

# Funding Rural Roads in Oregon

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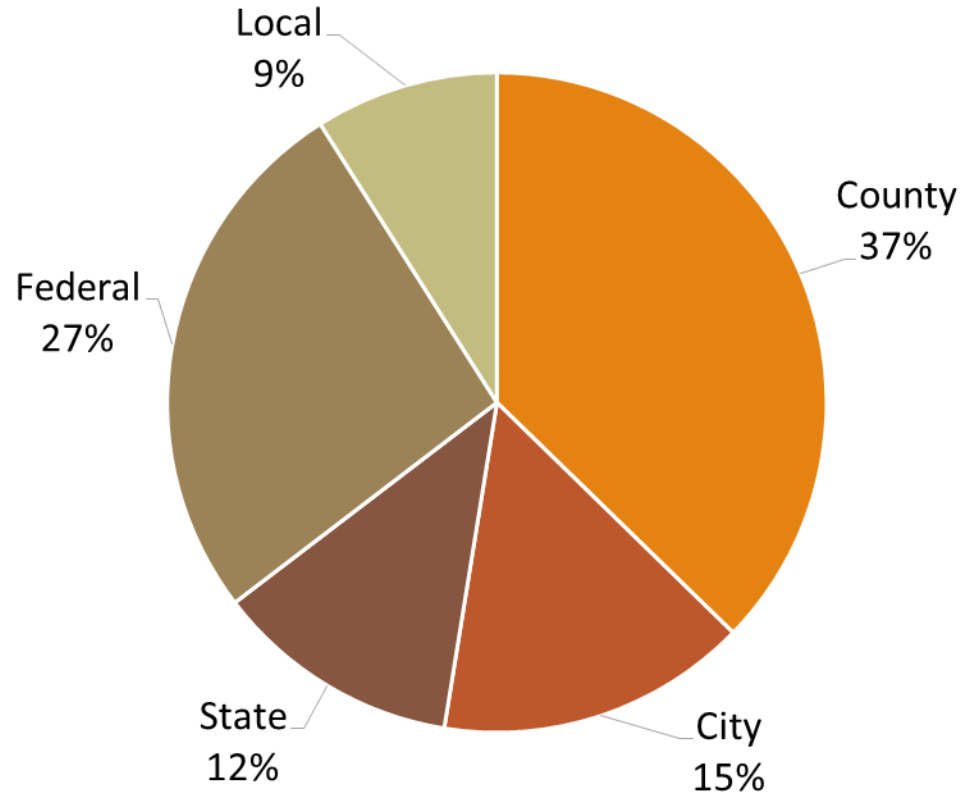
# Overview

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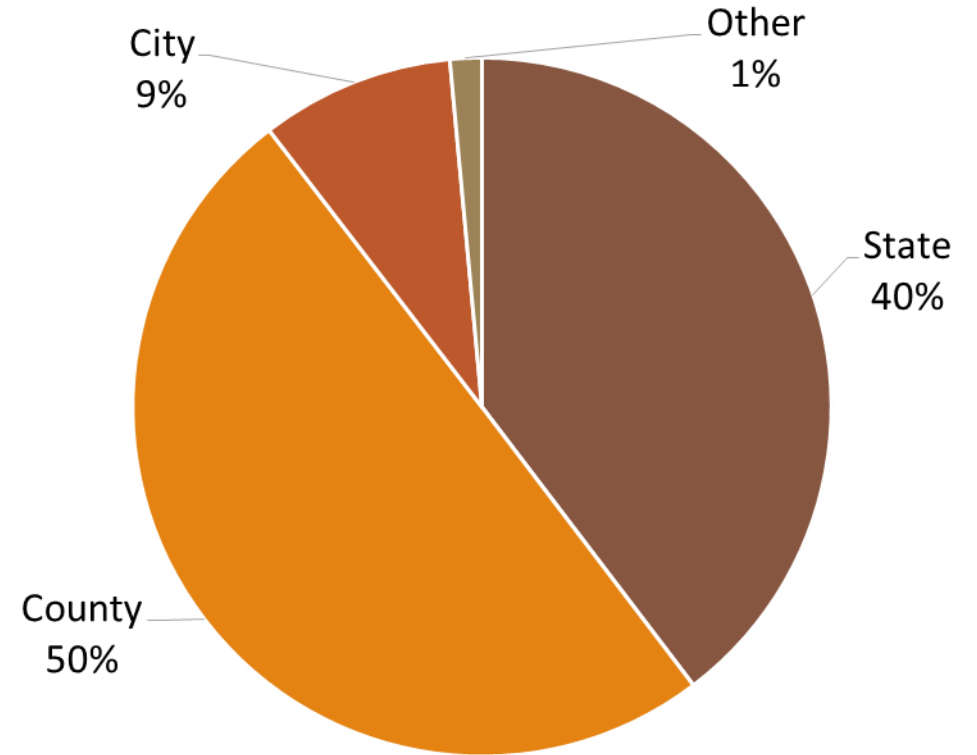
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# Oregon's Road & Bridge System

## Road Ownership



## Bridge Ownership



# History of Road Revenue in Oregon

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**1860:** Oregon's first road fee, set at 1 Day's Labor per year or \$2

**1913:** "Oregon State Highway Commission & Department" created

**1919:** Nation's first gas tax created in Oregon, set at \$0.01 per gallon

**1933:** Created first weight-mile tax for heavy vehicles, in nation.

**1942:** Constitutional amendment creating State Highway Fund (SHF)

**1967:** Gas tax reaches \$0.07 per gallon

**1979:** Constitutional amendment restricting SHF uses to roads and highways

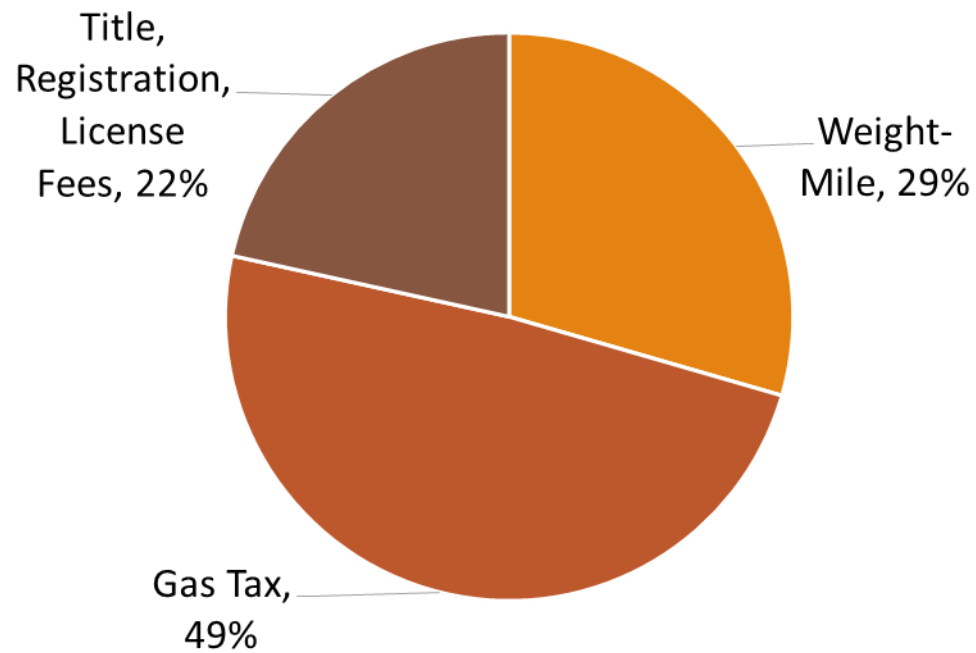
**1993:** Gas tax reaches \$0.24 per gallon

**2011:** Gas tax raised to \$0.30 per gallon, title and registration fees \$82 per year

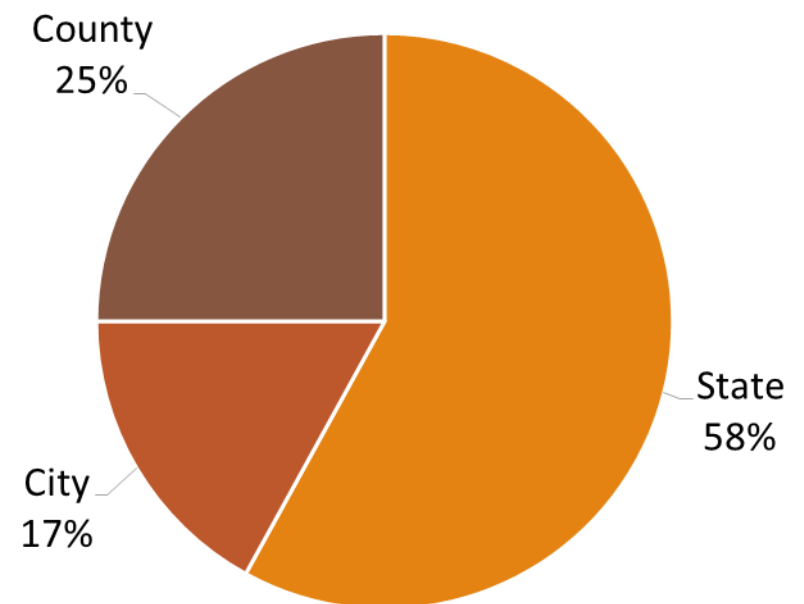
# Oregon's State Highway Fund

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## SHF Revenue



## SHF Distribution



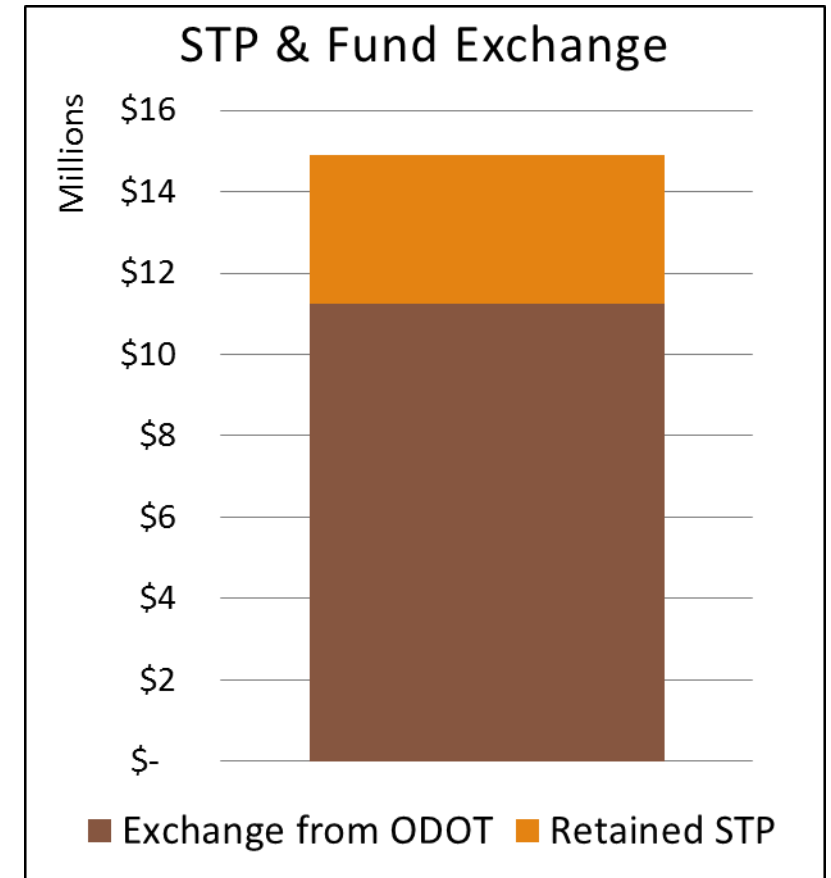
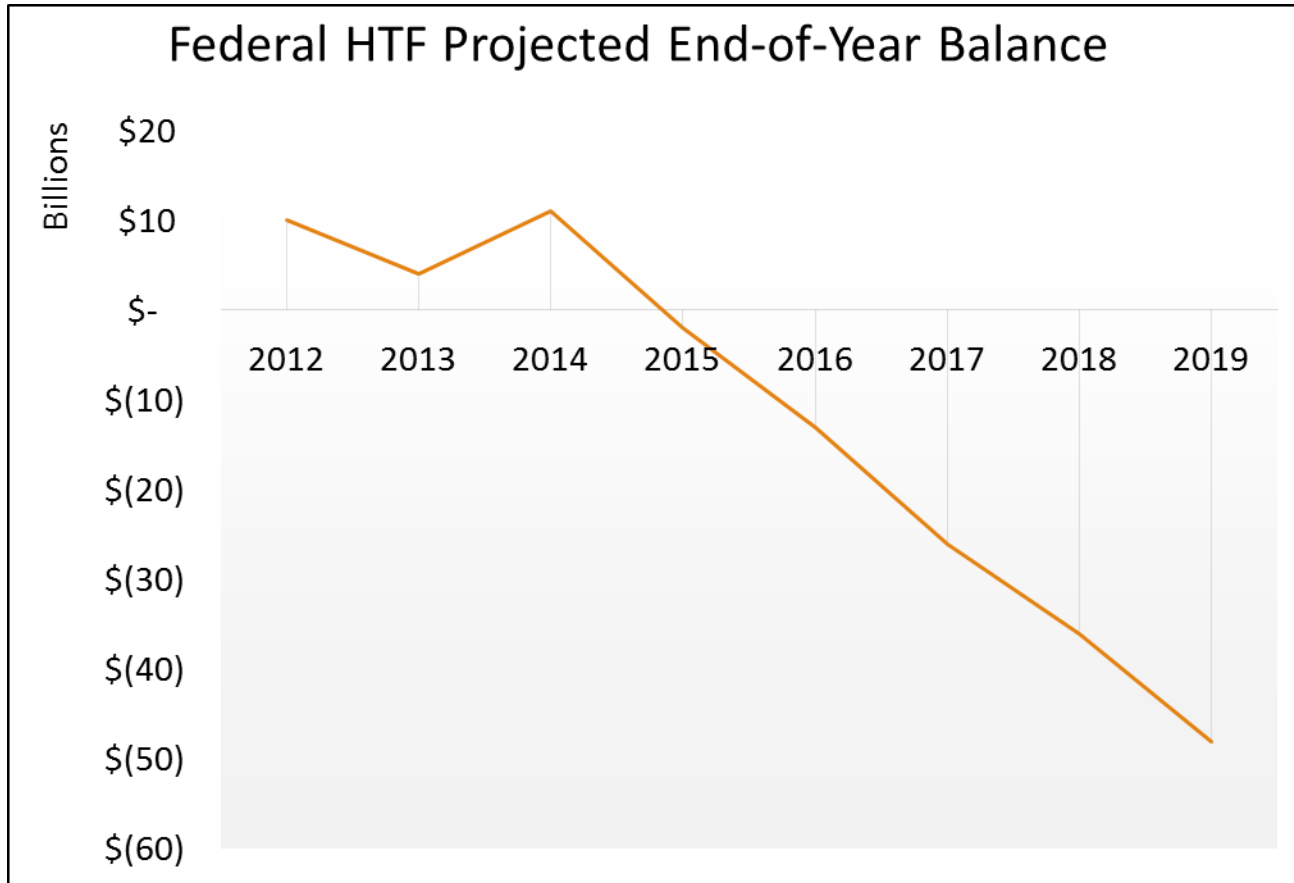
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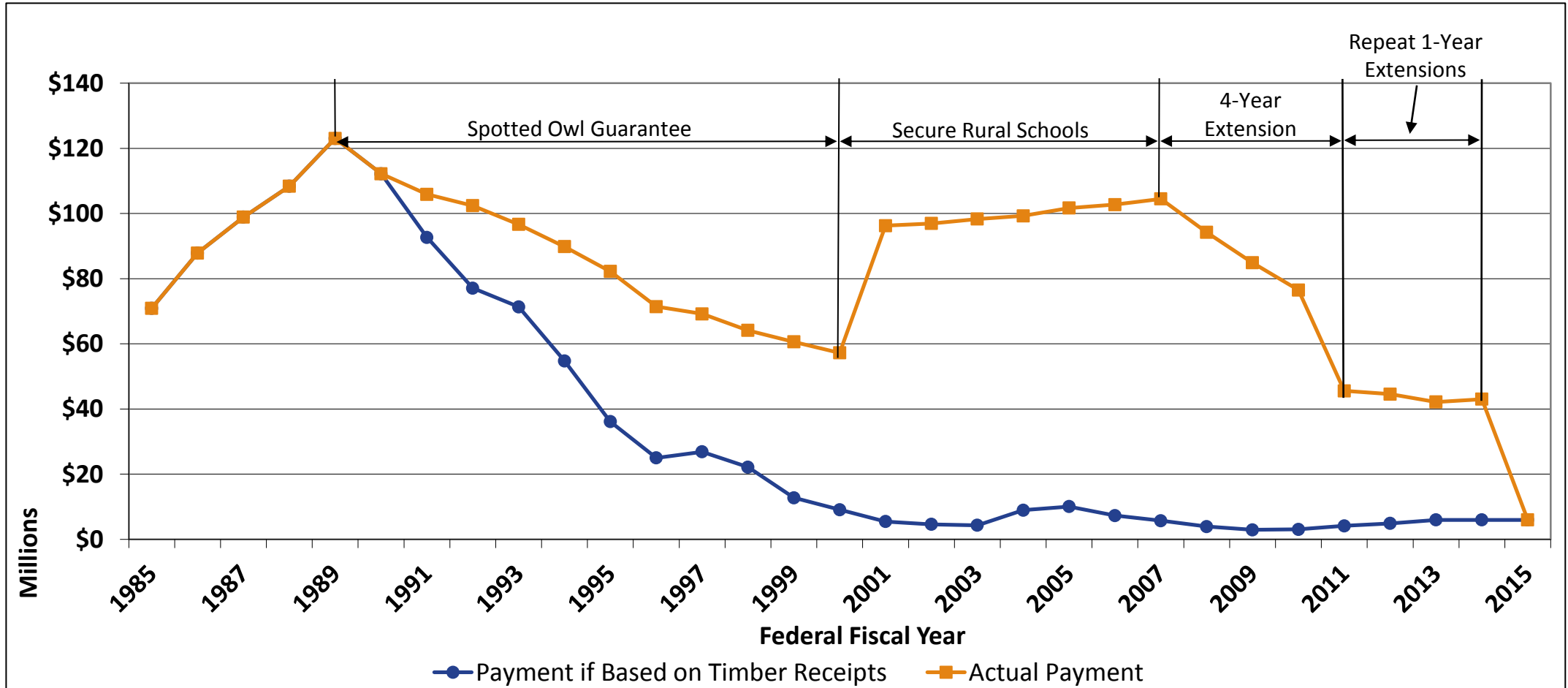
- Weight-Mile Tax
- Highway Cost Allocation Study



# Federal Highway Trust Fund & STP Funding



# USFS Timber Payments to County Road Funds





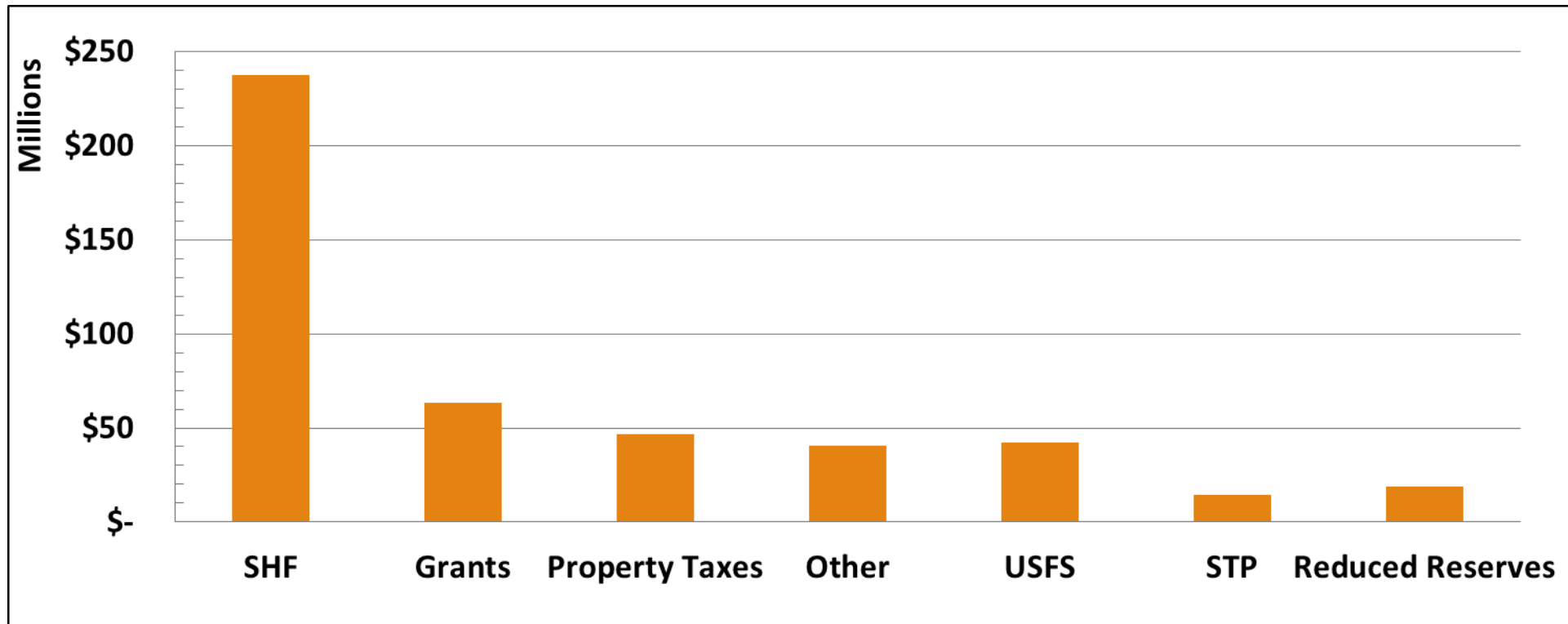
# Local Options for Road Revenue

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- Tax Levy
- County Road District
- County Vehicle Registration Fee
- County Gas Tax
- Local Improvement District



# Funding Overview of Oregon's County Roads



Results from Association of Oregon Counties 2014 Road Need Study: [www.OregonCountyRoads.org](http://www.OregonCountyRoads.org)

# Future of Transportation Funding in Oregon

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- Increasing fuel efficiency of the vehicle fleet has undercut gas tax revenues, so what do we do?
- Road Usage Charge (RUC) Program
  - 2007: First pilot program
  - 2012: Second pilot program
  - July 2015: Volunteer 5,000 person program
- Based on Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) tax policy
  - \$0.015 per mile

