Figure 1
All Levels of Government Fund Highways and Transit
Average annual own-source spending by level of government, 2007-11

- Federal: 25% ($51 billion)
- State: 40% ($82 billion)
- Local: 36% ($74 billion)

Source: Pew's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau’s Annual Survey of State and Local Governments, 2007-11
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Figure 2
Spending on Highways Exceeds That for Transit at Each Level of Government
Share of spending, 2007-11

Note: This figure excludes the roughly 2 percent of federal spending that flows directly to highway and transit infrastructure.

Source: Pew's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau's Annual Survey of State and Local Governments, 2007-11

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Figure 3
Surface Transportation Funding Flows Among Levels of Government
Spending on highways and transit, 2011

Note: Numbers may not add up exactly due to rounding.
Figures 4-6

Relative Significance of Federal Grants for Surface Transportation Varies by State and Region

Federal share of total funding for highways and transit, all levels of government, 2007-11

Federal expenditures for highways and transit, per capita, 2007-11

Note: Excludes federal spending directly on projects

Source: Pew’s analysis of U.S. Census Bureau’s Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finances, 2007-11

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Figure 7
Surface Transportation Investment Is Declining
Highway and transit spending by level of government, adjusted for inflation, 2002-11

Notes: Inflation-adjusted using Bureau of Economic Analysis’ price index for state and local government investment in structures (Table 3.9.4, Line 36). Years are in state fiscal years.
Sources: Pew’s analysis of U.S. Census Bureau’s Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finances, 2002-11; Recovery.gov agency-reported data, 2009-11
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Figure 8
Federal Highway Trust Fund Faces Growing Shortfalls
Actual and projected revenue and outlays, 2000-24

Note: Numbers not adjusted for inflation.

Source: Pew's analysis of Congressional Budget Office and Federal Highway Administration data
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Federal and State Governments Rely Heavily on Gas Tax Revenue to Fund Highways

Resources used for highways, by level of government, 2012

Note: Local vehicle tax revenue includes a small amount of fuel revenue as well. Federal revenue is in federal fiscal years; revenue of state and local governments is in their own fiscal years or calendar years, depending on how they report their data to the Federal Highway Administration.

Source: Pew’s analysis of Federal Highway Administration 2012 data (Tables HF-10, SDF, LDF, FE-210). Local data are estimated by the Federal Highway Administration.

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Gas Tax Revenue Has Fallen Over the Past Decade

Federal and state fuel tax revenue, adjusted for inflation, 2002-12

Federal revenue is in federal fiscal years; state revenue is in state fiscal years or calendar years, depending on how states report their data to the Federal Highway Administration.

Source: Pew’s analysis of Federal Highway Administration data, Tables FE-210 and SDF.

Note: Inflation-adjusted using Bureau of Economic Analysis’ price index for state and local government investment in structures (Table 3.9.4, Line 36). Federal revenue is in federal fiscal years; state revenue is in state fiscal years or calendar years, depending on how states report their data to the Federal Highway Administration.