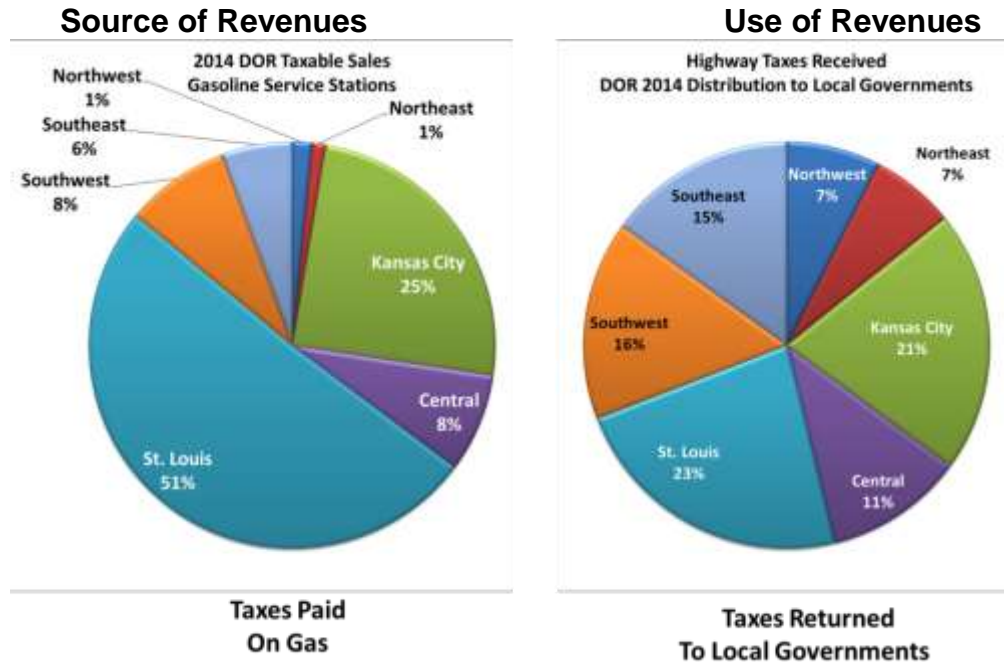


Proposal: Joint Public Forum on Transportation in the St. Louis Area

This is to propose a Joint Public Forum on Transportation in the St. Louis Area. Most voters are not aware the especially the St. Louis area is underfunded from the transportation taxes they pay for example:

- Drivers in 5 MO counties of the St. Louis area **pay half of the gas tax** in the state.
- Yet St. Louis **receives less than a quarter** (23%) of these taxes transferred to local governments per the MO Constitution.



Effect:

- As a result, the St. Louis area has **70% of the statewide traffic on locally owned critical bridges** which are eligible for federal funds in the state at a cost of \$290 million.
- Also **MetroLink receives zero** funding from highway taxes – unlike other states.

“The League supports allocation of highway funds for mass transit and incentives for vanpooling and carpooling programs. The League has supported proposals to amend the constitution in order to permit using taxes on motor fuels for purposes other than the construction and maintenance of highways and bridges.”

A Joint Public Forum on Transportation might include Citizens for Modern Transit, the Missouri Public Transit Association, Sierra Club, City/County transportation officials, and/or others. It might be held in facilities such as the History Museum, UMSL...It would be published in the calendar section of local media and LWV local social media.

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