

Transportation Road Funds

Source of Funds:

- **Federal gas tax:** When you buy gasoline at the pump, you pay an additional 36.4 cents per gallon in gas tax. Of that amount, 18.4 cents is a Federal tax used to fund the federal highway trust fund.
- **State gas tax:** also called Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA). The remainder of the 36.4 cents per gallon gas tax, 18 cents is the State tax on gasoline. In round numbers, the State retains about 12 cents to pay for the State highway system and other transportation needs, and the remaining 6 cents is returned to cities and counties under a series of formulas.
- **State sales tax on gasoline:** Proposition 42, the Transportation Congestion Improvement Act, passed by voters in 2002, reserves sales tax on gasoline for transportation projects. Prop 42 was later amended by prop 1A.
- **Miscellaneous road fund sources:**
 - **Proposition 1B bond:** passed by California voters in 2006, provides bond funds for road capital and maintenance projects
 - **TDA funds:** 1/4% of the total State sales tax
 - **TIMF funds:** Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Ordinance
 - **State and Local grants:** Programs like “Safe Routes to School”. County applies for and competes with several other counties and cities for a limited amount of money.

Use of Funds:

Used for TEA (Transportation Equality Act) projects for arterial roads as classified by FHWA (Federal Highway Administration)

Routine road maintenance and Transportation Department Operating Fund

Road maintenance Projects

Local Road Improvement Projects

Public Transit Projects

None of the property taxes paid by residents in the County of Ventura are used for road maintenance, repair, or operations. The County Road fund receives ZERO property taxes.

Gas tax revenues collectively comprise 95% of the annual operating funds of the County Road Fund. In the last two years, the State has withheld and delayed payments to counties and cities at least two times, for many months.

