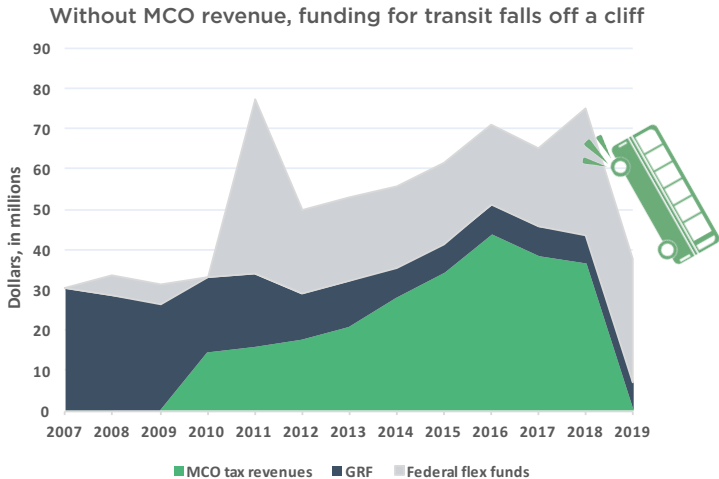


Policy Matters Ohio

DON'T DRIVE PUBLIC TRANSIT OFF THE FISCAL CLIFF!



Fix the Governor's Medicaid tax to sustain county and public transit piggyback sales tax revenue

Each day, about 315,000 Ohioans rely on public transit to get to work, the grocery store and to important appointments like visiting the doctor. But under the Governor's proposed Medicaid tax fix, public transit agencies **will LOSE** almost \$40 million each year, starting in FY 2019.

Now is the time to INVEST, not DIVEST in public transit!

According to the 2015 ODOT Statewide Public Transit Needs Study:

- 900 urban and 375 rural transit buses **need to be replaced TODAY**
- To meet existing demand, Ohio transit agencies need to provide another **37 million annual transit trips TODAY**
- Another **140 million annual transit trips** will be needed to meet projected demand in 2025.

The General Assembly can help more Ohioans get to work by:

1. **Keeping the sales tax base intact, preserving the \$40 million in revenues** for those transit agencies with a voter-approved sales tax levy.
2. **Increasing GRF funding to \$25 million per FY**, by closing unproductive tax breaks.
3. **Earmarking \$30 million of the VW settlement** for public transit vehicles, as proposed by the Ohio Senate.

For more information:

- Policy Matters Ohio analysis of public transit funding in the transportation and Operating budgets <http://bit.ly/2oVO4U2>
- Policy Matters Ohio statement on the Transportation Budget and Operating Budget <http://bit.ly/2oM0g9w>

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