

Highway Safety Fund History

1. Previous to FY04, the Highway Patrol was primarily funded thru the gas tax. For example, the Highway Safety Fund received \$188 million in FY02 and \$185 million in FY03 from the gas tax.
2. The FY04/FY05 Biennium Budget contained language for a four year phase-out from gas tax.

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<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Gas Tax Received</u>
FY04	\$140,137.500
FY05	\$ 94,359.250
FY06	\$ 57,181.700
FY07	\$ 38,502.400
FY08	\$0.000

4. To offset the loss of gas tax revenue, the Budget Bill provided for an \$11.00 fee increase for vehicle registrations, a \$12.00 fee increase for driver licenses, and a \$5.00 fee increase for temporary tags.
5. In Fiscal Year 07, these fee increases amounted to \$174 million, as compared to what had been received from gas tax in FY03 (\$185 million).
6. The FY08/FY09 Transportation Budget incorporated temporary budget language for the Highway Safety Fund to receive between \$1,250,000 to \$1,600,000 per month from the gas shrinkage and evaporation discount. ODPS has been receiving \$1,600,000 per month in FY08, which equates to \$19,200,000 per year.

CASH TRANSFER TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND

Effective July 1, 2007, the Treasurer of State, prior to making any of the distributions listed in sections 5735.23, 5735.26, 5735.291, and 5735.30 of the Revised Code, shall deposit at least the first \$1,250,000 and up to \$1,600,000 received each month to the credit of the State Highway Safety Fund (Fund 036).

7. Temporary budget language for FY08 and FY09 will not be continued in future years unless the legislature once again approves the language to be included in the budget bill.