Figure 1
All Levels of Government Fund Highways and Transit
Average annual own-source spending by level of government, 2008-12

- Federal: $54 billion (25%)
- State: $84 billion (40%)
- Local: $75 billion (35%)

Source: Pew's analysis of U.S. Census Bureau’s Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finances, 2008-12; U.S. Office of Management and Budget, Public Budget Database
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Figure 2
Spending on Highways Exceeds That for Transit at Each Level of Government
Share of spending, 2008-12

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 Government Finances, 2008-12
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Figure 3
Surface Transportation Funding Flows Among Levels of Government
Spending on highways and transit, 2012

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, 2008-12

Federal expenditures for highways and transit, per capita, 2008-12

State and local expenditures for highways and transit, per capita, 2008-12

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, 2008-12

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Figure 7
Surface Transportation Investment Is Declining
Highway and transit spending by level of government, adjusted for inflation, 2002-12

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. Excludes federal spending directly on projects.

Sources: Pew’s analysis of U.S. Census Bureau’s Annual Survey of State and Local Government Finances, 2002-12; Recovery.gov agency-reported data, 2009-12

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Figure 8
Federal Highway Trust Fund Faces Growing Shortfalls
Actual and projected revenue and outlays, 2000-25

Note: Numbers not adjusted for inflation.

Source: Pew's analysis of Congressional Budget Office and Federal Highway Administration data
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Figure 9
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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Figure 10
Gas Tax Revenue Has Fallen Over the Past Decade
Federal and state fuel tax revenue, adjusted for inflation, 2002-12

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.

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

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