Highway Trust Fund Cash Balances

FY 2008 President's Budget Projections

Estimating Cash Balances

Beginning Year Cash Balance

- + Receipts
 - Outlays

= End of Year Cash Balance

Factors in Determining the Cash Balance

- Estimated obligations are based on the obligation limitations established by SAFETEA-LU
- Outlays are derived from the estimated obligations
- Estimated receipts are calculated by the Department of Treasury

Highway Account of the Highway Trust Fund

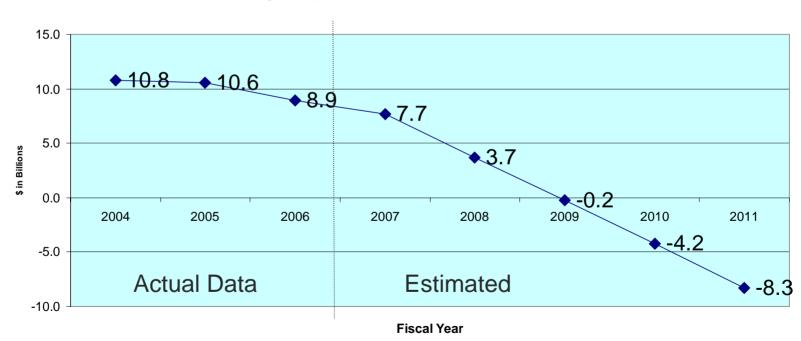
- The Highway Account balance is calculated based upon estimated outlays from:
 - The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
 - The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
 - The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)

Mass Transit Account of the Highway Trust Fund

- The Mass Transit Account balance is calculated based upon outlays from the:
 - Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

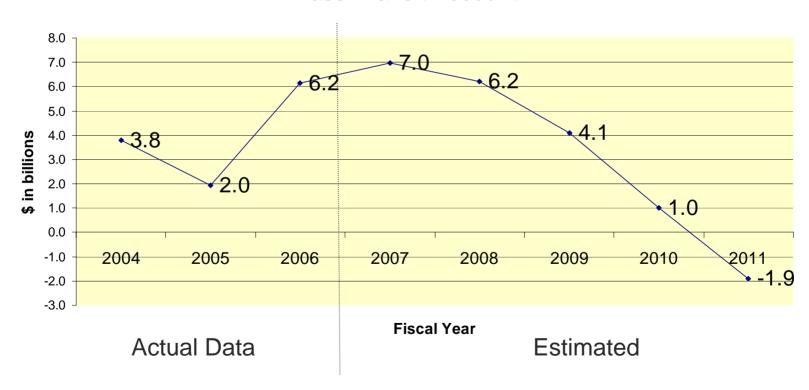
Latest Estimated Cash Balances: Highway Account of the HTF

Highway Account Cash Balance



Latest Estimated Cash Balances: Mass Transit Account of the HTF

Mass Transit Account



Negative Balances

- A negative balance reflects the gap between estimated future spending and estimated future receipts.
- A sustained negative balance in our estimates reflects what would happen if future spending is continued at SAFETEA-LU levels
- This gap indicates the timeframe during which a solution needs to be identified.

Would all spending stop if the Highway Trust Fund ran out of cash?

- No. Spending on programs would continue as new receipts are received.
- New receipts would continue to be available to cover old obligations.

The next few years...

