



Washington State
Association of Counties

County Transportation Revenues

Washington State Transportation Commission
December 14, 2011



Summary of Road Miles and Vehicle Miles Traveled

Jurisdiction	Centerline Miles [3]		Lane Miles		Daily Vehicle Miles Traveled (1,000s)	
State Total [1]	7,061.66	8.5%	18,571.44	10.6%	86,179	55.7%
<i>Interstate</i>	764.27	0.9%	3,984.61	2.3%	41,937	27.1%
City	17,696.69	21.2%	37,795.34	21.6%	41,522	26.9%
County	39,868.65	47.7%	80,618.36	46.2%	24,928	16.1%
Other [2]	18,877.85	22.6%	37,738.55	21.6%	2,030	1.3%
TOTAL	83,504.85	100%	174,723.69	100%	154,689	100%

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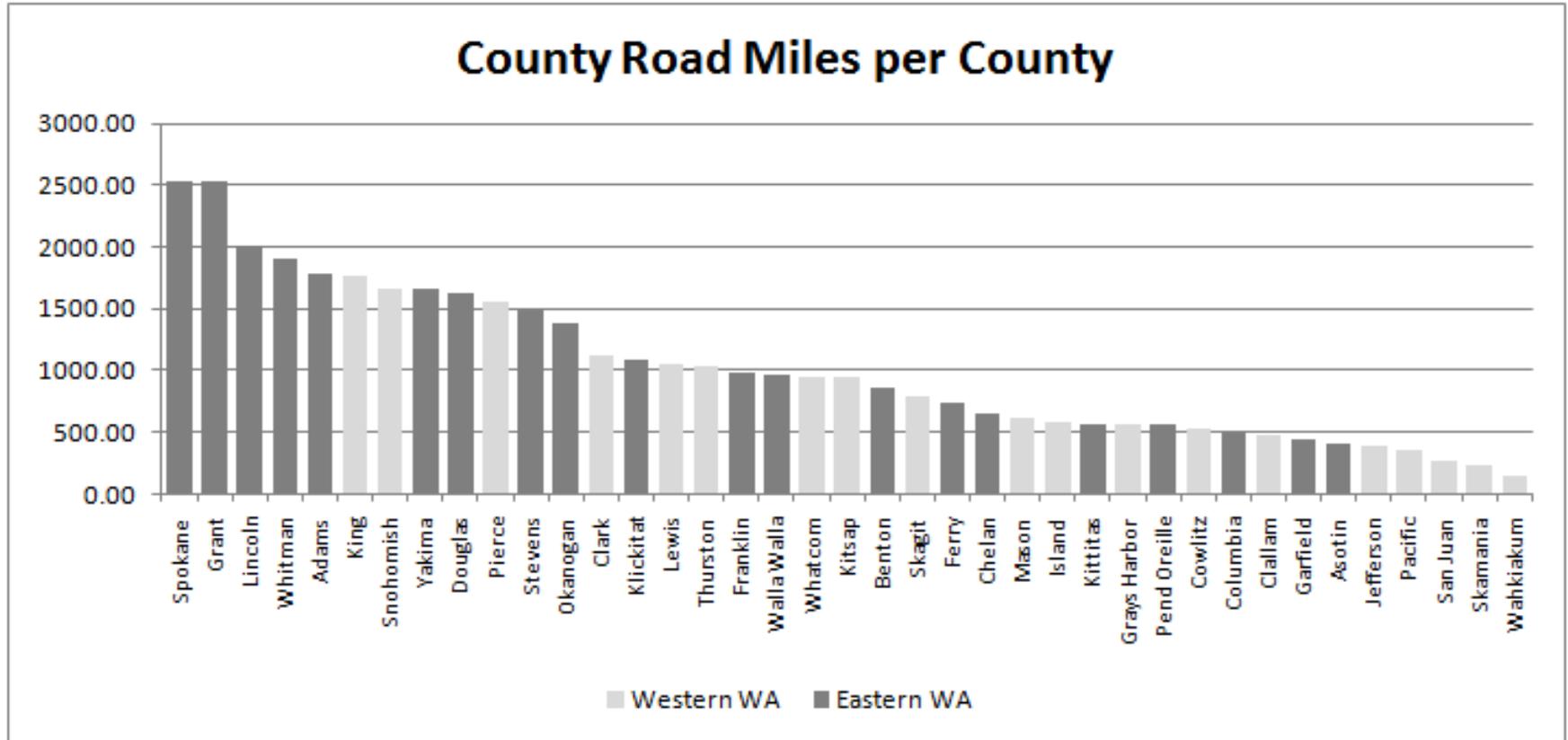
[1] Interstate figures are included in the State total.

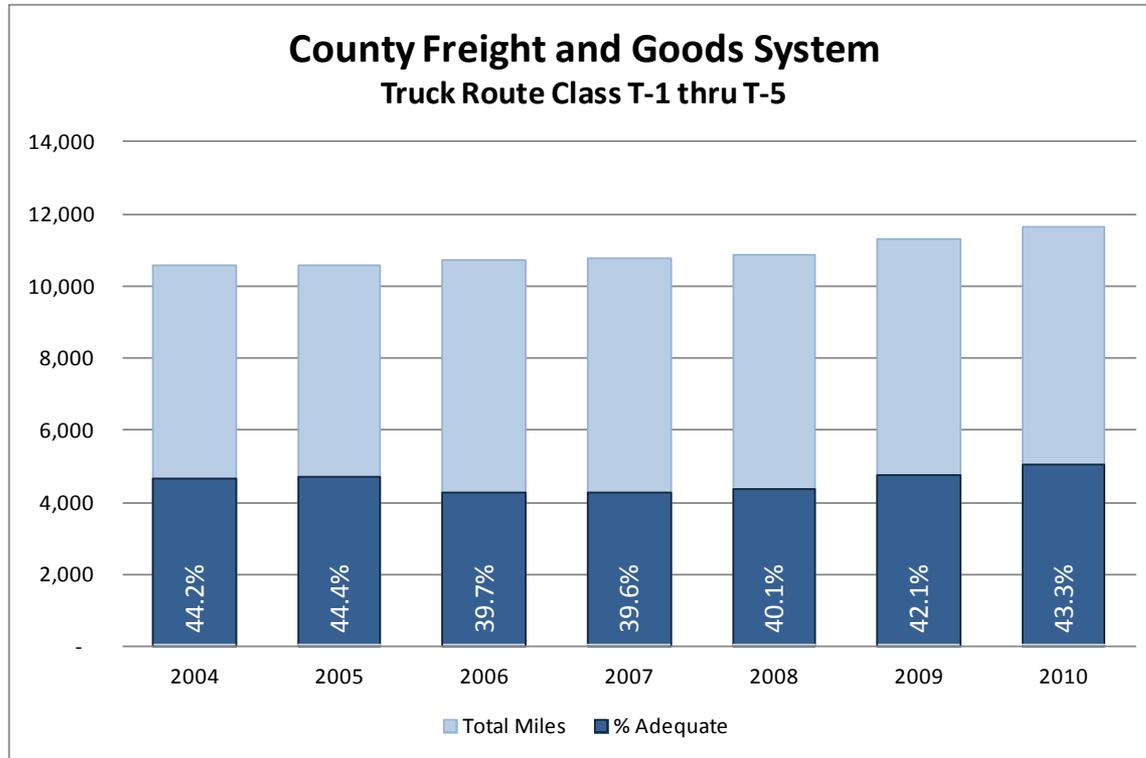
[2] Other includes State Parks, Other State, Port Districts, Indian, U.S. Forest Service, and National Parks.

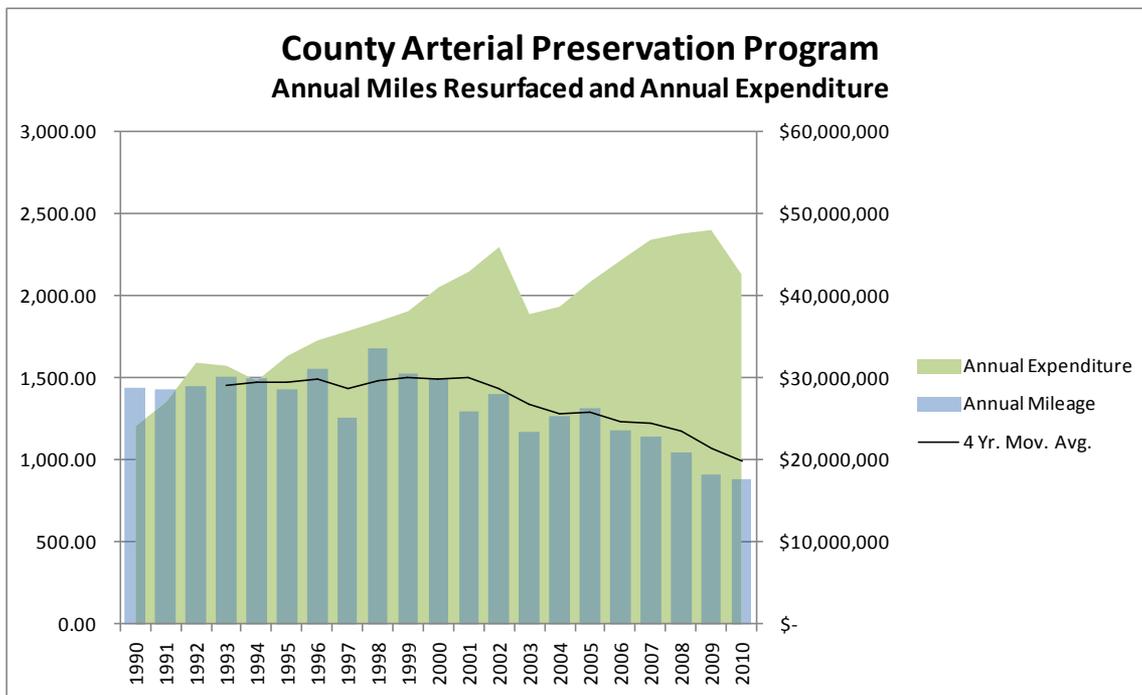
[3] Centerline miles are the actual length of the roadway in one direction of travel.

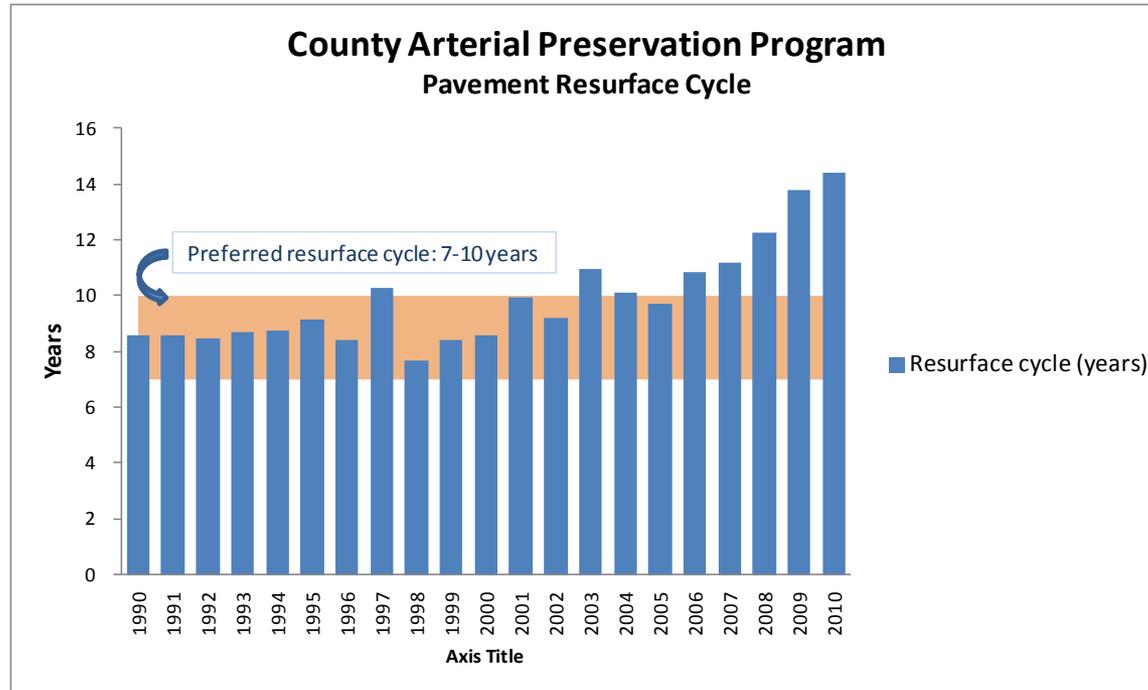
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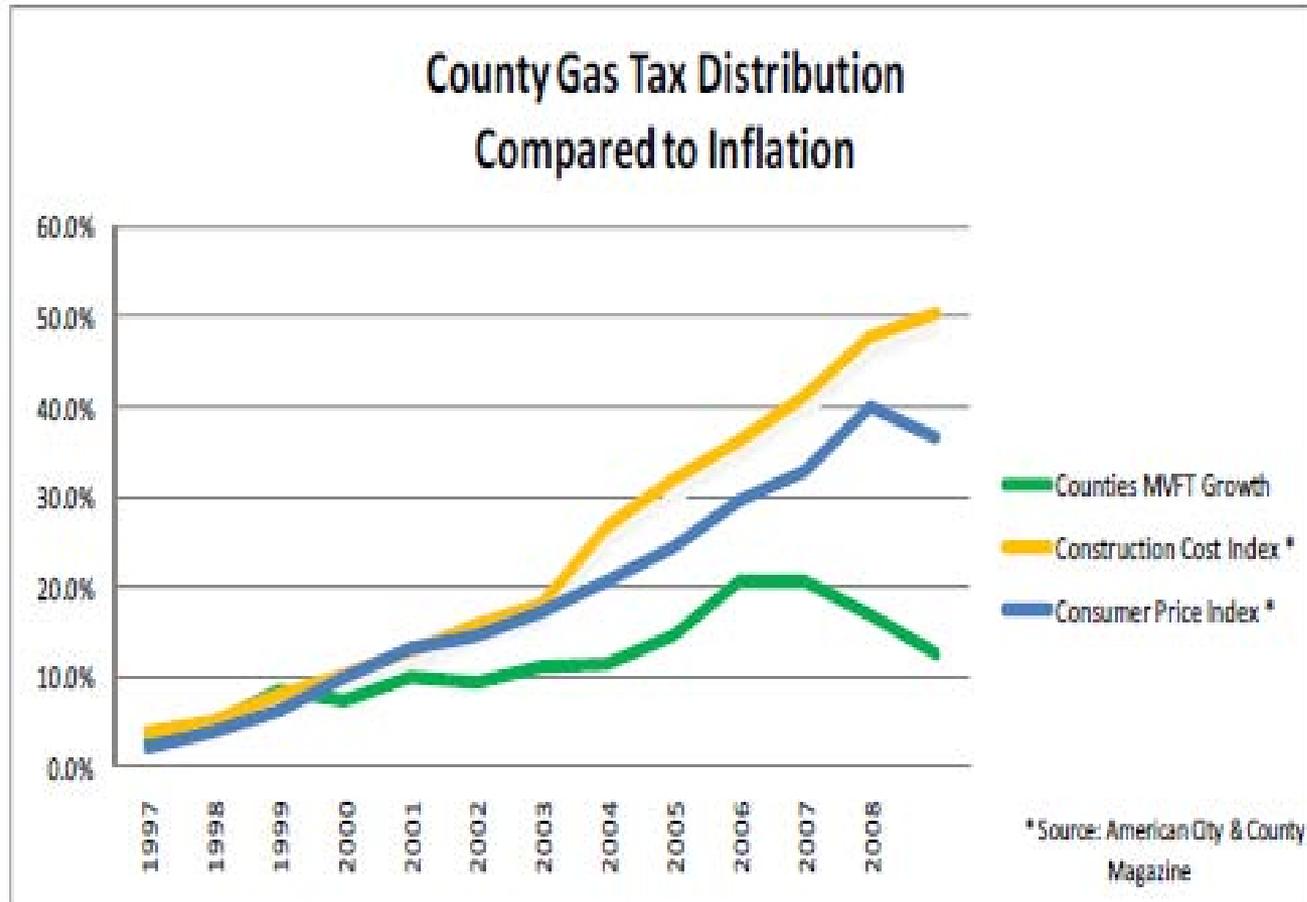
WSDOT, Highway Performance Management System Database, 2009.







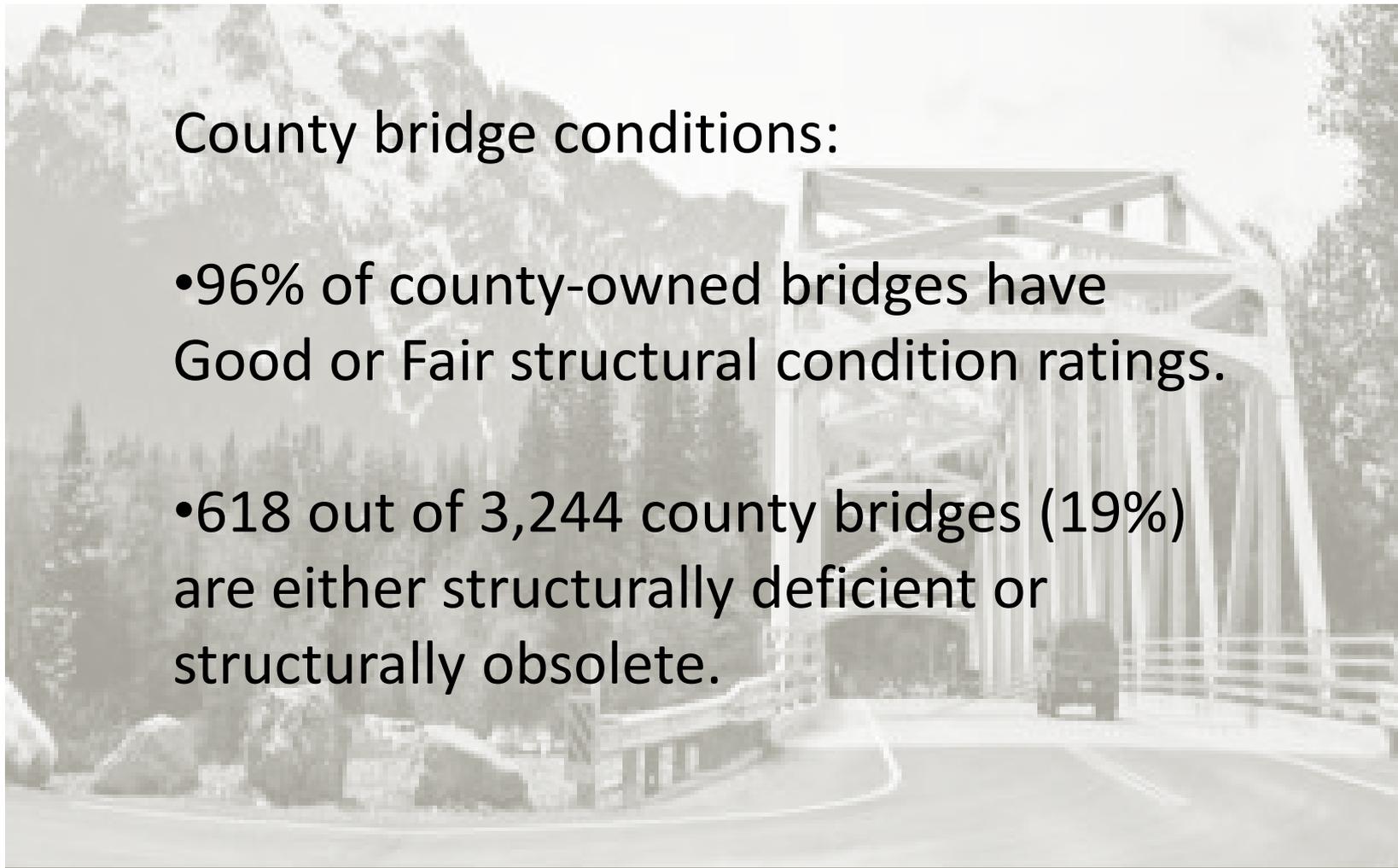






County bridge conditions:

- 96% of county-owned bridges have Good or Fair structural condition ratings.
- 618 out of 3,244 county bridges (19%) are either structurally deficient or structurally obsolete.





County Road Fund Revenue Sources *

Property Taxes and
Other Taxes
47.7¢

Federal Shared
Revenues & Grants
11.6¢



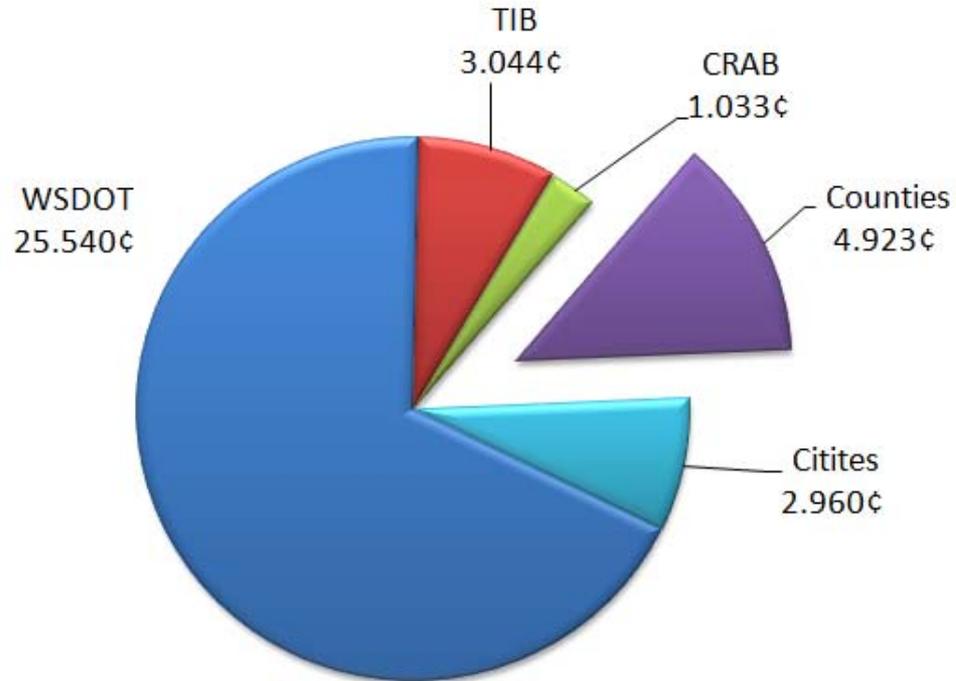
State Shared Revenues
& Grants
26.9¢

Fees, Reimbursables,
Misc. Revenue
13.8¢

* Statewide total - will vary with each county



MVFT Distribution



Total Gas Tax: 37.5¢



Local Revenue Options:

Revenue Source	RCW	Where Implemented
Border Area Motor Vehicle Fuel and Special Fuel Tax	82.47.020 (Authorized in 1991)	Sumas, Blaine, Nooksack, and Point Roberts TBDs have enacted this tax
City Street Utility Charge (Declared invalid November 1995)	82.80.050 (Authorized in 1990)	The city street utility charge was declared invalid by the Washington State Supreme Court in November 1995.
Commercial Parking Tax	82.80.030 (Authorized in 1990)	The cities of SeaTac, Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Mukilteo, and Tukwila.

Source: Transportation Resource Manual (<http://www.leg.wa.gov/JTC/Documents/TRM/2011UPDATE/6LocalTaxes.pdf>)



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Local Option Taxes for High Capacity Transportation (MVET, Employee, Sales Tax)	81.104.140 through 81.104.170 (Authorized in 1990)	Regional transit authorities (RTA) in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties; transit agencies in Thurston, Clark, Kitsap, Spokane, and Yakima counties.
Local Option Taxes for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Systems (MVET, Employee)	81.100.030, 81.100.060 (Authorized in 1990)	King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties

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Local Revenue Options:

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Local Option Taxes for Ferry Services—County Ferry Districts and PTBAs	Chapter 36.54 and 36.57A	None at this time
Local Option Taxes: Regional Transportation Investment Districts (RTIDs)	Chapter 36.120	On November 6, 2007 the voters of Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties voted on Proposition 1, which included RTID Blueprint for Progress and Sound Transit Phase 2 plans. The measure was defeated

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Local Option Taxes: Transportation Benefit Districts	Chapter 36.73	Burien No. 1, Des Moines, Edmonds, Lake Forrest Park , Olympia, Prosser, Seattle, Shoreline, Snoqualmie
Local Option Motor Vehicle and Special Fuel Tax for Counties	82.80.010 (Authorized in 1990)	82.80.010 (Authorized in 1990)
Motor Vehicle License Fee* (Repealed by Initiative 776)**	82.80.020 (Authorized in 1990)	A \$15 fee had been authorized in Douglas, King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties.

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Property Tax Road Levy	36.82.040	Every county in Washington collects a property tax road levy.
Transit Taxes	35.95.040, 82.14.045	28 transit districts have a sales tax or utility tax in place. This does not include Sound Transit which is shown under High Capacity Transit.

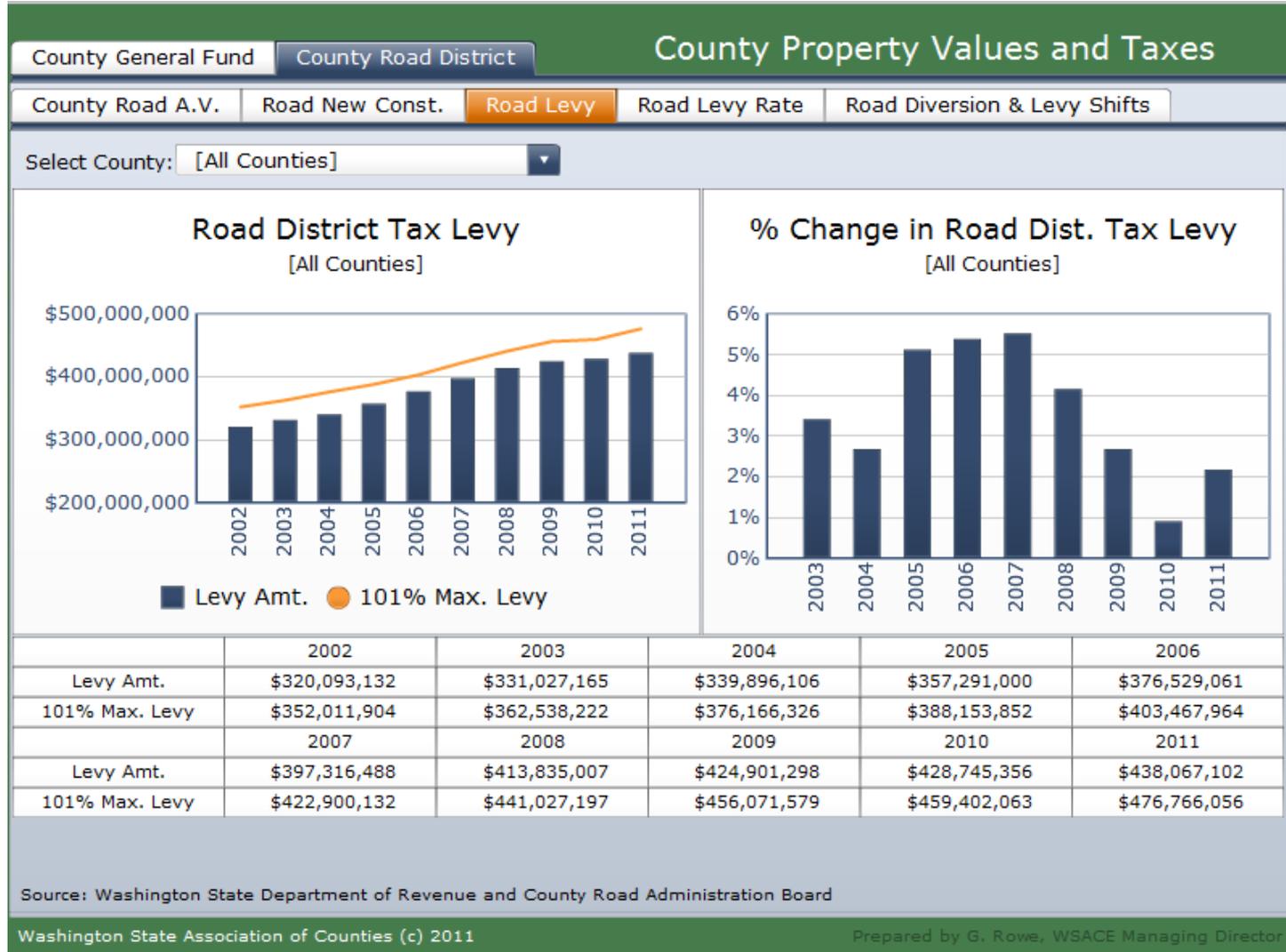
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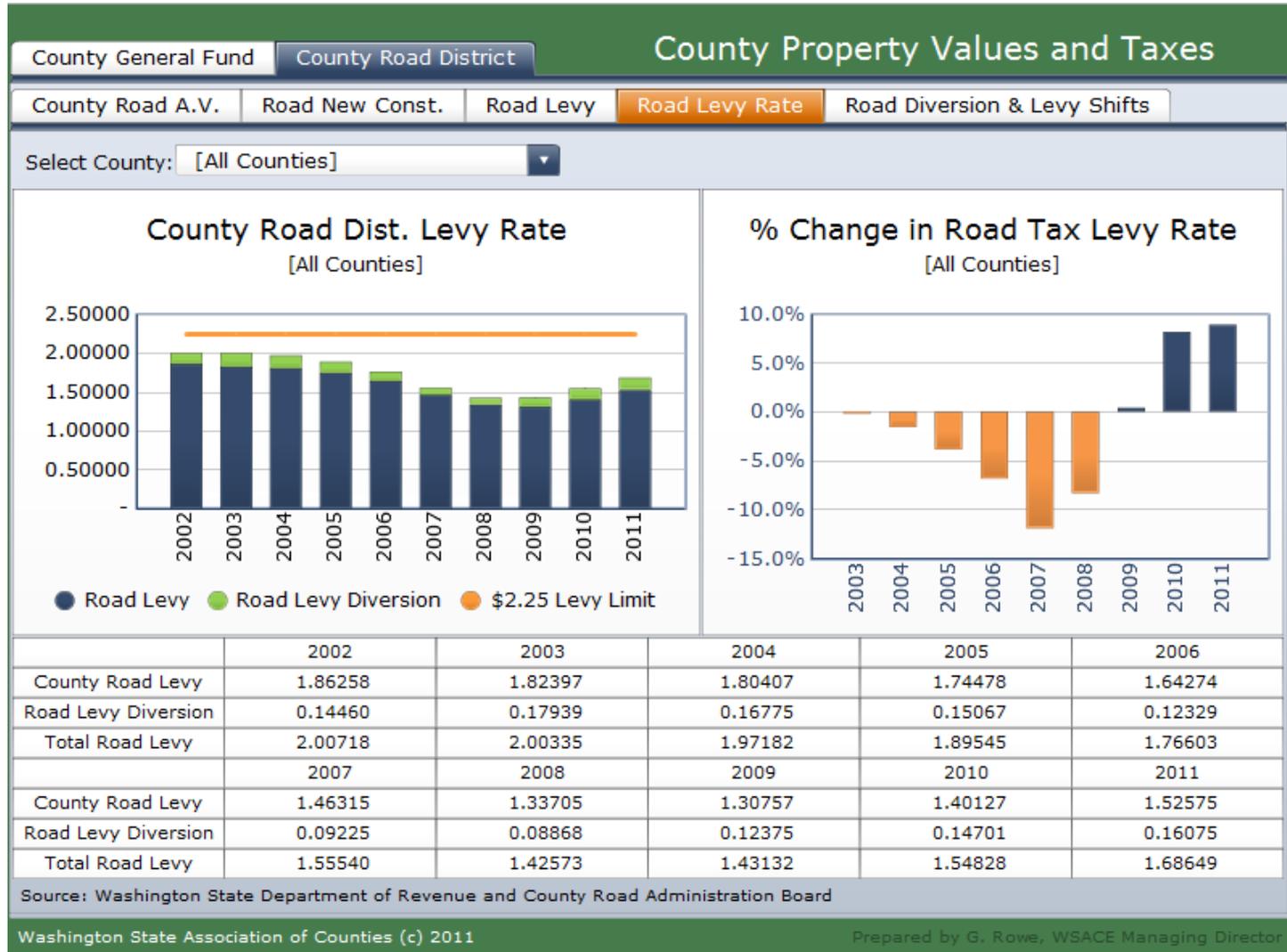


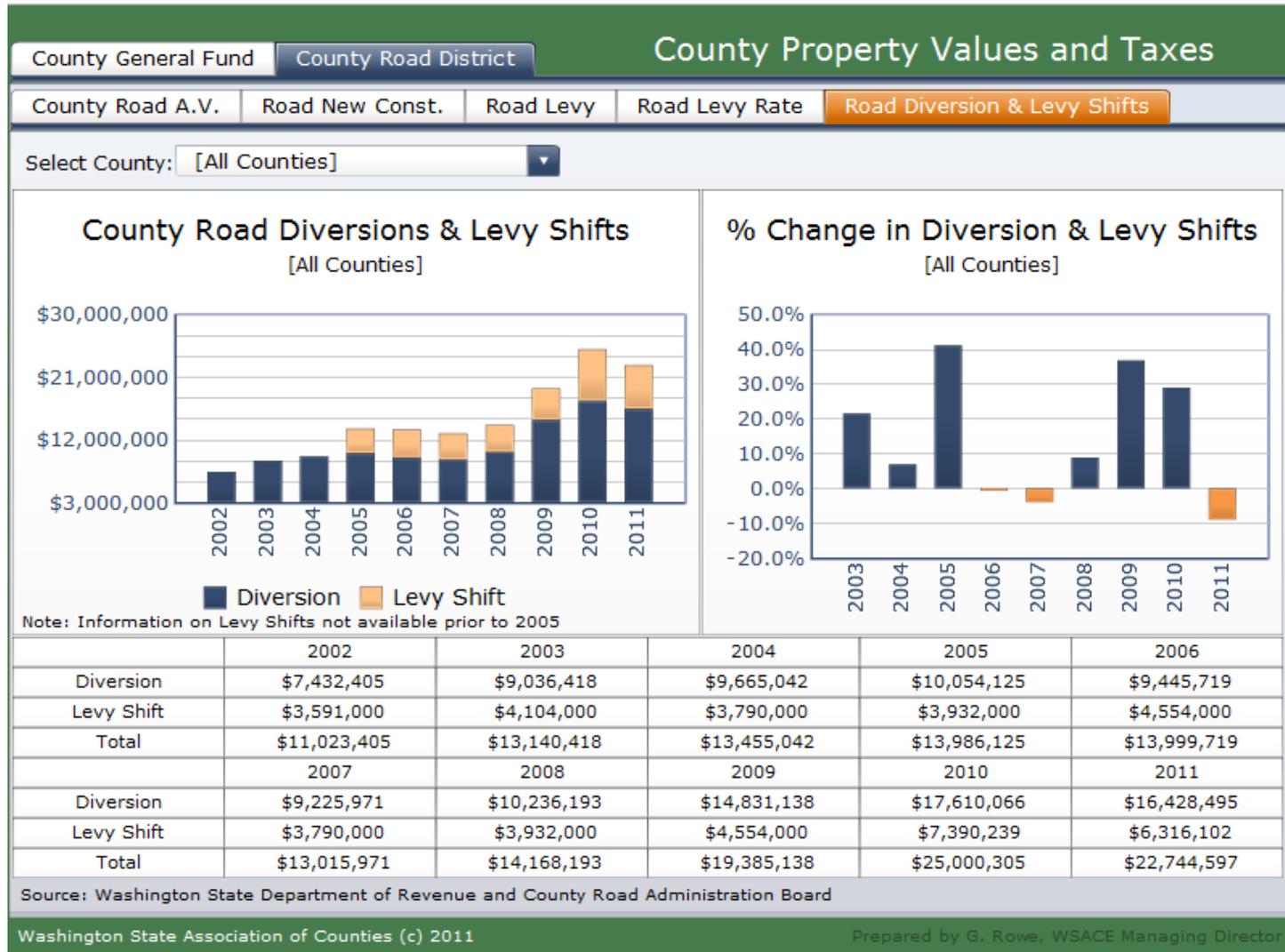
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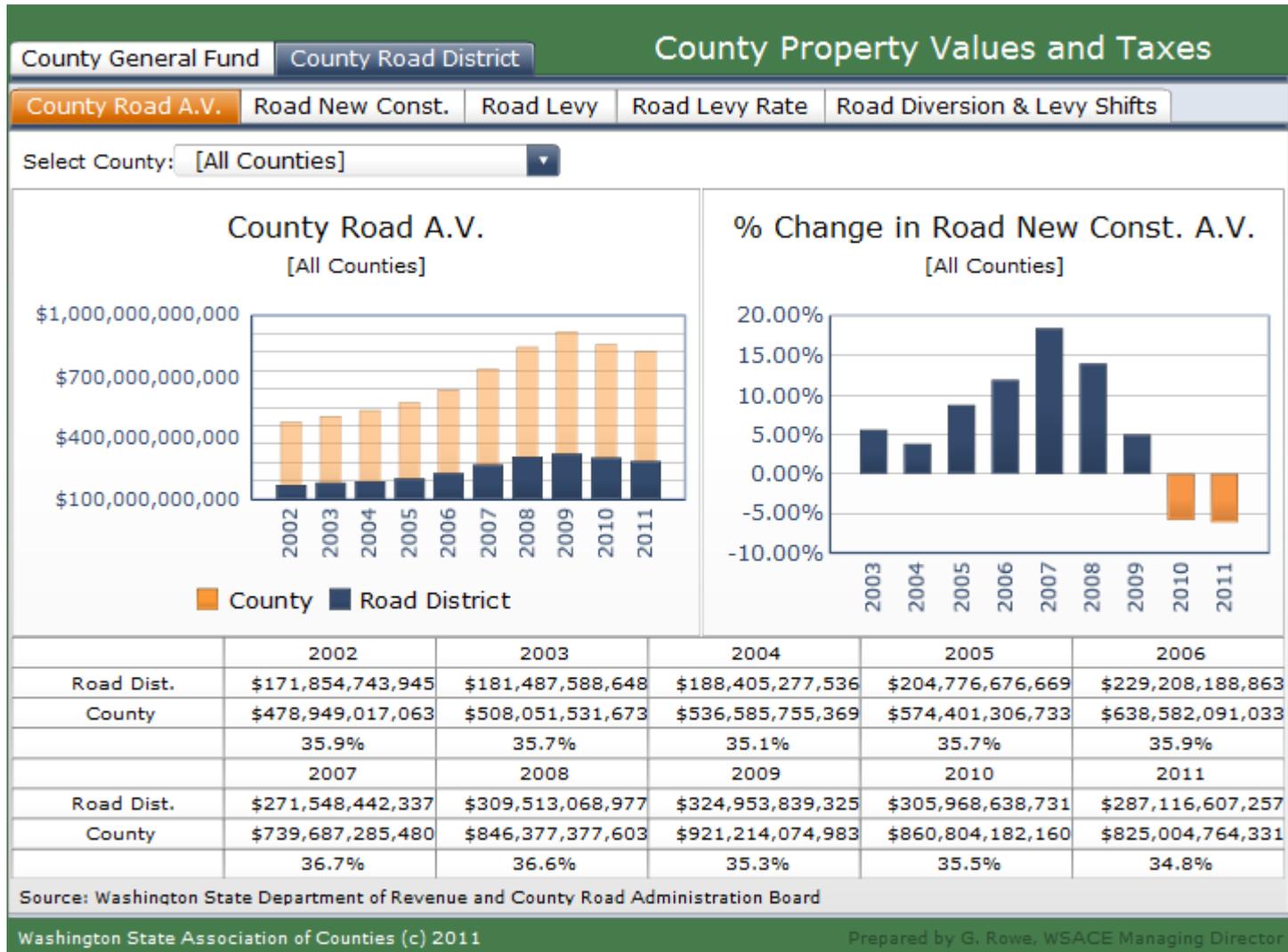
County Road Property tax

- Levy up to \$2.25 per \$1,000 A.V.
- Limited by 1% annual growth (plus new construction)
- May be increased with voter approval (lid lift)
- May exceed \$2.25 (within 1% limit) if total county levy and road levy does not exceed \$4.05
- May be diverted to county general use and spent only on unincorporated area uses
- May be shifted to county general use with tax levy spread over unincorporated and incorporated areas.











- Washington Transportation Plan 2030:
 - *“...needs ... far outstrip available local, state, and federal funding, all of which have decreased.”*
 - *“Immediate action on funding is necessary to ensure responsible preservation of our existing system...”*



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 - *Allow transportation benefit districts (TBDs) to impose license fees up to \$100 by councilmanic vote and provide flexibility in the use of the funds*
 - *Amend authority for counties and cities to impose a fuel tax, allowing it to be set at cents per gallon, and providing councilmanic authority to impose the tax*



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