

Wisconsin Counties Association

Discussion on Transportation Funding

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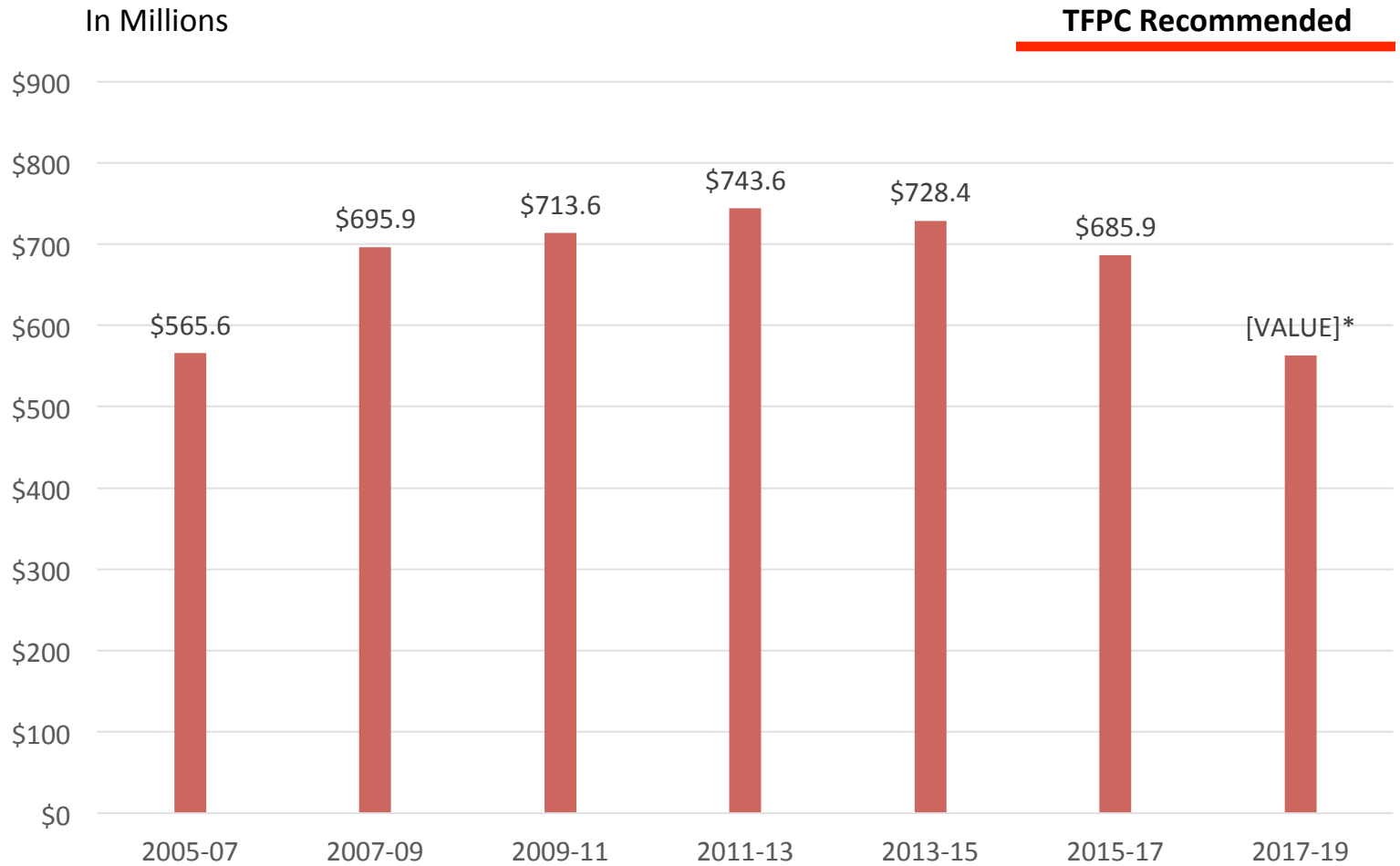
2017-19 State Budget

- **WisDOT budget proposal released Sept. 15:**
 - No tax or fee increases
 - \$500 million in bonding (vs. \$850 M in 2015-17)
 - Scales back large state highway projects to focus on local road/bridge aids, LRIP and highway maintenance/preservation
 - Majors & SE Mega-project delays
 - Local program increases: GTA, \$46 M; LRIP, \$14 M; Bridge, \$5 M
 - \$69.7 million increase for STH Maintenance

2012 Study Commission

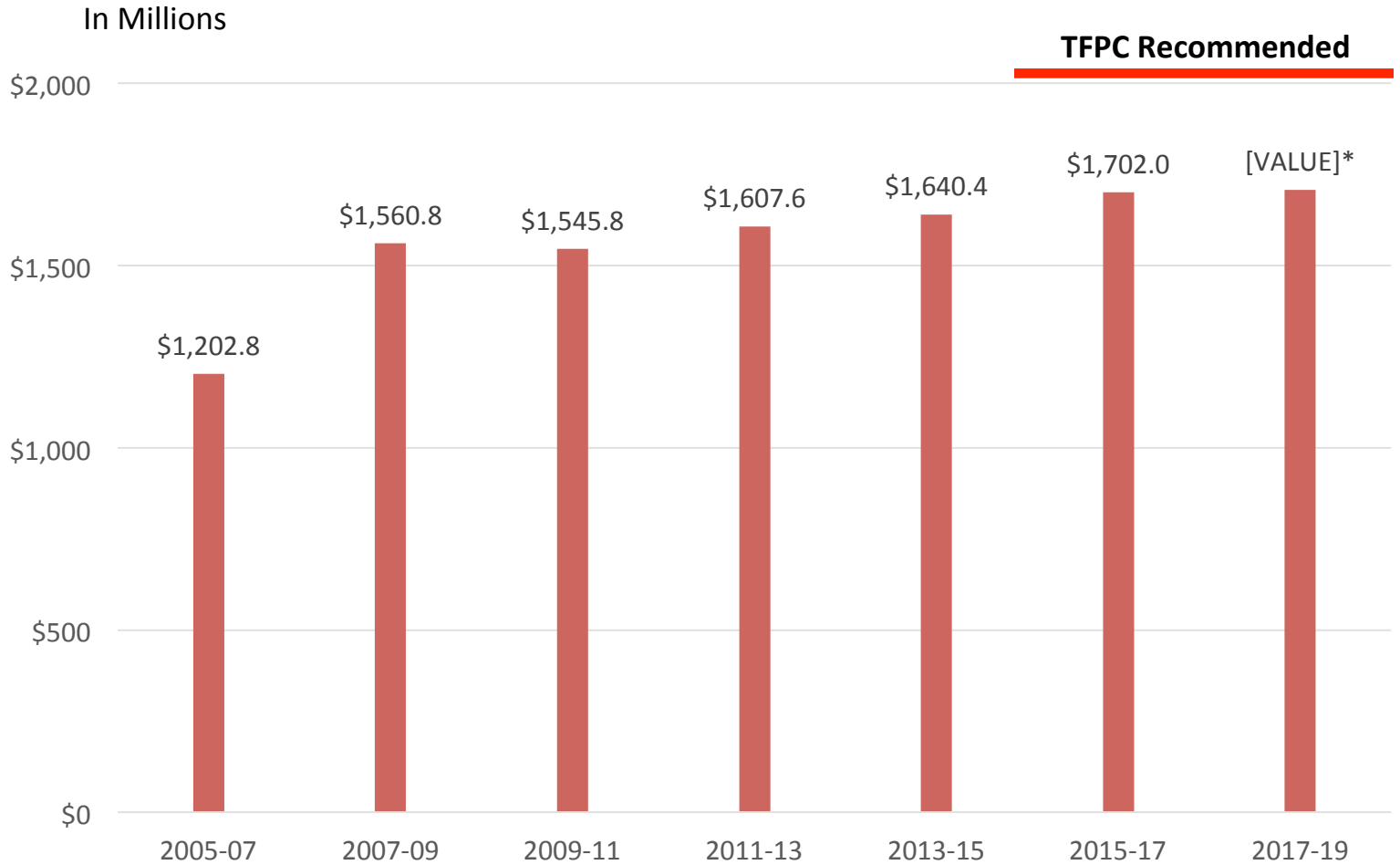
- **Transportation Finance & Policy Commission (TFPC):**
 - 10-member bi-partisan commission established in 2011-13 state budget
 - Chaired by WisDOT Sec. Gottlieb
 - Examine likely funding and system needs over 10-year period
 - Funding recommendations to maintain current conditions through FY 2023

Major Highway Program



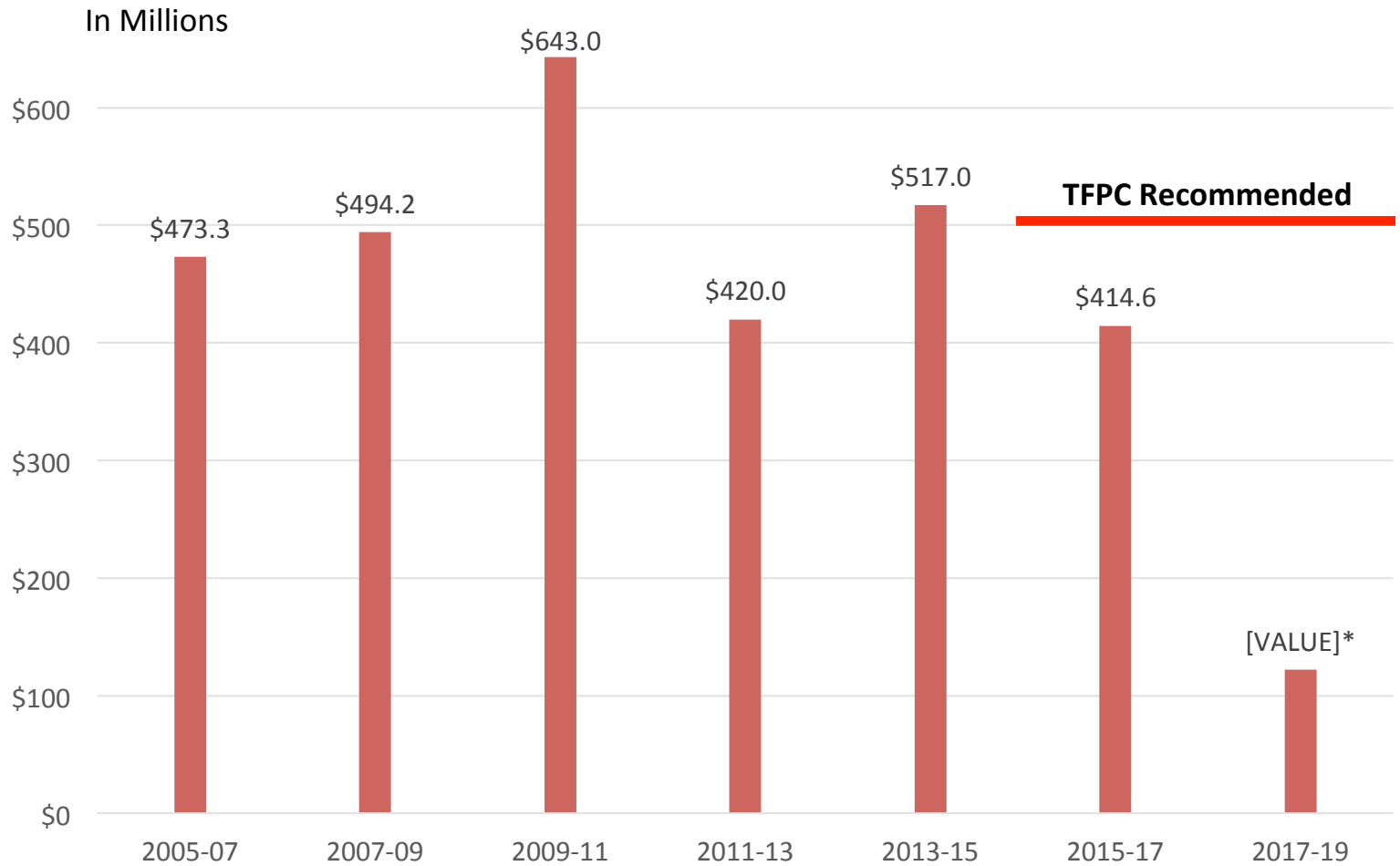
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STH Rehabilitation



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SE WI Megaprojects



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State Highway Impacts

- **Majors**

- Delays of 1-3 years for key projects
- No new enumerations or study projects
- Safety, congestion impacts

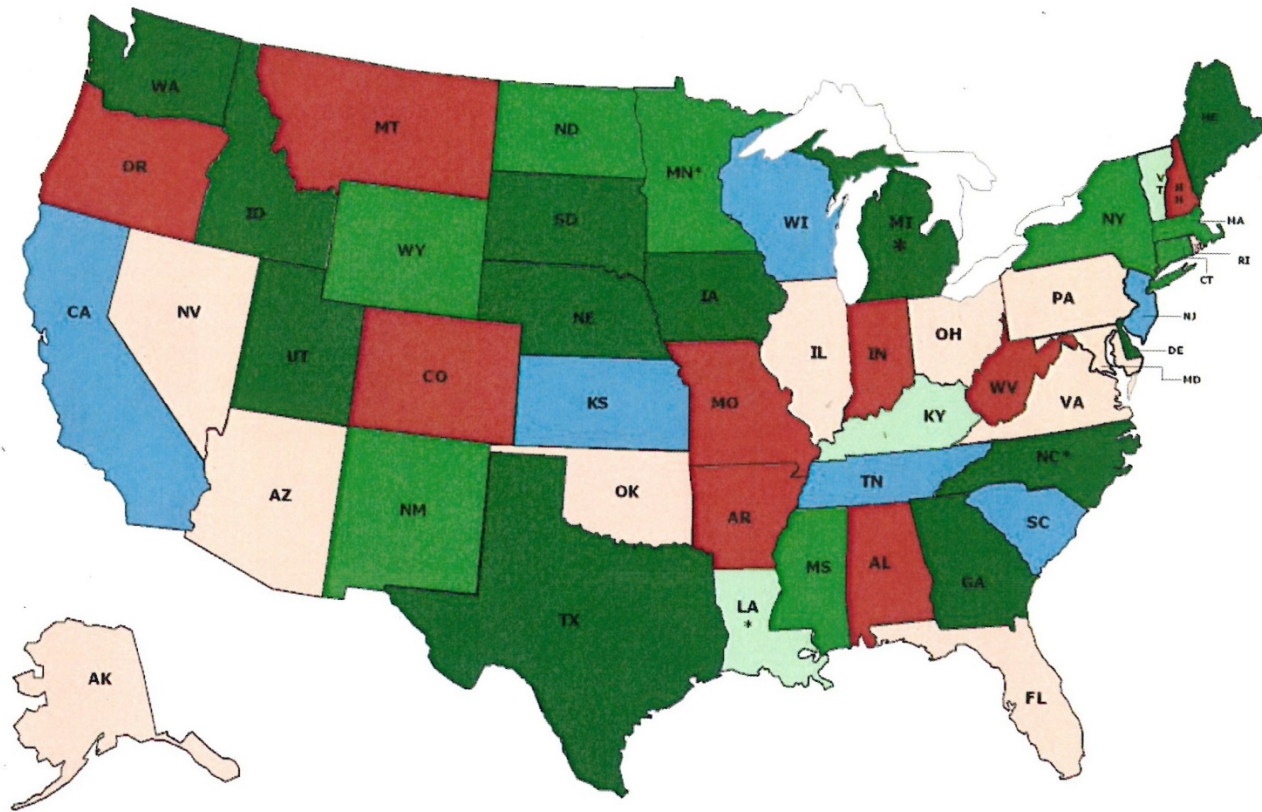
- **Rehabilitation**

- Increased spending in SE WI to keep freeway system operating safely, efficiently

- **SE Mega-projects**

- Delays to Zoo & I-94 North South projects

State Funding Initiatives



- Ballot Measure Pending
- New Recurring Revenue Approved
- One-Time Revenue Approved
- Non-Funding Legislation Approved
- Initiative Pending
- Initiative Failed
- * Several measures are in varying stages. View state breakdown for more info.

Local Funding Solutions

- Sheboygan County: Implements 0.5% sales tax, dedicates to transportation
- Implementing Wheel Taxes (local reg. fee)
 - **Municipalities**
 - **Appleton** (city; \$20); **Arena** (township; \$20); **Beloit** (city; \$20); **Fort Atkinson** (city; \$20 beginning for March 2016 registrations); **Gillett** (city; \$20); **Janesville** (city; \$20 beginning for January 2016 registrations); **Kaukauna** (city; \$10); **Lodi** (city; \$20 beginning for May 2016 registrations); **Milwaukee** (city; \$20); **Prairie du Sac** (village; \$20 beginning for January 2016 registrations); **Sheboygan** (city; \$20 beginning for February 2016 registrations); **Tigerton** (village; \$10 beginning for September 2016 registrations)
 - **Counties**
 - **Chippewa County** (\$10); **Iowa County** (\$20); **Marathon County** (\$25 beginning for December 2016 registrations); **St. Croix County** (\$10)

Current Studies/Initiatives

- **Legislative Audit of Highway Program**
 - Identify efficiencies
 - Release date late 2016/early 2017
- **Transportation Fund Solvency Study**
 - Update TFPC numbers
 - Role of Tolling in Wisconsin?
- **Legislative Caucuses**
 - Assembly GOP “Forward” Agenda
 - “All Options Need to be on The Table”

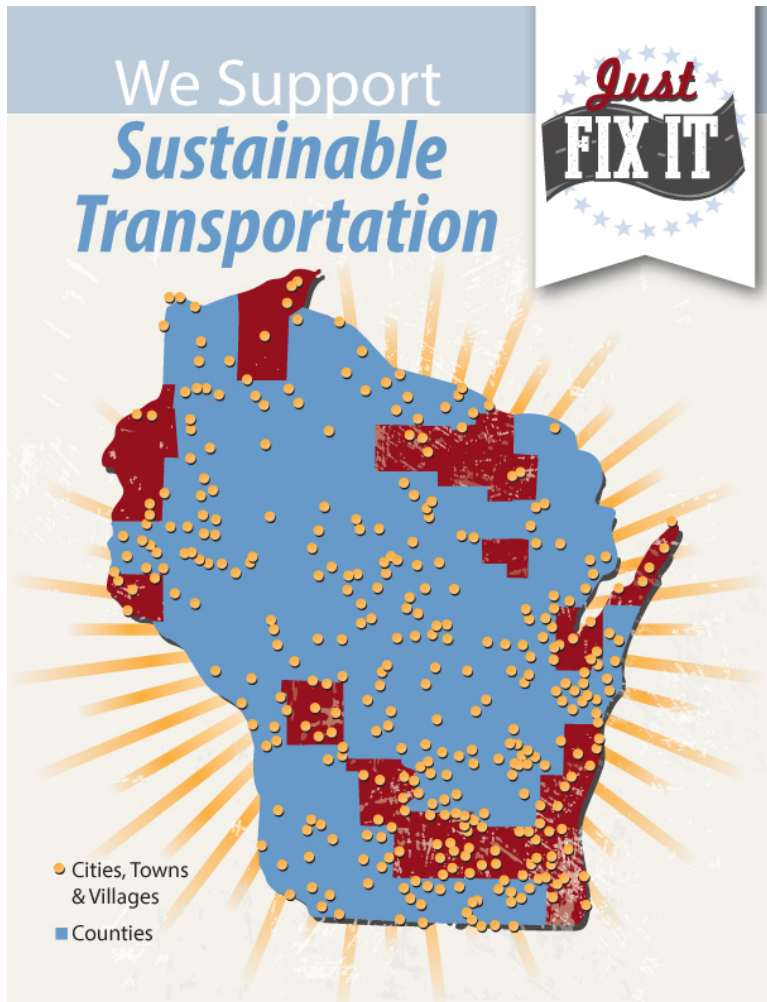
Conclusions

- **Wisconsin's 115,000 miles of state & local roads operates as a system and should be funded as a system**
 - WTBA advocates for infrastructure investment at all levels of government
- **Robbing from Peter (state highways) to pay Paul (local roads) for 2 years is neither long-term nor sustainable**

Conclusions

- **Needs – not wants – exist at all levels and in all modes**
 - La Crosse Tribune Sept. 16: County receiving \$127,000 in increased road aids over 2 years ... compared to \$89 million “to do” list for county roads
- **Transportation advocates are stronger together**
 - TDA Just Fix It campaign

Just Fix It



- More than 400 communities have passed Just Fix It resolutions
- Turnout for Transportation this Thursday at 7 p.m. across Wisconsin



Questions?