Transportation Funding 101
An Overview of How Transportation is Funded in Marion County

Transportation in Marion County is funded from three major sources:

**Federal**
- Gasoline = 18.4 cents/gallon
- Diesel = 24.4 cents/gallon

**State (Fuel & Sales Tax)**
- Gasoline = 25.2 cents/gallon
- Diesel = 25.1 cents/gallon

**Local (Fuel Tax)**
- 12 cents/gallon

... Every time you go to the pump in Marion County, you pay fuel taxes. These funds are used to invest in transportation in Marion County and Florida....

As a resident or visitor, you also contribute to transportation in Marion County by paying these other fees and taxes:

- Title & License Fees
- Rental Car Surcharge
- Marion County Penny Sales Tax2
- Transportation Impact Fees (Collected on new development to support capital improvements to transportation)
- Documentary Stamp Tax
- Vehicle Registration

Average Funding by Source per Year for Transportation in Marion County2

- **Federal** $25 Million
- **State** $36.5 Million
- **Local** $60 Million

The types of transportation projects that you fund in Marion County range from....

- New Roads
- Road Widening & Resurfacing
- Traffic Signals
- Bike Trails
- Sidewalks
- Bus Routes
- Airport Improvements

Future Outlook and Challenges that Lie Ahead

- Federal and state fuel tax funds are becoming less stable each year due to continued growth in fuel efficient and electric and hybrid vehicles.
- The federal fuel tax has not changed since 1993 and is not tied to inflation. The purchasing power of this fund has diminished by over 40%.
- State transportation funds can be diverted to other non-transportation uses in Florida.
- Local funds are highly beneficial to completing transportation projects in Marion County. The Penny Sales Tax was approved by voters in November 2020.
- Sources of new transportation funds are being explored such as mileage-based user fees, private-public partnerships and expansion of tolling.

1 - Florida’s Transportation Tax Sources: A Primer, Office of Work Program and Budget, Florida Department of Transportation, 2023
2 - Your Penny at Work, Marionsalestax.org.
3 - Ocala Marion Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 to 2027 Transportation Improvement Program. Average funding from FY 2023 to 2026; Local capital improvement programs.

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