

Transportation Funding 101

An Overview of How Transportation is Funded in Marion County

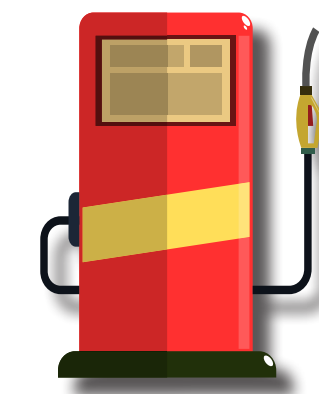
Transportation is the backbone of Marion County. Residents and visitors use transportation every day traveling to and from home, work, school, worship, healthcare, parks, shopping and many other destinations.

As taxpayers and users of transportation, how do we help fund this vital public asset?

Transportation in Marion County is funded from three major sources:

Federal **State** **Local**

... 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....



Federal (Fuel Tax)

Gasoline = 18.4 cents/gallon
Diesel = 24.4 cents/gallon

State (Fuel & Sales Tax)

Gasoline = 25.2 cents/gallon¹
Diesel = 25.1 cents/gallon¹

Local (Fuel Tax)

12 cents/gallon¹

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 County³

Federal

\$25 Million

State

\$36.5 Million

Local

\$60 Million

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



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 50%⁴.

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.

4- Bureau of Labor Statistics CPI Calculator - BLS.gov.

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