# Financial Outlook for Oregon's Transportation System

#### AGC/ODOT Annual Conference

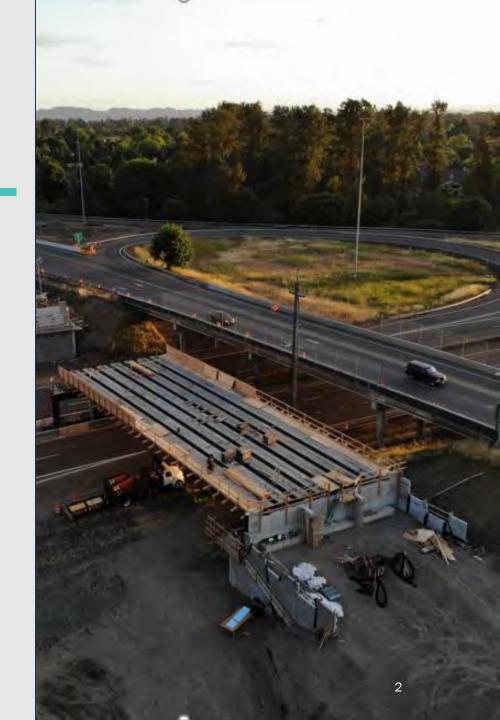
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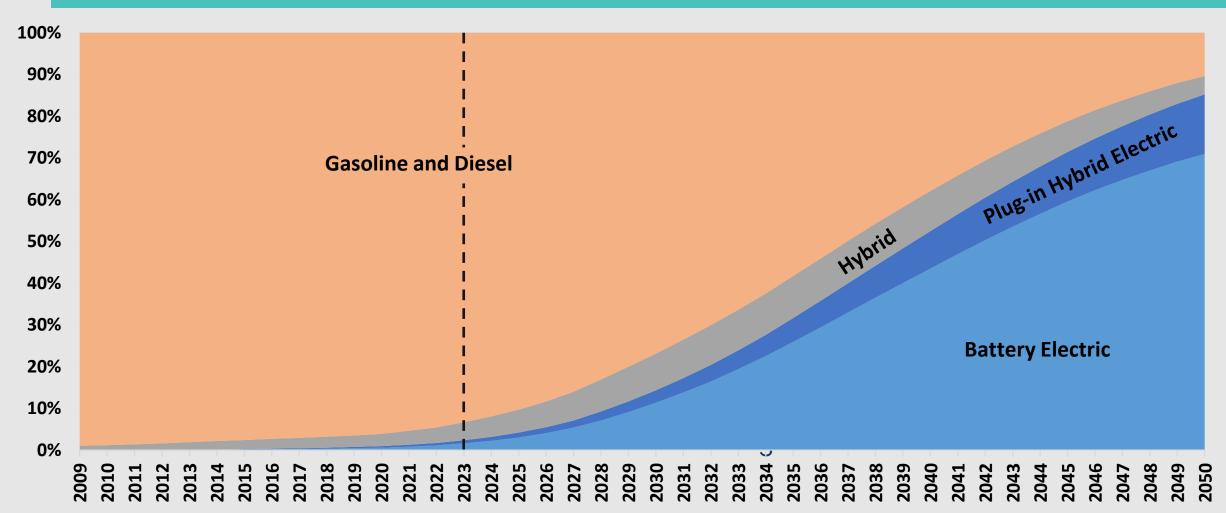


## Transportation Funding Challenges

- Growing fuel efficiency continues to diminish the gas tax
- Inflation erodes transportation revenue sources
- ODOT faces massive shortfall for operations and maintenance
- Construction funding is heading downhill

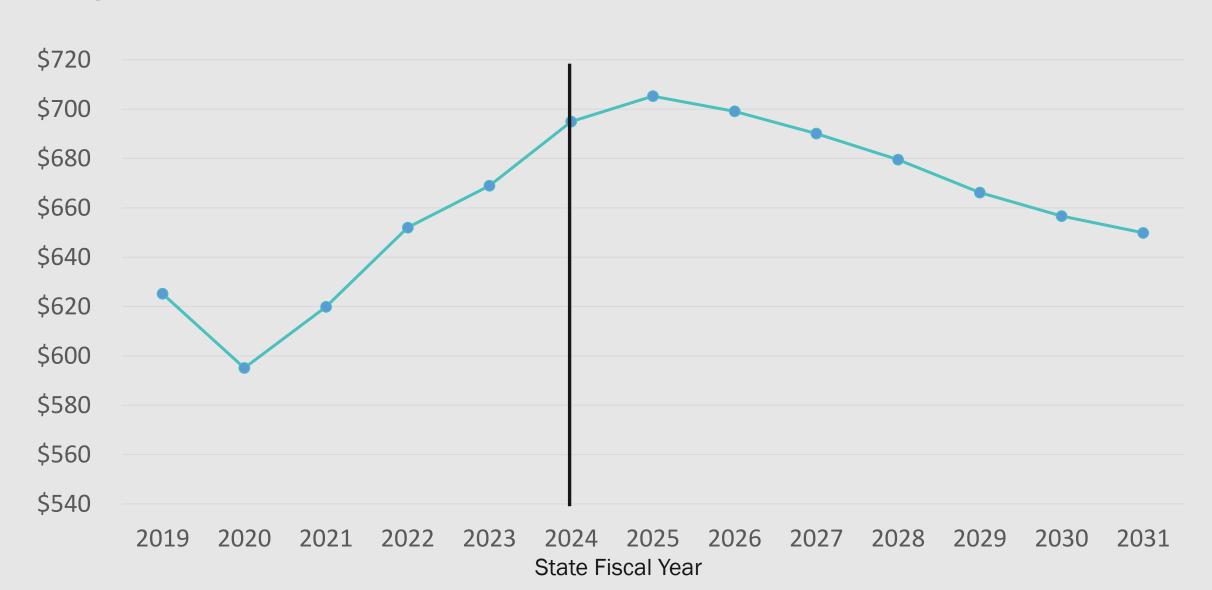


## Passenger Vehicles in Oregon are Becoming More Fuel Efficient



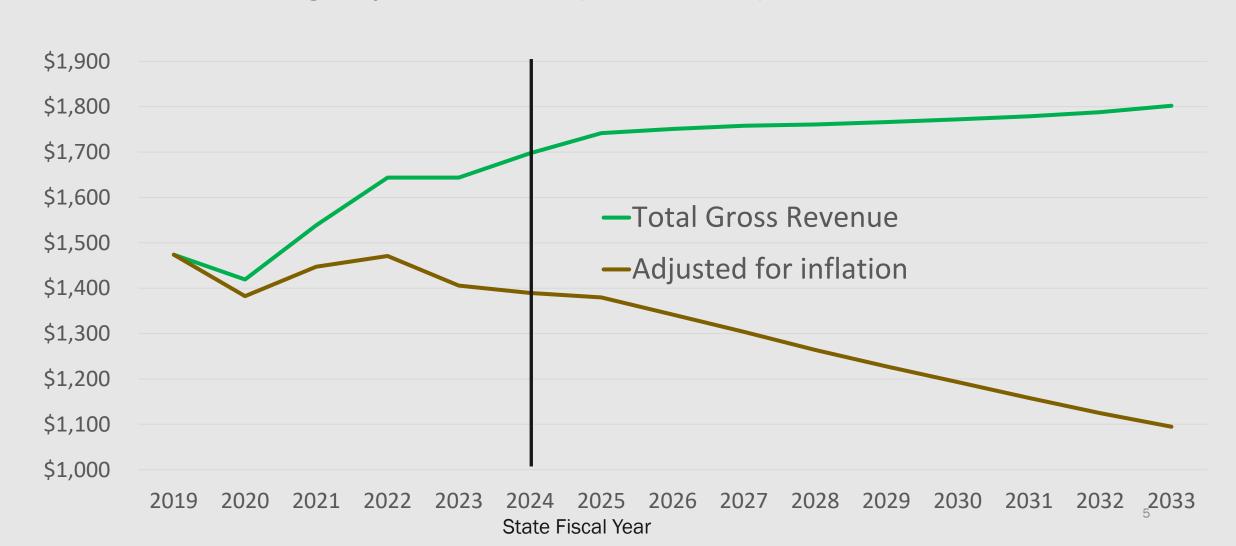
#### Fuels Tax Revenues Are Going to Decline

Oregon Motor Fuels Tax Forecast (October 2023), In millions of nominal dollars



# Inflation Will Dramatically Impact the State Highway Fund

Total Gross State Highway Fund Forecast (October 2023), In Millions of Dollars

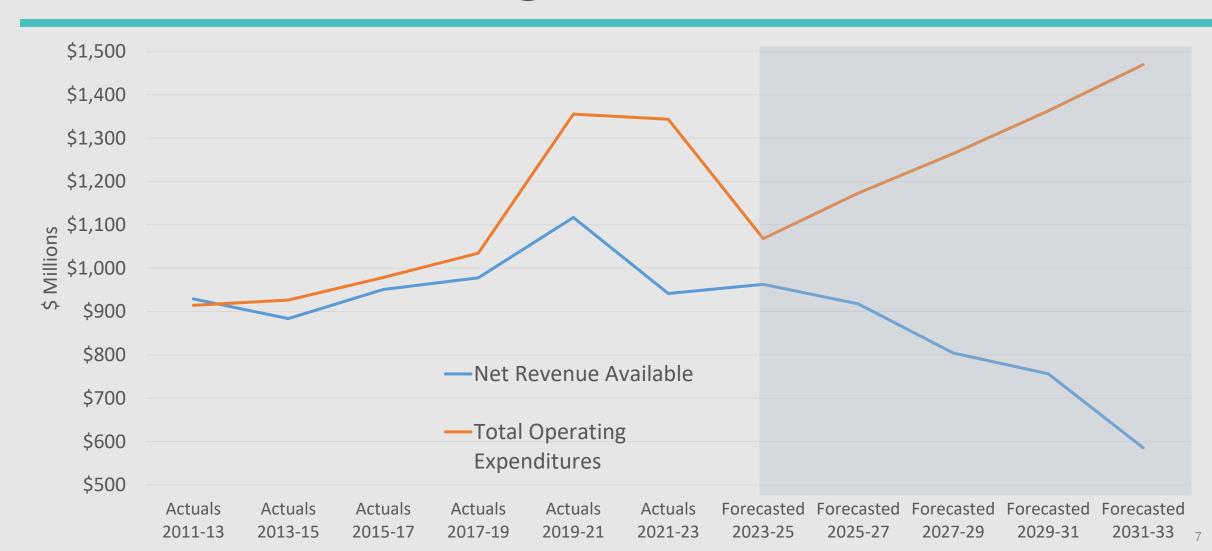


#### **Construction Costs Have Risen Rapidly**

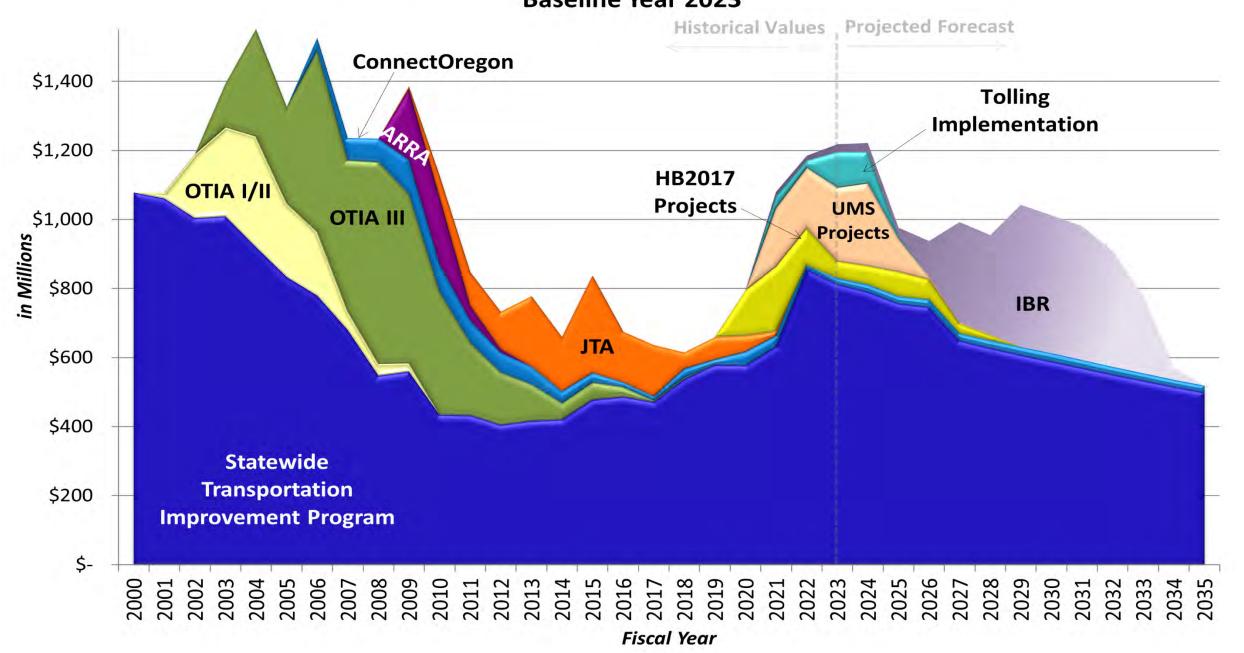
Nationwide highway construction costs increased more than 80% since beginning of 2017



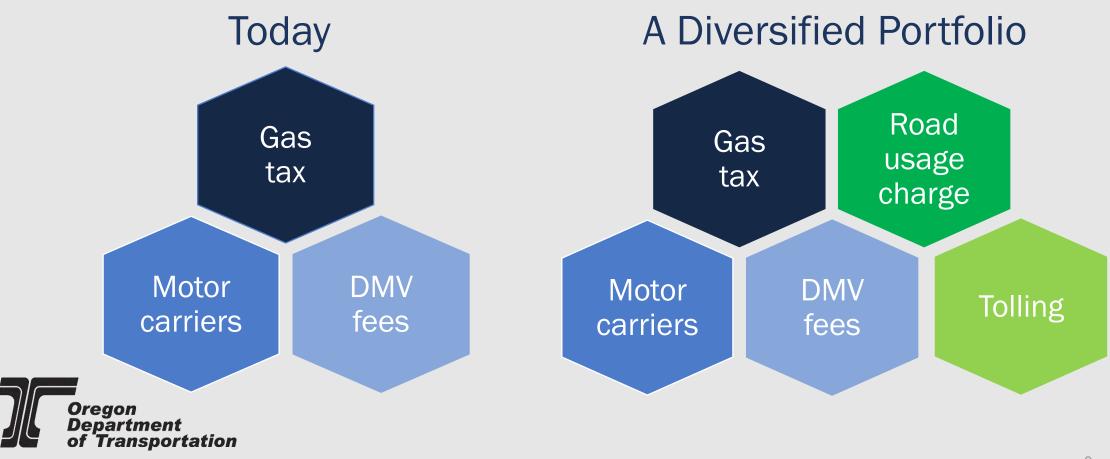
### ODOT Faces a Large and Growing Gap on the O&M Side of Our Budget



### ODOT Construction Programs Adjusted for Inflation Baseline Year 2023



#### Diversifying Oregon's Road Funding Streams



#### **Potential Solutions**

- Increase and inflation index major taxes and fees
- Ensure DMV fees cover cost of service
- Increase tiered registration fees on high-efficiency vehicles
- Shift toward a road usage charge
- Use tolling for major construction projects

