# TRANSPORTATION REVENUE OPTIONS COMMISSION









### AGENDA

- 1. Meeting Objectives
- 2. Commission Chair's Opening Remarks
- 3. Schedule/Milestones Review
- 4. Review of Draft Final Report Outline
- 5. Work Groups' Revenue Projections
  - Compiled Results
  - Individual Work Groups' Results
    - Mileage-Based User Fees (MBUF)
    - Tolling Scenarios
    - Vehicle Registration Fees
    - Taxing Scenarios
    - Multimodal Revenue Sources
    - Transit Revenue Sources
    - Local Solutions
  - Toward Consensus

- 6. Briefing
  - Federal Funding Initiatives (Larry Shifflet, TROC Executive Director and PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Planning)
- 7. Meeting Summary and Public Comments
- 8. Commission Chair's Closing Remarks



#### MEETING OBJECTIVES

- To review Work Groups' evaluations of revenue opportunities.
- To review the TROC Final Report structure and contents.
- To review federal funding considerations.



#### **COMMISSION CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS**



Secretary of Transportation, Yassmin Gramian



# SCHEDULE/MILESTONE REVIEW

#### March

Initiate strategic proposal and establish the need

#### **April**

Generate and evaluate options

#### May

Identify initial recommendations

#### **June**

- Complete recommendations and rationale
- Complete other sections of strategic proposal

#### July

- Review, revise and finalize report
- Submit to the Governor by August 1st

**Upcoming Meeting Dates: June 24, July 14 and July 28** 



#### REVIEW OF DRAFT FINAL REPORT OUTLINE

#### 1. Introduction

- TROC purpose and methodology
- Scale and age of system
- PennDOT modernization
- Current funding challenges

#### 2. Proposed Commonwealth Transportation Funding Strategy

- Guiding principles
- Long-term strategy
- Near- and mid-term solutions
- How the proposed approach compares to other states for varied sources

#### 3. Modernizing Federal and Local Transportation Funding

- Federal
- Local

#### 4. From Recommendations to Reality

#### 5. Conclusion

Call to action

#### **Acknowledgments**

TROC member list and affiliations



#### TROC FINAL REPORT - GENERAL STORYLINE

- 1. Daily life and future prosperity are undergirded by PA's vast multimodal transportation system.
- 2. However, the system is aging, in need of substantial investment, and historical funding mechanisms are no longer adequate—particularly the Liquid Fuels tax.
- 3. PennDOT's advances in modernization, efficiency, and sensible legislation laid a solid foundation to address the still-widening funding gap.
- 4. Governor Wolf established the TROC to examine revenue options and propose a strategic, comprehensive Commonwealth transportation funding scenario.
- 5. The TROC represented a wide cross-section of Pennsylvania leaders; work groups evaluated all feasible revenue options.
- 6. The proposed funding scenario addresses defined needs across each mode while positioning Pennsylvania to leverage technology advances in mobility and funding models.
- 7. Next we as Pennsylvanians must commit to the necessary investments in our transportation system.

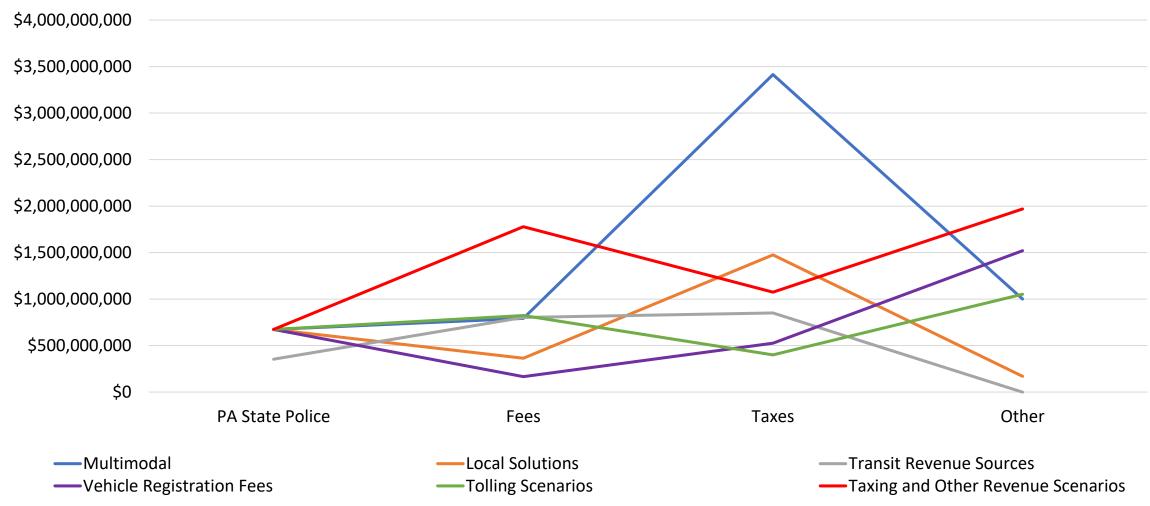
# WORK GROUPS' REVENUE PROJECTIONS





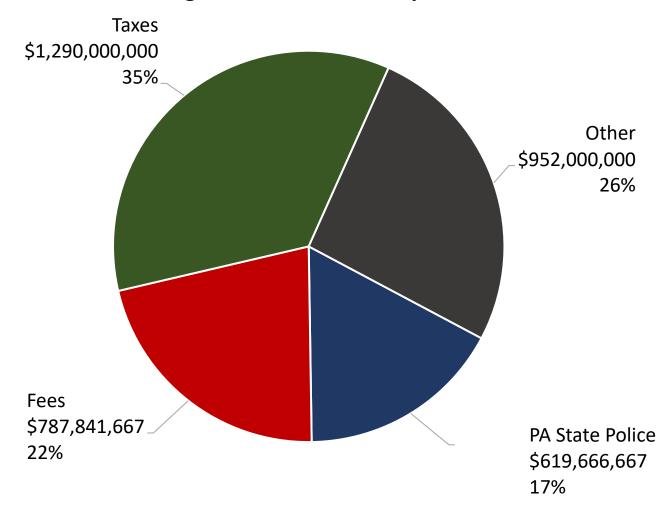


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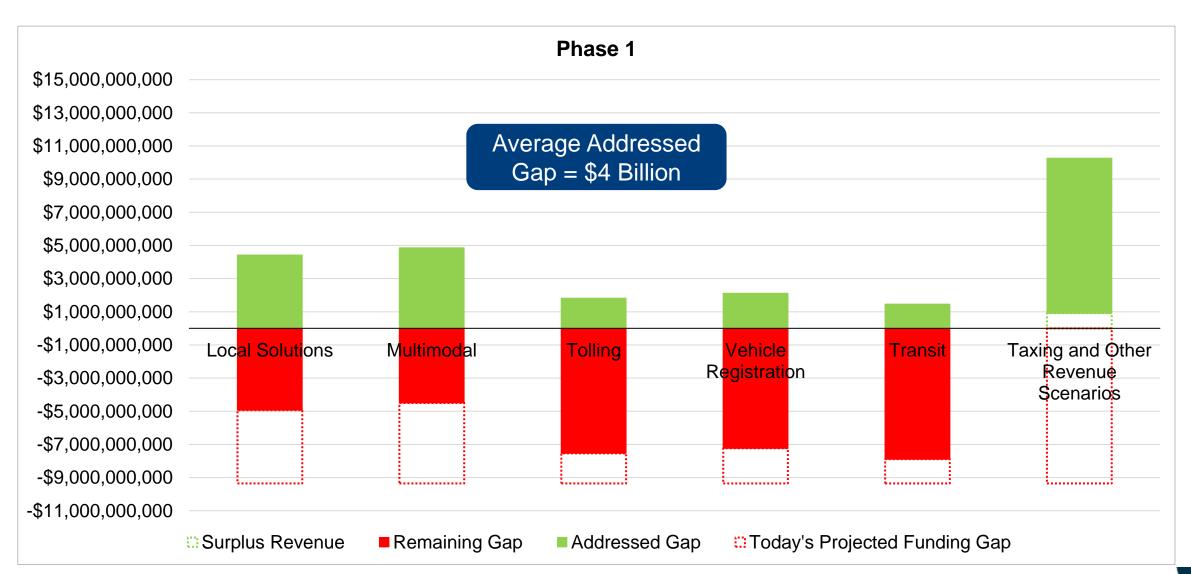


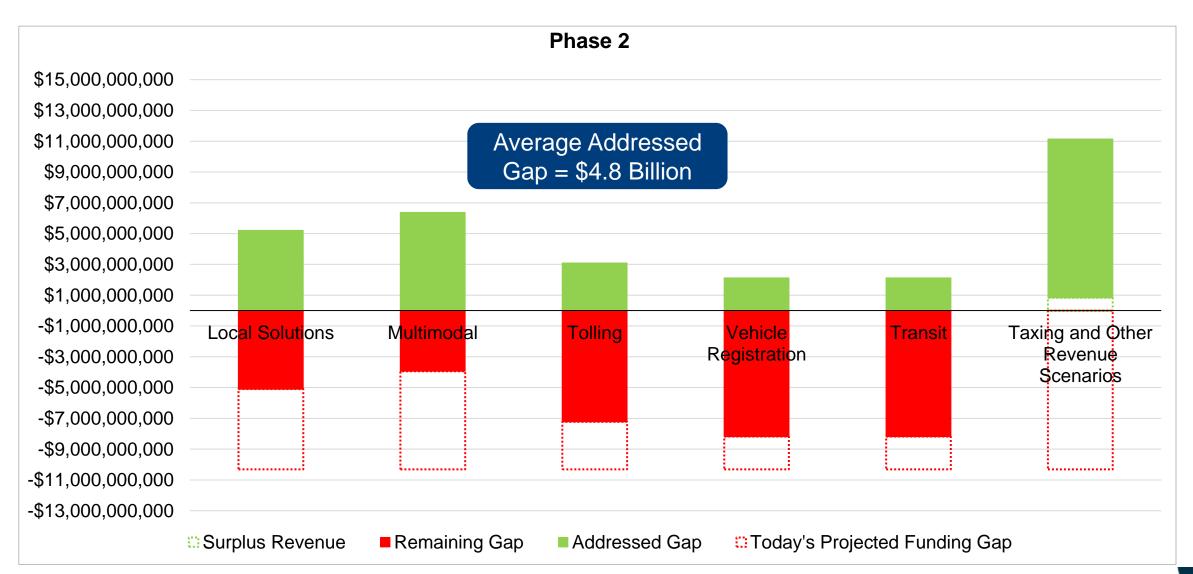


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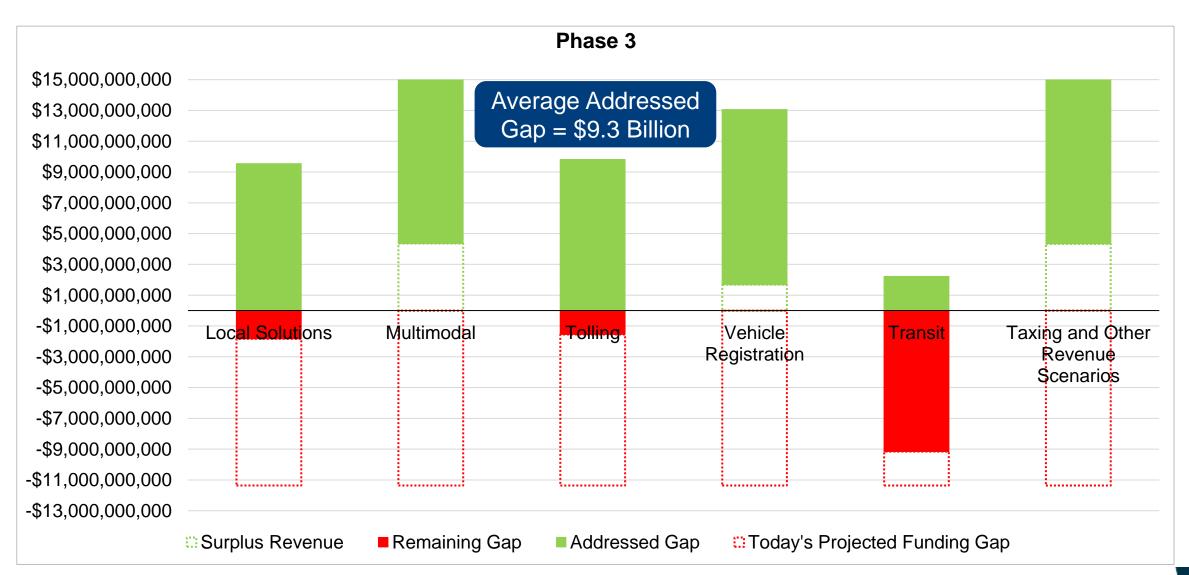














### MILEAGE-BASED USER FEES (MBUF)

#### The Long View

- Primary Role: Replacement of gas tax in the long term (probably ten years out)
- Potential to bring in more money than other sources
- Dedicated to highways and bridges
- Both funding mechanisms in place during transition and technology development (with piloting but not duplication of obtaining funds)







## MILEAGE-BASED USER FEES (MBUF)

#### **MBUF** by the Numbers

- Current need: \$9.3 B (\$8.1 B highway and bridge)
- Current liquid fuels revenue is \$4.6 B
- Total current need: \$12.7 B (liquid fuels PLUS need)
- At 2% inflation, that's \$15.5 B (Fed and other revenues may reduce by \$2 B)
- Implementation might begin at 3 or 4 cents/mile and increase for urgent needs

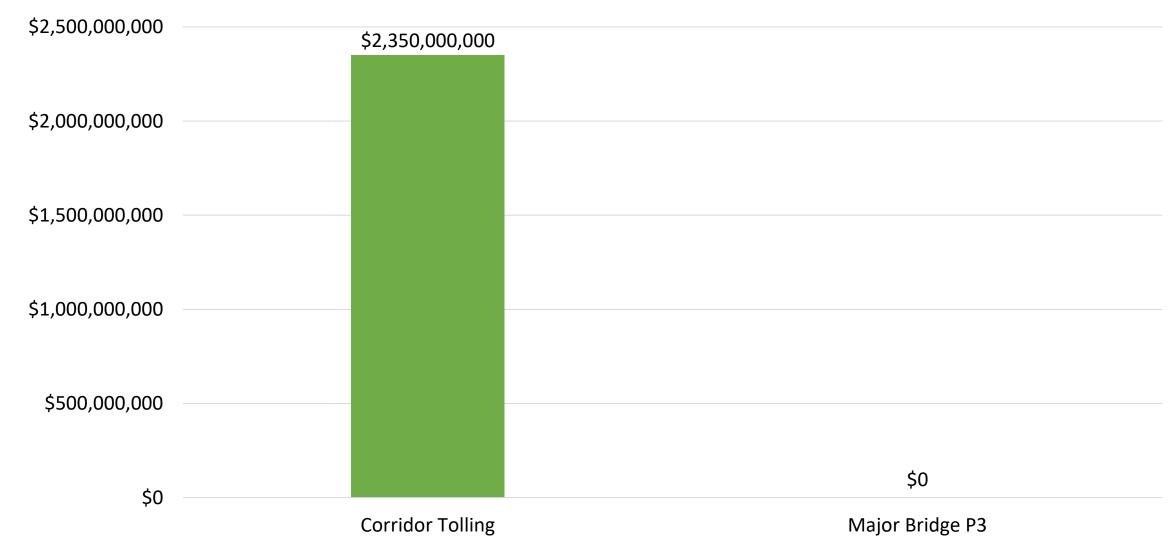


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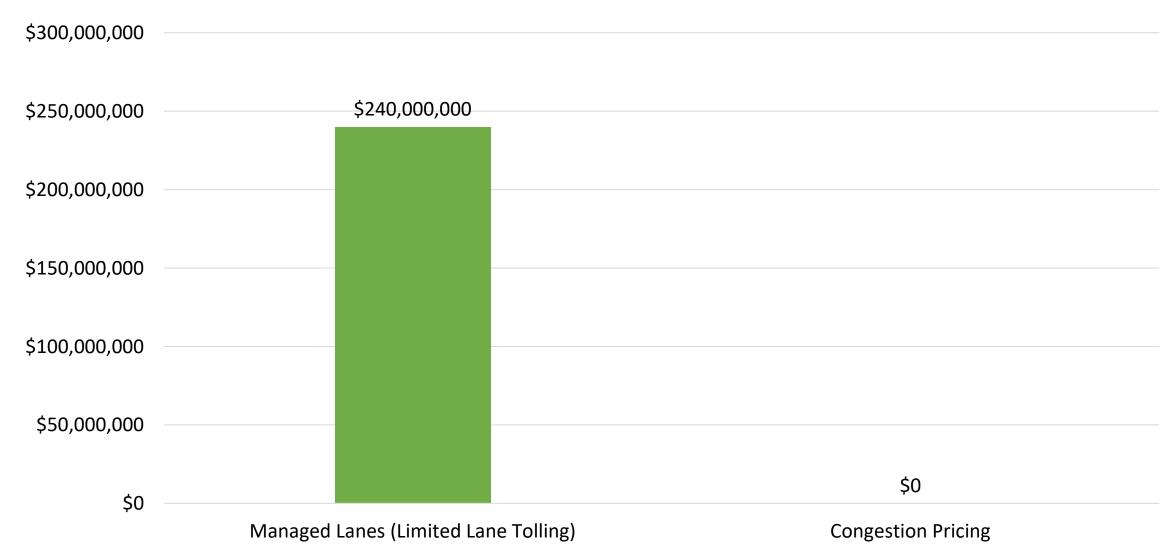
#### **Outlook**

- MBUF must be a high priority and can coexist with traditional means for many years
- Federal involvement is a must
- Pilots and technology development can begin now









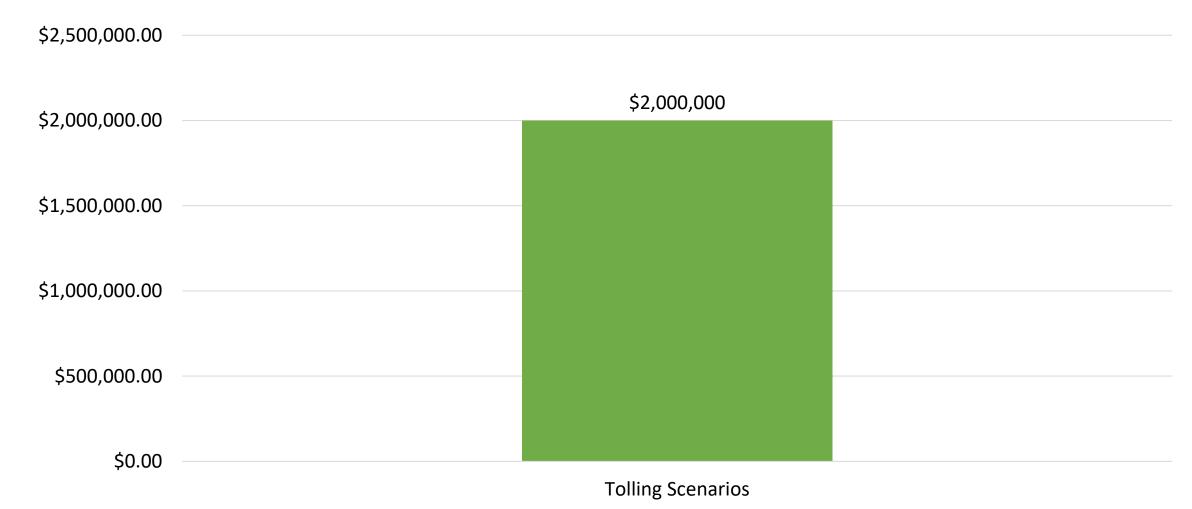


#### **Ad Valorem Vehicle Tax**



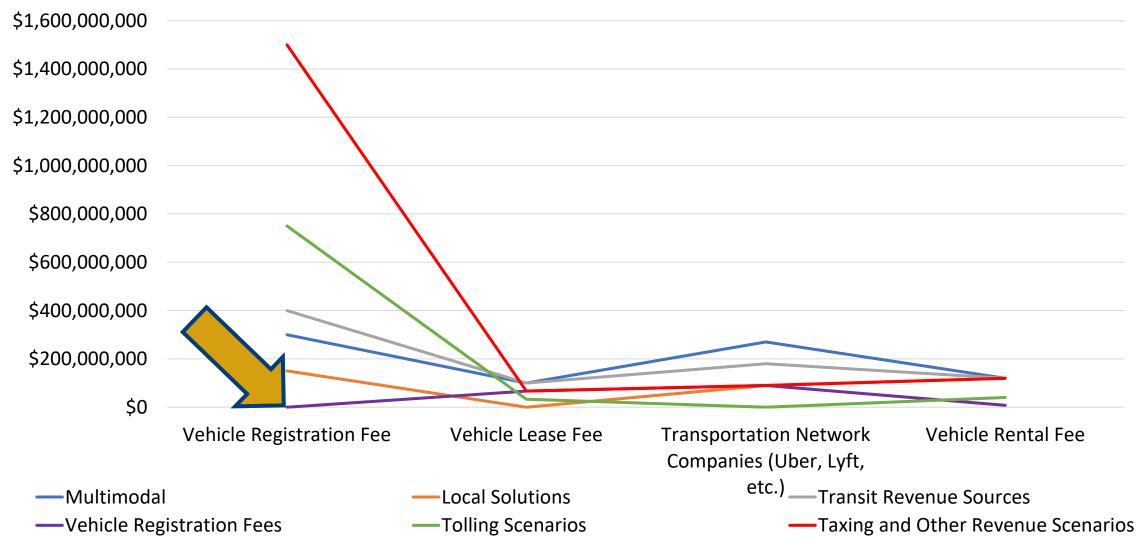


#### **EV MBUF Pilot**





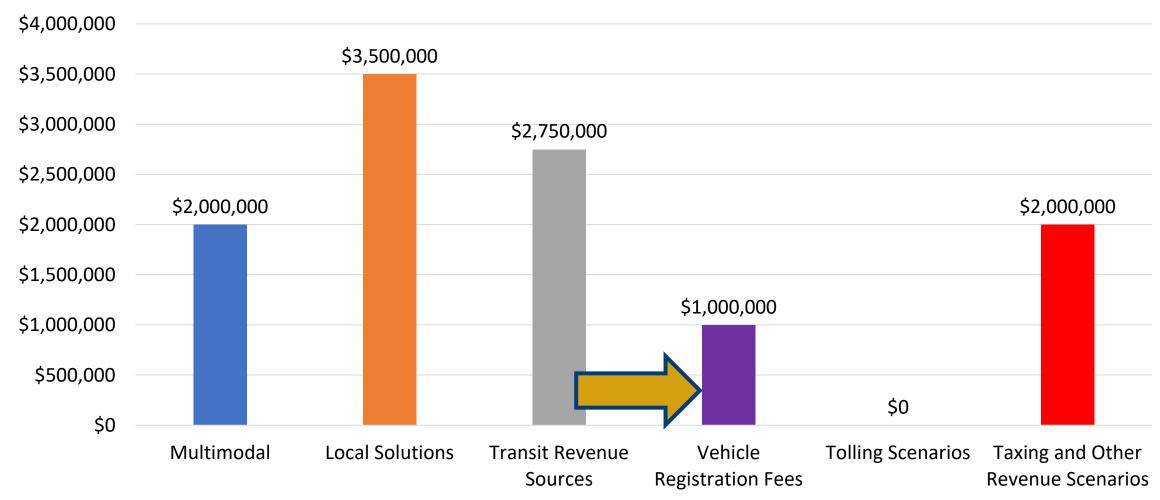
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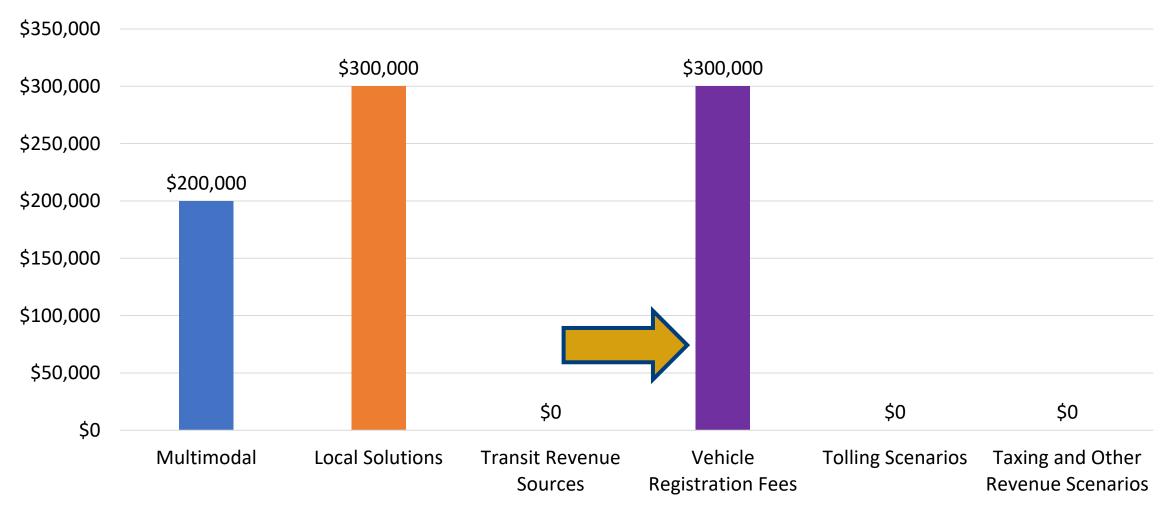




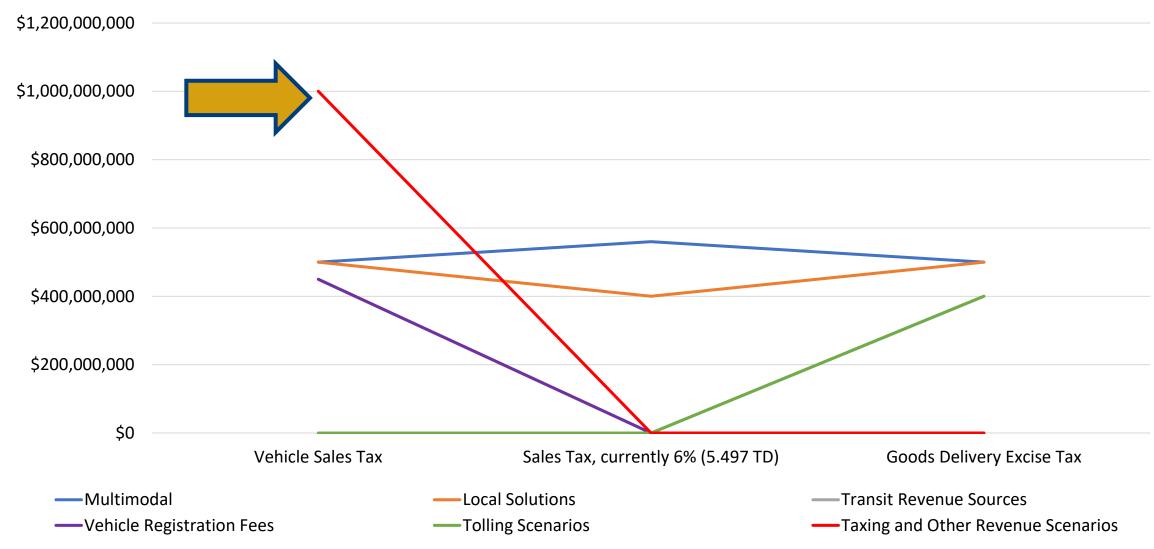


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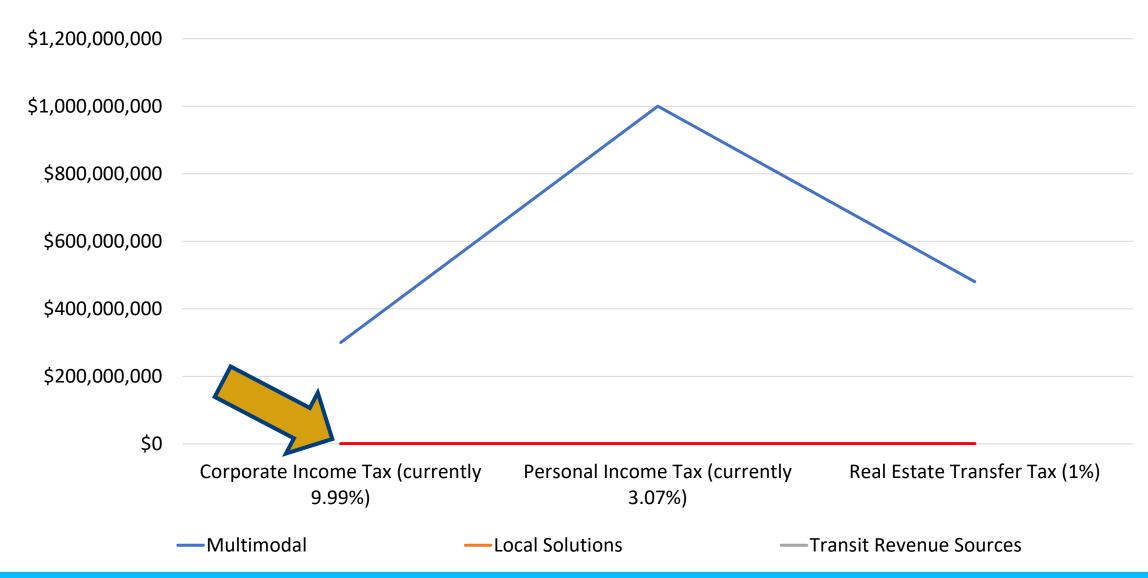
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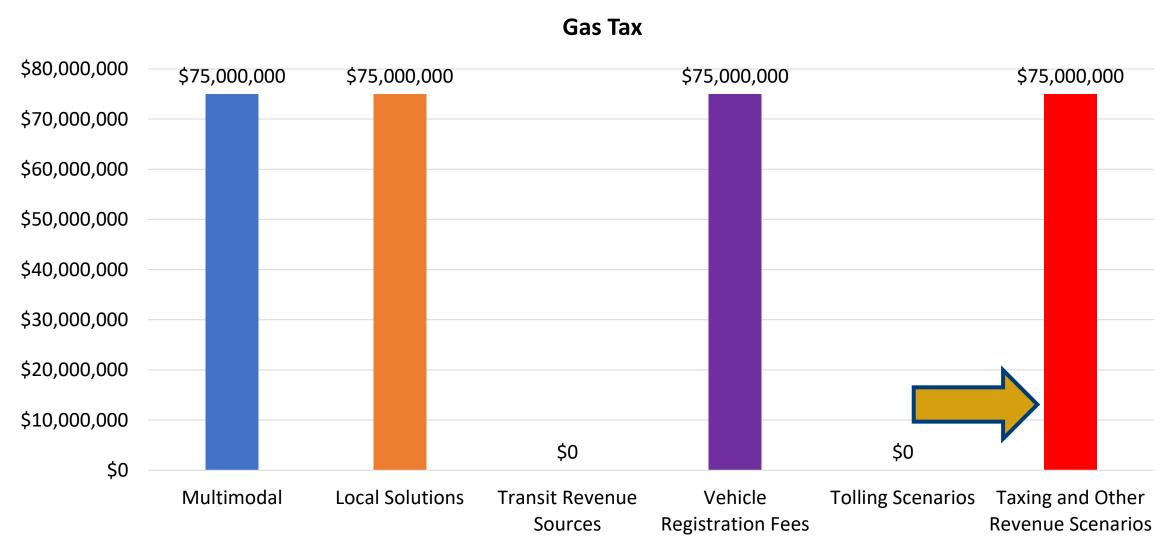














#### **American Rescue Plan**





#### **All Current MVST to Transportation Funding**







#### MULTIMODAL REVENUE SOURCES

#### **Core Themes and Considerations**

- Funding flexibility must be a key to new revenue sources
- Key broader policy goals and principles must be kept in view strategically, e.g., climate change
- MBUF recommendation of multimodal work group is based on assumption of flexibility for modes in addition to highways
- The department must have authority without legislative approvals being required



#### MULTIMODAL REVENUE SOURCES

#### Core Themes and Considerations (continued)

- Consider systemwide tolling v. specific location (bridge) tolling –
  Corridor tolling
- Need an overall strategy for tolling in general
- Vehicle registration increases concern over impact on low-income individuals
- Sales tax offers the opportunity for regional say in allocation if done correctly



#### MULTIMODAL REVENUE SOURCES





# TRANSIT REVENUE SOURCES





## LOCAL SOLUTIONS

#### **Options to Explore\***

- Mileage-Based user Fee (MBUF) tied to also including congestion pricing
- Transportation Network Companies
- Goods Deliveries Excise Tax Shipping isn't free (end user)
- PA State Police to General Fund

\*Tolling not addressed



## LOCAL SOLUTIONS

#### Overarching themes that will still need to be addressed:

- Index to inflation link to CPI
- Local Sales Tax Option to the County or the MPO/RPO to fund local or regional needs
- If we remove the Gas tax, how do we fill that gap in funding that went to local governments let alone grow funding to address local needs not included in the \$9 Billion funding shortfall



# LOCAL SOLUTIONS



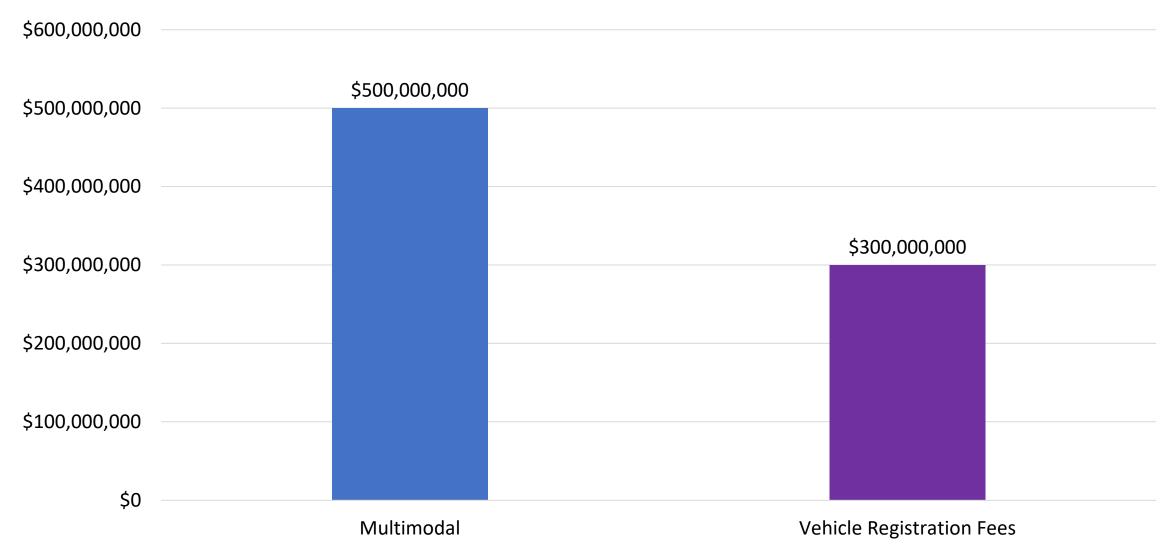


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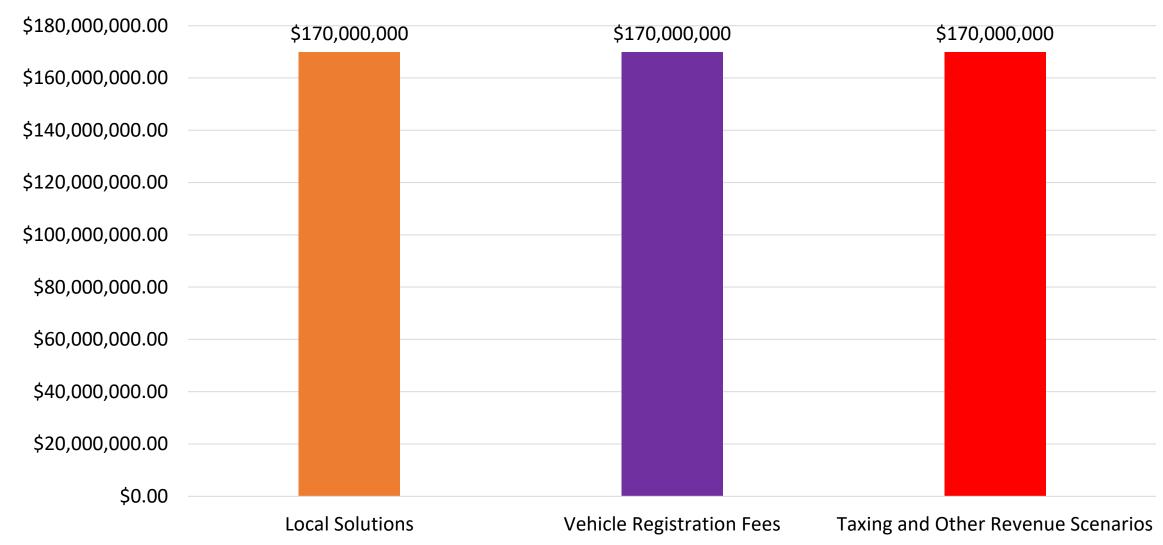


#### GAMBLING





#### PA TURNPIKE FUNDING





#### TOWARD CONSENSUS

**Comments and Considerations from TROC Members** 



## BRIEFING







### FEDERAL FUNDING INITIATIVES



Larry Shifflet, TROC Executive Director and PennDOT Deputy Secretary for Planning



#### PRESENTATION FOCUS

- American Jobs Plan
- FAST-Act Reauthorization
- Communication



#### AMERICAN JOBS PLAN

- On March 31, 2021, President Biden unveiled the 'American Jobs Plan'
- \$621 Billion for Transportation
  - \$115 Billion for Roads and Bridges
  - \$174 Billion for Electrification of Vehicles
  - \$85 Billion for Transit
  - \$80 Billion for Rail
  - \$25 Billion for Aviation



#### FAST ACT REAUTHORIZATION

- FAST-Act Expired 9/30/2020
- Congress passed a one-year extension (9/30/2021)
- Senate and House working on Reauthorization Legislation
- Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee marked up legislation 5/26/2021
- House Bill has not yet been marked up (may be 6/9/2021)



#### FAST ACT REAUTHORIZATION

- What's in Senate EPW legislation
  - \$303.5 Billion over 5 years for Highway and Bridge Programs
  - Roughly 34% increase over FAST Act
- Pennsylvania's Share
  - Estimated \$11.3 Billion over the five years
- Next Steps
  - Several other Senate committees have jurisdiction over this legislation



#### FAST ACT REAUTHORIZATION

- What's in House legislation
  - \$343 Billion over 5 years for Highway and Bridge Programs
- Pennsylvania's Share
  - Estimated \$11.57 Billion over the five years
- Next Steps
  - Several other House committees have jurisdiction over this legislation



### COMMUNICATION

- Local
  - Earmarks
- State
  - AASHTO
- Federal
  - Congressional Delegation



#### MEETING SUMMARY AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Opportunity for Public Comment
- A Look Ahead to June 24
  - Package Delivery Fees
  - Review of Funding Proposal Scenarios and Key Content of Final Report



#### **COMMISSION CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**



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