no later than October 2009 to meet existing system needs

- **At minimum, 10 cents per gallon...** indexed annually for inflation... to keep pace with construction material price increases and maintain current physical conditions and performance levels... also addressing post-2009 funding shortfall/program cut

# A New Vision: The “Critical Commerce Corridors” Program

## Second... Authorize a “Critical Commerce Corridors” (3C) Program

- National Priority Program led by federal government to develop system to ensure **secure/efficient movement of freight**
- **Separate user fee financing mechanism**, “fire walled” from core HTF and solely dedicated to 3C
- **Complements** existing “Core” programs

# A New Vision: The “Critical Commerce Corridors” Program

## What the 3C Might Include...

- Most—if not all—of the existing **Interstate Highway System** and a portion of the non-Interstate National Highway System
- **New Multi-Modal Trade Corridors**
- **New capacity separated “Truck Only” Lanes** allowing increased trucking productivity/vehicle mix safety

# A New Vision: The “Critical Commerce Corridors” Program

## What the 3C Might Include...

- “**Last mile**” military base, port, airport, inland waterway and rail connections
- **Tunneling and elevated road and rail ways** on existing right-of-way
- **International Gateways**
- **Multi-Modal freight transfer centers**
- **Integrated telecommunications corridors**

# A New Vision: The “Critical Commerce Corridors” Program

## What the 3C **Would** Include...

- Utilization of existing right-of-way to the greatest extent possible to **minimize environmental footprint**
- Using “**best-of-class**” **environmental protection/mitigation design & construction techniques**
- Application of **the world’s most advanced materials, communications & safety technologies**




# A New Vision: The “Critical Commerce Corridors” Program

## 3C System Financing

- U.S. DOT, w/relevant stakeholders, recommend **Freight-Based User Fee(s)** to finance costs identified for 3C System
- **Potential Fees might include (but not limited to)**—Bill of Lading Tax, Customs Fees, Mileage Tax, Freight Transaction Fee, Segregated Diesel Fuel Fee
- **Statutory “Budget Firewalls”** to separate 3C and “core program” HTF revenues

# "It's O.K. to be a Conservative and Support Highway User Fees"

★ Ronald Reagan Loved Cutting Taxes. But He Raised the Highway User Fee to Strengthen the American Economy.



"More efficient roads mean lower transportation costs for the many products and goods that make our abundant way of life possible."

"So what we're proposing is to add the equivalent of 5 cents per gallon to the existing highway user fee, the gas tax. The cost to the average motorist will be small but the benefit to our transportation system will be immense."

*President Ronald Reagan 11/27/82*

★ If it was right for Reagan, it's right for us.

Ronald Reagan proved tax cuts can spur our economy. But he also knew investment in highway and public transportation infrastructure is essential.

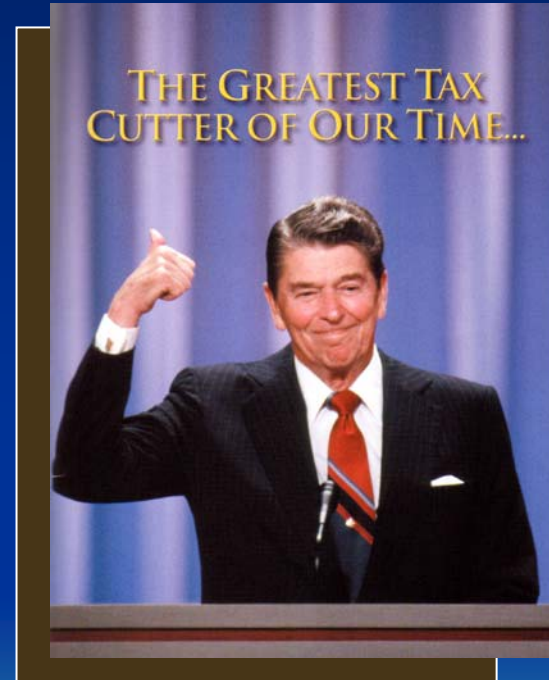
Making our roads safer and reducing traffic congestion will improve American productivity, strengthen the economy and give you and your family more time together.

★ It's OK to be a conservative and support an increase in the federal highway user fee.

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"President Reagan on the Federal Highway User Fee"  
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# Questions?

