

# **STEP UP Illinois**

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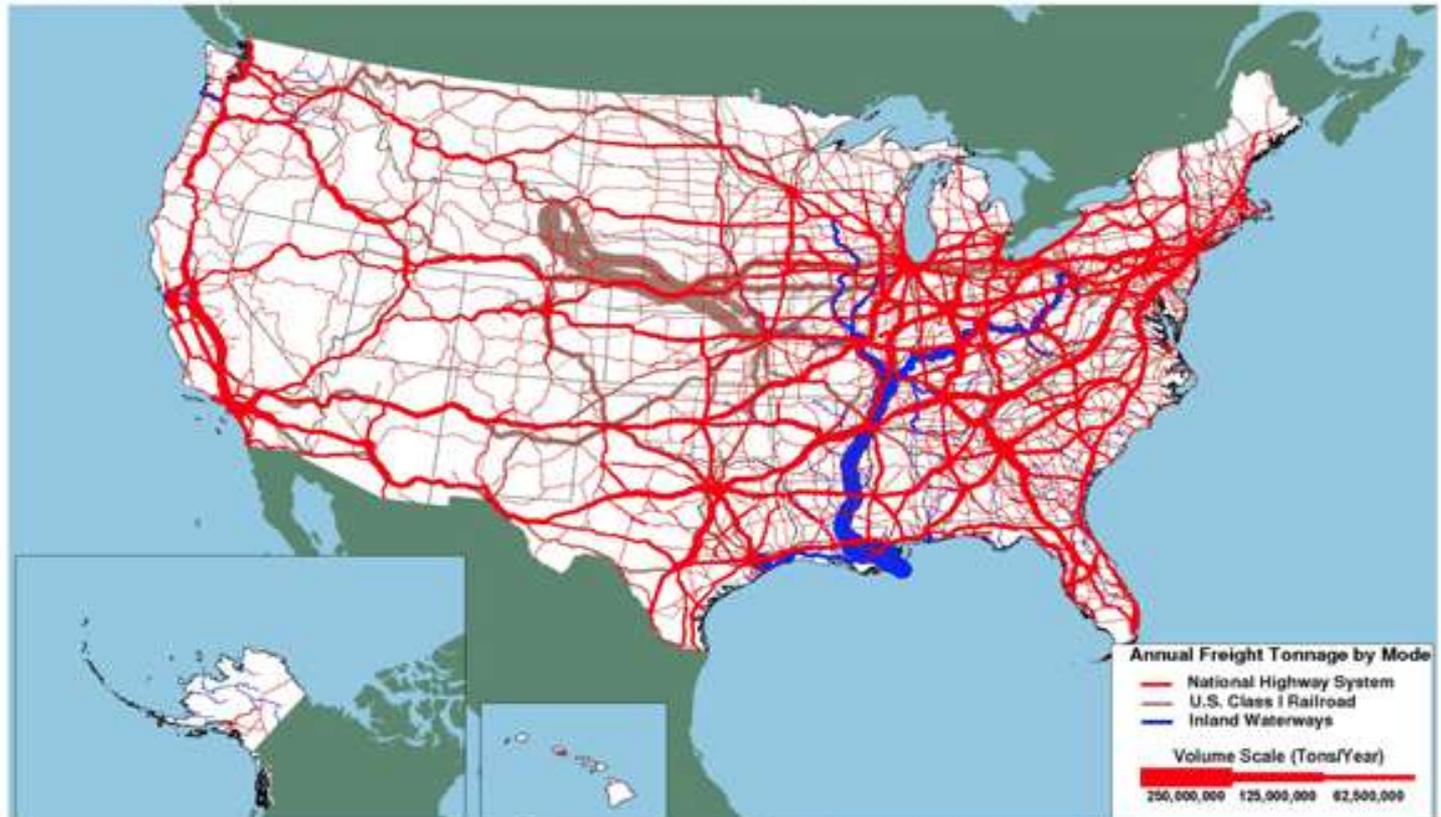
## **Illinois has always been a leader in transportation innovation**

- In 1836 – just 18 years after we became a state - the Illinois & Michigan Canal linked Chicago and Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River, making Chicago the key crossroads for shipping goods.
- Illinois quickly built railroads to become the linchpin in connecting the eastern and western United States by rail.
- During the 50's and 60's, Illinois aggressively participated in the Interstate Highway program.
- With the dawn of aviation, we built one of the premiere airports in the world.

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Illinois' geographical location logistically makes us the economic heart of America

**Exhibit 1-22** Tonnage on Highways, Railroads, and Inland Waterways, 2007



Sources: Highways—U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, *Freight Analysis Framework, Version 3.2, 2010*. Rail—Based on Surface Transportation Board, *Annual Carload Waybill Sample* and rail freight flow assignments done by Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Inland Waterways—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), *Annual Vessel Operating Activity and Lock Performance Monitoring System* data, as processed for USACE by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and USACE, Institute for Water Resources, *Waterborne Foreign Trade Data*. Water flow assignments done by Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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**Is the state protecting and maintaining our  
precious and fragile transportation  
infrastructure?**

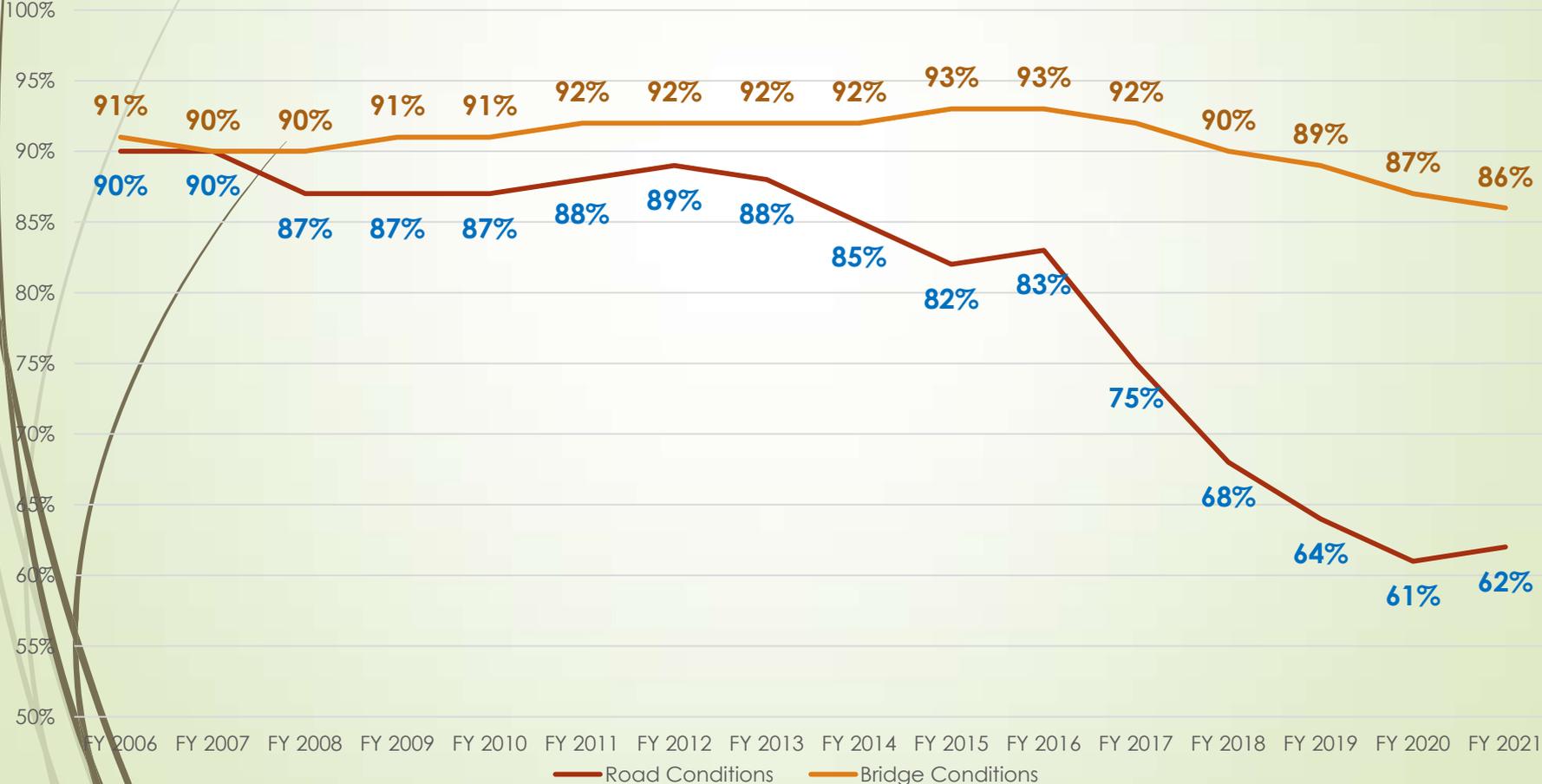
**NO!**

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Our Roads and Bridges are literally crumbling around us....

## State Roads and Bridges % of system in acceptable condition

(Source: IDoT's Multi-year Road Plan)



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Our annual investment has been declining for nearly a decade

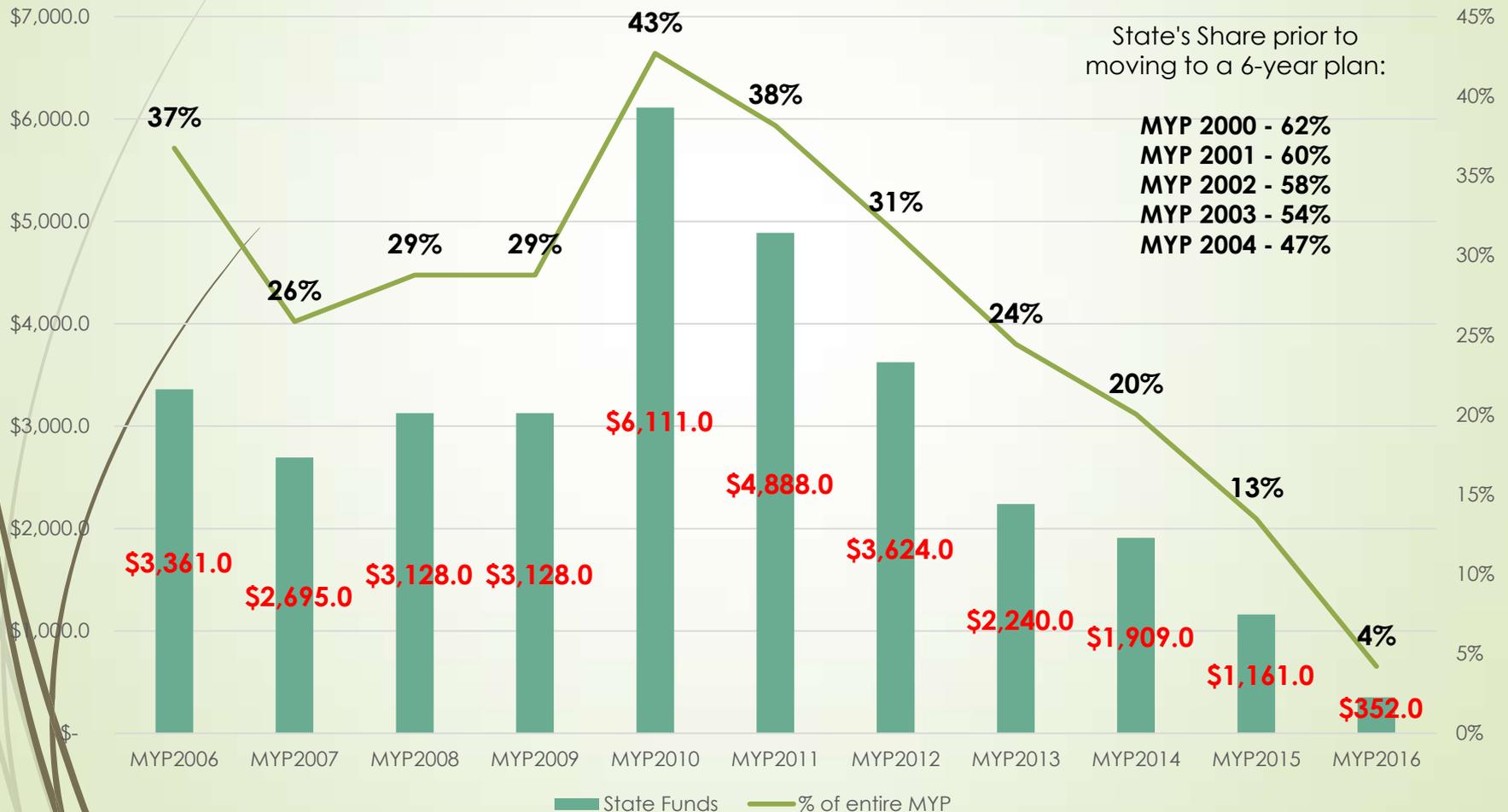
State of Illinois Multi-Year Road Program FY 06 - FY 16  
(in \$ millions)



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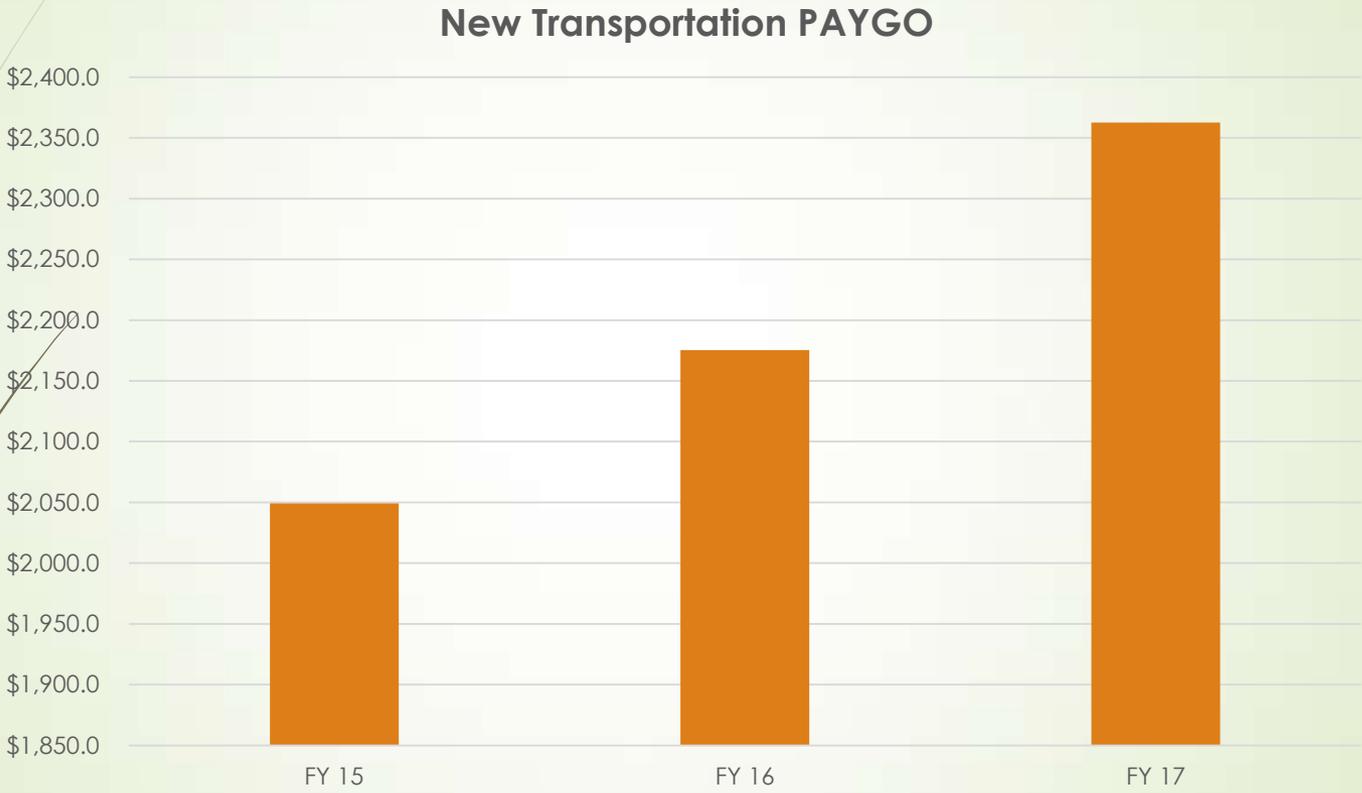
And we are to blame...

### State Role in the Multi Year Road Program (\$ in Millions)



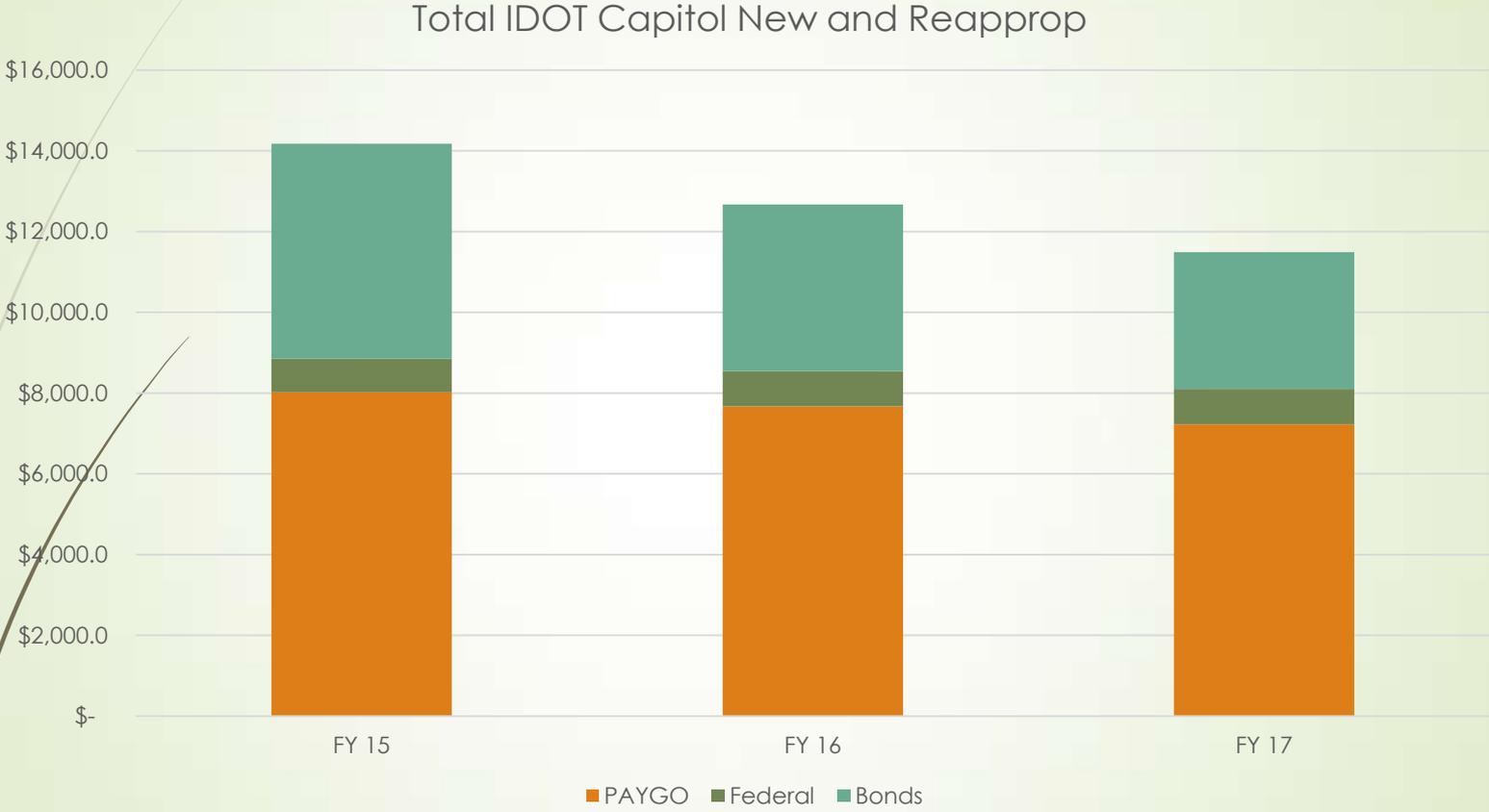
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We have been squeezing every last drop of PAYG \$...



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But still the annual spending continues to decline



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Which has a devastating impact on our economy...

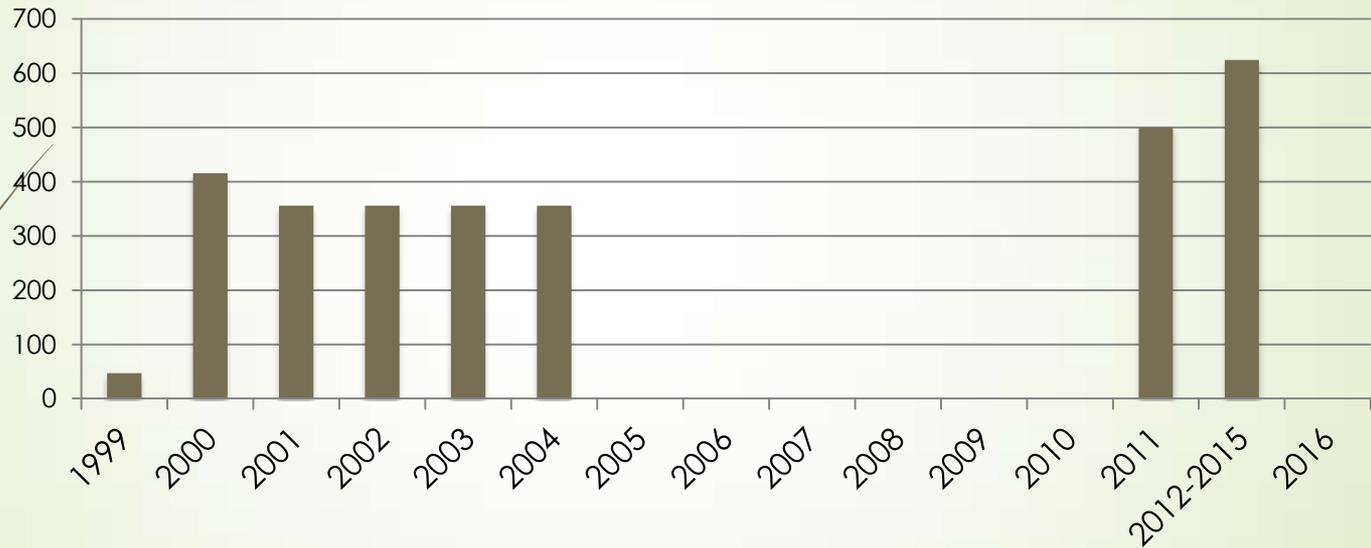
Projects and Jobs  
(Source: FY 15 Capital Budget Book)



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Transit and local road funding is stagnant

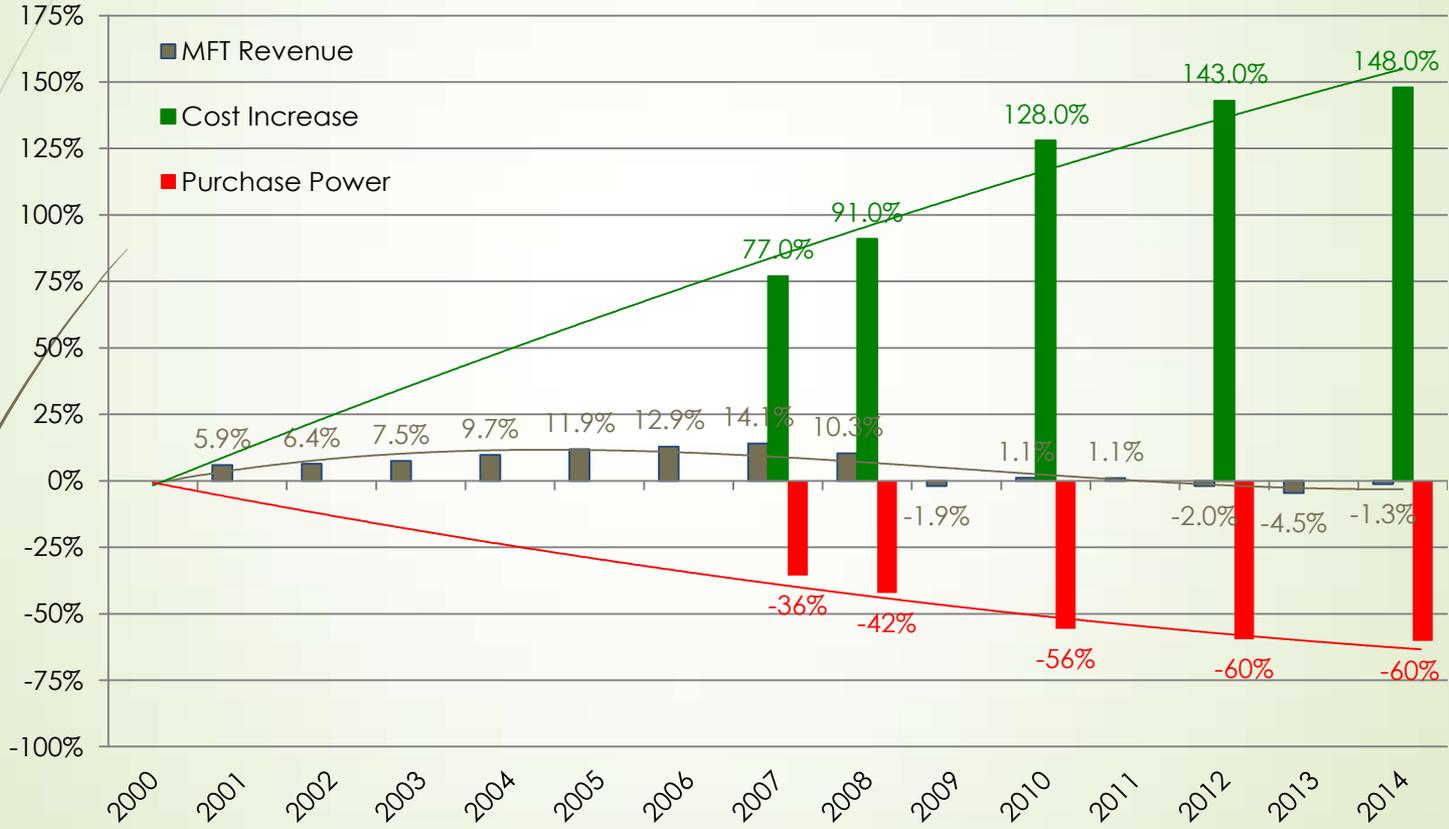
State Transit Capital (\$ Million)



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## Transit and local road funding is stagnant

State of Illinois – MFT Revenue/Costs vs. Purchase Power  
Counties [% Increase over State FY 2000]





# What are We Doing About This?

- ▶ Legislative Outreach
  - ▶ Lobbyists visiting members with info sheets
  - ▶ Next round local bridge numbers by legislative district



# Local Bridge Numbers

<b>House District 99</b>	
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Counties:	Sangamon
Closed Bridges:	3
Weight Limited Bridges:	11

<b>Bridges That Cannot Support:</b>	
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Schoolbus	6
Legal Load Semi	10
Standard Garbage Truck	10
Agricultural Trailers	7

Example Comments for Under Legal Load Bridges:

"Critical Condition"

"Intolerable-High Priority for Replacement"



## House District 100

Counties:	Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Morgan, Pike, Sangamon, Scott
Closed Bridges:	17
Weight Limited Bridges:	76

### Bridges That Cannot Support:

Schoolbus	34
Legal Load Semi	72
Standard Garbage Truck	72
Agricultural Trailers	50

Example Comments for Under Legal Load Bridges:

"Critical Condition"

"Intolerable-High Priority for Replacement"



# What are We Doing About This?

- ▶ Media Outreach
  - ▶ Drafting local bridge letters
  - ▶ Considering outreach plans for summer
  - ▶ Focus on localized, relatable data



# What Can You Do About This?

- Sign a statement in support
  - Talk to your legislators
  - Volunteer to do media interviews
  - Volunteer to do Letters to the Editor
  - Attend TFIC Lobby Day – May 3, 2016
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