



Washington State
Association of Counties

County Transportation Overview

Senate Transportation Committee

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Counties are agents of the state

- Elections
- Courts
- Recording
- Prosecution
- Jail
- Assessment/Collection of Taxes
and
- Transportation



39 counties:

- 6.8 million residents statewide
- 4.3 million reside in incorporated cities
- 2.5 million reside outside of cities and rely on county roads



Summary of Road Miles and Vehicle Miles Traveled

Jurisdiction	Centerline Miles [3]		Lane Miles		Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (1,000s)	
State Total [1]	7,061.66	8.5%	18,571.44	10.6%	86,179	55.7%
<i>Interstate</i>	764.27	0.9%	3,984.61	2.3%	41,937	27.1%
City	17,696.69	21.2%	37,795.34	21.6%	41,522	26.9%
County	39,868.65	47.7%	80,618.36	46.2%	24,928	16.1%
Other [2]	18,877.85	22.6%	37,738.55	21.6%	2,030	1.3%
TOTAL	83,504.85	100%	174,723.69	100%	154,689	100%

Notes:

[1] Interstate figures are included in the State total.

[2] Other includes State Parks, Other State, Port Districts, Indian, U.S. Forest Service, and National Parks.

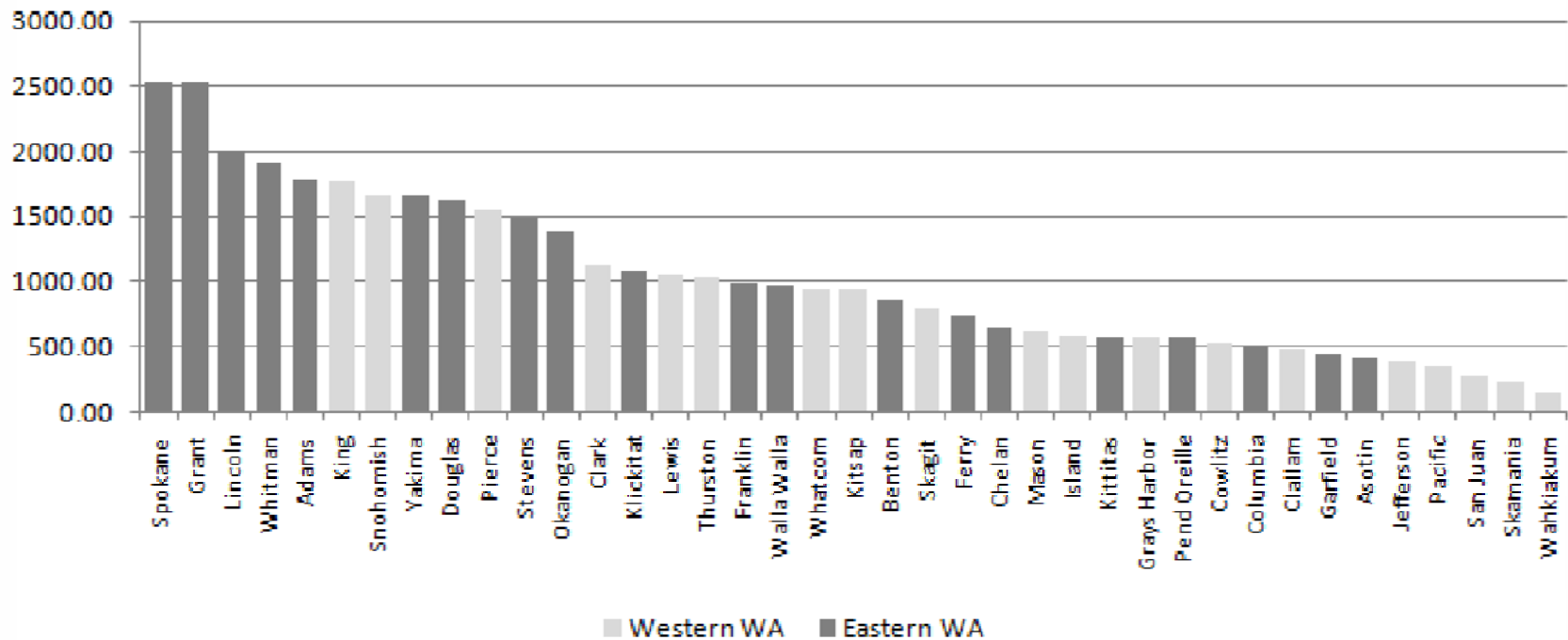
[3] Centerline miles are the actual length of the roadway in one direction of travel.

Source:

WSDOT, Highway Performance Management System Database, 2009.



County Road Miles per County





- One-third (33%) of county roads in western Washington are urban
- while only 5% of eastern Washington county roads are urban
- Almost two-thirds (61%) of King, Pierce, and Snohomish county roads are classified as urban
- Almost one-third (29%) of all county roads are designated as truck routes



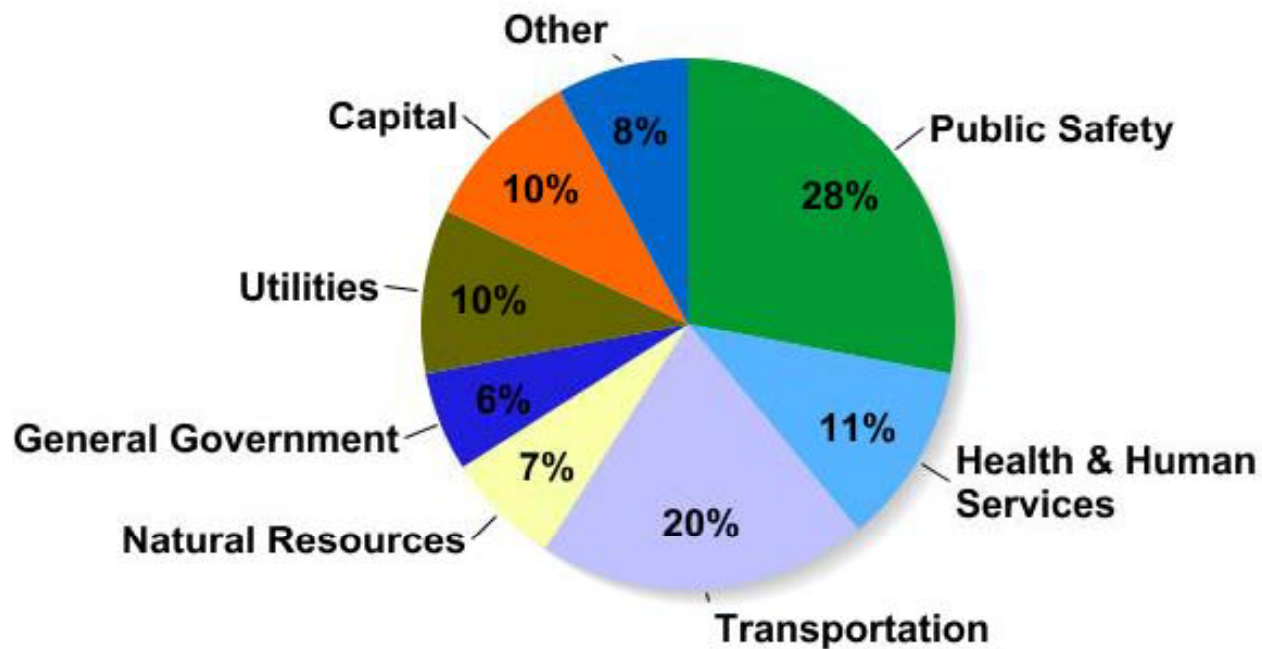
- Four counties (Whatcom, Skagit, Pierce and Wahkiakum) provide vehicle and passenger ferry service.
- King County also operates and maintains a passenger only ferry system through a county ferry district.



- 90 % of county arterials and collectors road surfaces are in fair or better condition
- County roads have the highest fatality rate at 2.12 fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles.
- One-fifth of 3300 county bridges are either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.



Expenditures - All Funds



State Auditor's Office LGFRS - 2009



County Road Fund Revenue Sources *

Property Taxes and
Other Taxes
47.7¢

Federal Shared
Revenues & Grants
11.6¢



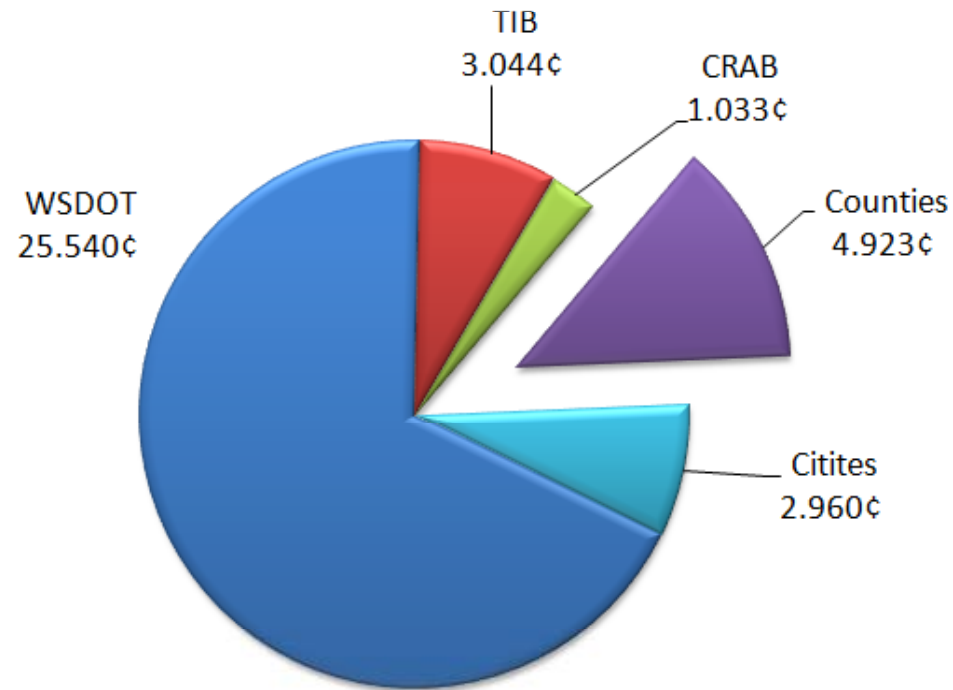
State Shared Revenues
& Grants
26.9¢

Fees, Reimbursables,
Misc. Revenue
13.8¢

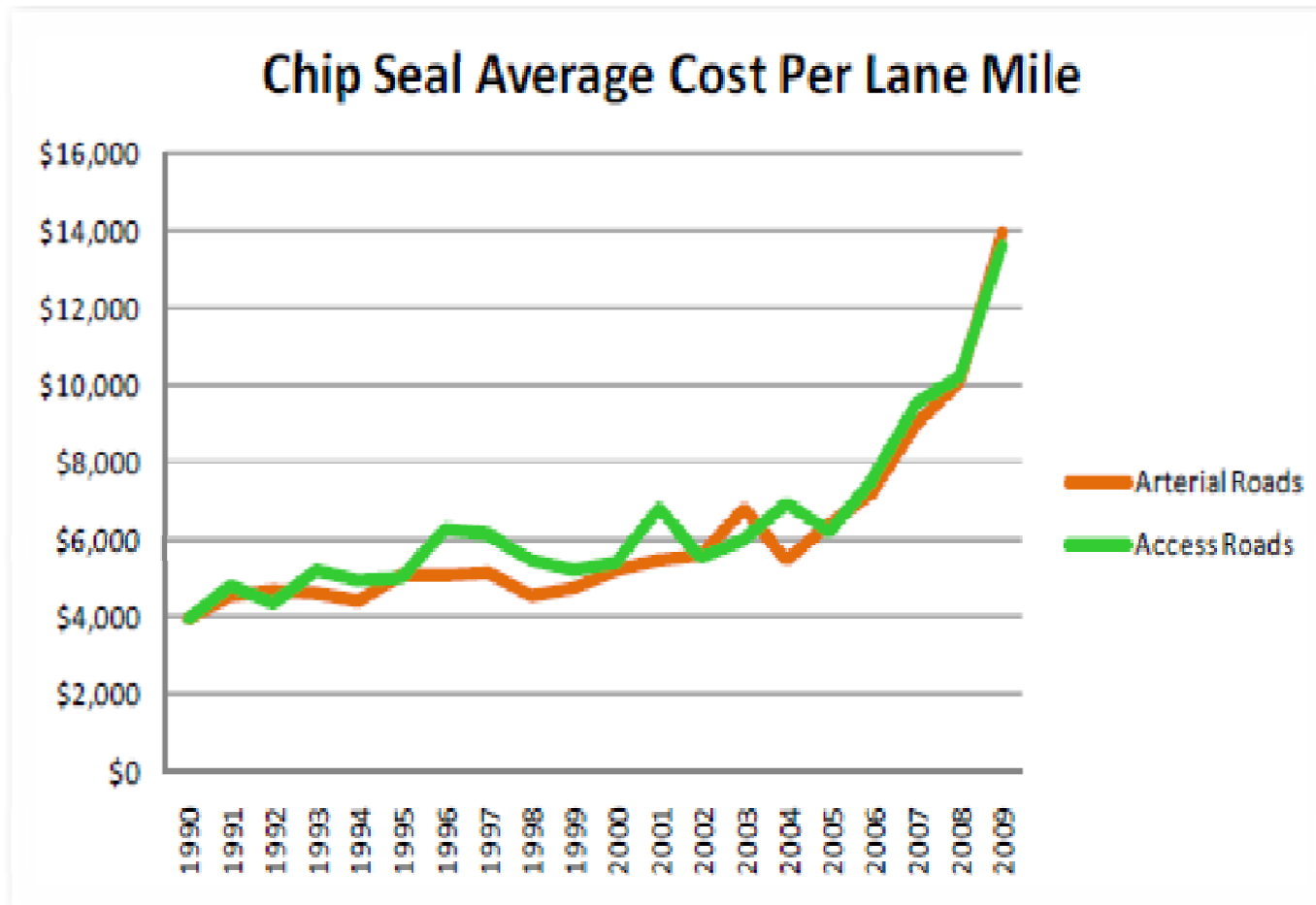
* Statewide total - will vary with each county



MVFT Distribution

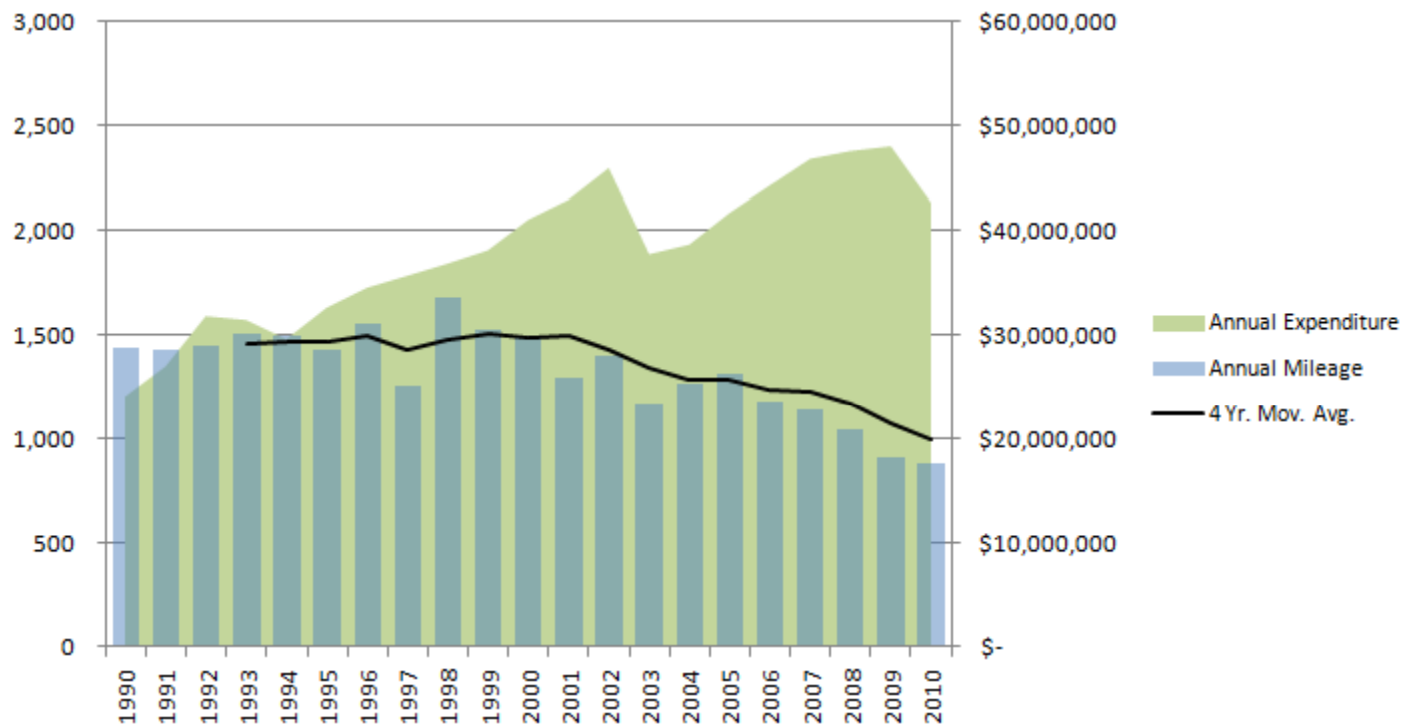


Total Gas Tax: 37.5¢





County Arterial Preservation Program
Annual Miles Resurfaced and Annual Expenditure





Local revenue options available:

- Property tax – levy lid lift with voter approval
 - Levy up to \$2.25 per \$1,000 A.V.
- Transportation benefit districts
 - License tabs up to \$20 - councilmanic approval
 - License tabs up to \$100 with voter approval
 - Tolls, and other revenues
- Local option gas tax up to 10% of state total
- County ferry district – up to 75¢ per \$1,000 A.V.
 - King County restricted to 7.5¢ per \$1,000 A.V.



How local projects are funded

- Local funds:
 - Property tax, forest harvest tax, real-estate excise tax, permits & fees
- State funds:
 - Motor vehicle fuel tax (MVFT) distribution, rural arterial program, county arterial preservation program, transportation improvement board, Capron refunds (Island and San Juan County)
- Federal funds:
 - Federal highway administration (FHWA) project grants, bridge replacement, secure rural schools (forest)



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