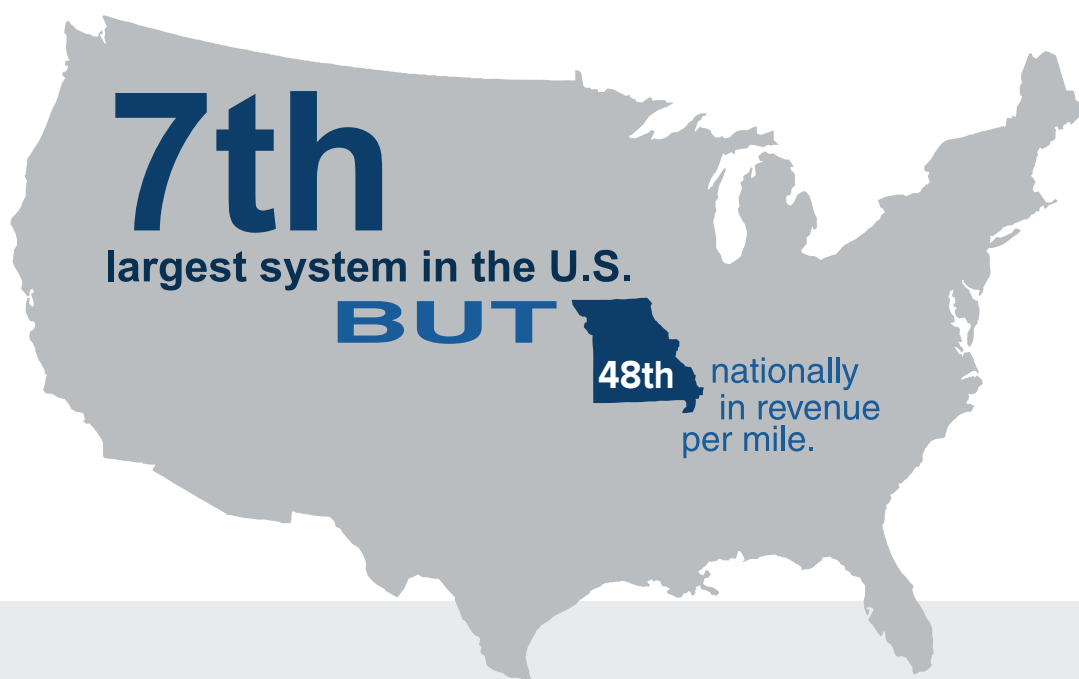


# CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO TRANSPORTATION FUNDING IN MISSOURI

## How Transportation Funding Works

**The citizens of the state of Missouri own a tremendous asset – the state transportation system.**

Missouri's transportation system is a tremendous asset. Built by our parents and grandparents and funded by \$63 billion in user fees (it has a \$171 billion replacement value today), it is the nation's seventh largest state highway system – a system that is larger than neighboring states Kansas and Illinois combined. Through the combined efforts of MoDOT and its construction partners, \$1.5 billion of net assets was added to the system value in 2024. Missouri's transportation system plays a vital part in the lives of its citizens. It is counted on to safely and reliably connect people with family, jobs and services, businesses with suppliers and customers, students with schools and visitors with destinations.



# How Transportation Funding WORKS

**The Citizen's Guide to Transportation Funding in Missouri** will further explain how transportation funding works, including how funds are distributed and invested across the state, and provide information on high-priority unfunded needs.

The primary sources of revenue provided to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to manage this system are user fees: fuel taxes, registration and licensing fees and motor vehicle sales taxes.

In May of 2021, the Missouri General Assembly passed Senate Bill 262, raising Missouri's motor fuel tax by 2.5-cents per gallon per year over five years, totaling 12.5 cents when fully implemented in 2025.

The average Missouri driver pays about \$35 per month in state and federal fuel taxes and fees. This amount does not include initial estimates of motor vehicle fees and federal general revenue transfers for transportation. After distributions to other entities that are required by law, and payment of debt, MoDOT receives 57% of these funds to design, build, operate and maintain the system.

When compared to other states, MoDOT ranks 48th in the nation in revenue per mile, down from 47th in 2023, which leads to significant unfunded transportation needs across Missouri.

# OVERVIEW

## Missouri Transportation Funding - Overview

Missouri's transportation revenue, including bond proceeds, totaled over \$4 billion in fiscal year 2024. As shown below, 58% of total revenue came from state user fees and bond proceeds, 35% from federal revenue and 7% came from Missouri's General Revenue Fund, which receives revenue from the state income tax and the state's general sales tax.

The \$4 billion of revenue and bond proceeds is distributed into five "buckets" for various transportation purposes as determined by state and federal laws. Each bucket has a unique blend of state and federal revenue, as depicted by the red, blue and gold colors. The following pages provide a detailed look into each revenue source and funding bucket.

