

Highway Trust Fund Projections

CBO August FY 2012 Baseline 2011-2022

(In Billions of dollars)

August 22, 2012

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Highway Account</b>												
<u>Resources</u>												
Contract Authority (FHWA)	39.9	40.2	40.4	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0
Contract Authority -- flexed to transit	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Contract Authority (Safety)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Obligation Limitation (FHWA)	41.1	39.1	39.8	40.4	41.0	41.8	42.7	43.5	44.5	45.4	46.3	47.2
Obligation Limitation (flexed to transit)	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Obligation Limitation (Safety)	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5
<u>Cash Flow</u>												
Beginning of Year Balance	20.7	14.3	8.7	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Est. Flexing -- Transfer of Cash	-1.1	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Revenues, Interest & Intergovernmental transfers b	32.0	35.9	32.7	32.8	33.8	34.9	35.7	36.1	36.2	36.3	36.5	36.8
General Fund Transfer	0.0	0.0	6.2	10.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Outlays	37.3	40.5	42.0	42.7	43.3	43.4	43.8	44.4	45.1	45.5	46.0	46.4
End of Year Balance	14.3	8.7	4.7	4.1	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Transit Account</b>												
<u>Resources</u>												
Contract Authority (FTA)	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
Contract Authority -- flexed from Highways	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Obligation Limitation (FTA includes flexing)	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.8	9.9	10.1	10.3	10.5	10.7	10.9	11.1
<u>Cash Flow</u>												
Beginning of Year Balance	8.5	7.3	4.7	1.8	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
Est. Flexing -- Transfer of Cash	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Revenues & Interest b	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
General Fund Transfer	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Outlays	7.2	8.5	8.8	9.4	9.8	10.4	10.6	10.6	10.2	10.3	10.5	10.7
End of Year Balance	7.3	4.7	1.8	0.5	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
<b>Memorandum</b>												
Cumulative Shortfall a												
Highway Account Shortfall	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-6.4	-16.0	-25.1	-34.3	-44.2	-54.3	-64.7	-75.4
Transit Account Shortfall	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-3.3	-7.7	-12.3	-16.8	-20.9	-25.1	-29.5	-34.2

a. CBO projects that the highway account of the Highway Trust Fund will be exhausted in Fiscal Year 2015 and the transit account in fiscal year 2015. Under current law, the Highway Trust Fund cannot incur negative balances. However, following the rules in the Deficit Control Act of 1985, CBO's baseline for highway spending assumes that obligations presented to the Highway Trust Fund will be paid in full. The memorandum to this table illustrates the cumulative shortfall of fund balances, assuming spending levels consistent with obligation limitations contained in the August 2012 baseline for highway spending.

b. The non-permanent portions of the taxes that are deposited in the Highway Trust Fund scheduled are scheduled to expire at the end of September 30, 2014. Those include taxes on certain heavy vehicles and tires and all but 4.3 cents of federal taxes levied on fuels. However, under the baseline construction rules, CBO's baseline projections assume that all of the expiring taxes credited to the fund continue to be collected.

Estimates of trust fund balances or shortfalls reflect CBO's best estimate of likely outcomes under current law. Actual balances could be higher or lower, depending on the accuracy of revenue and spending estimates.