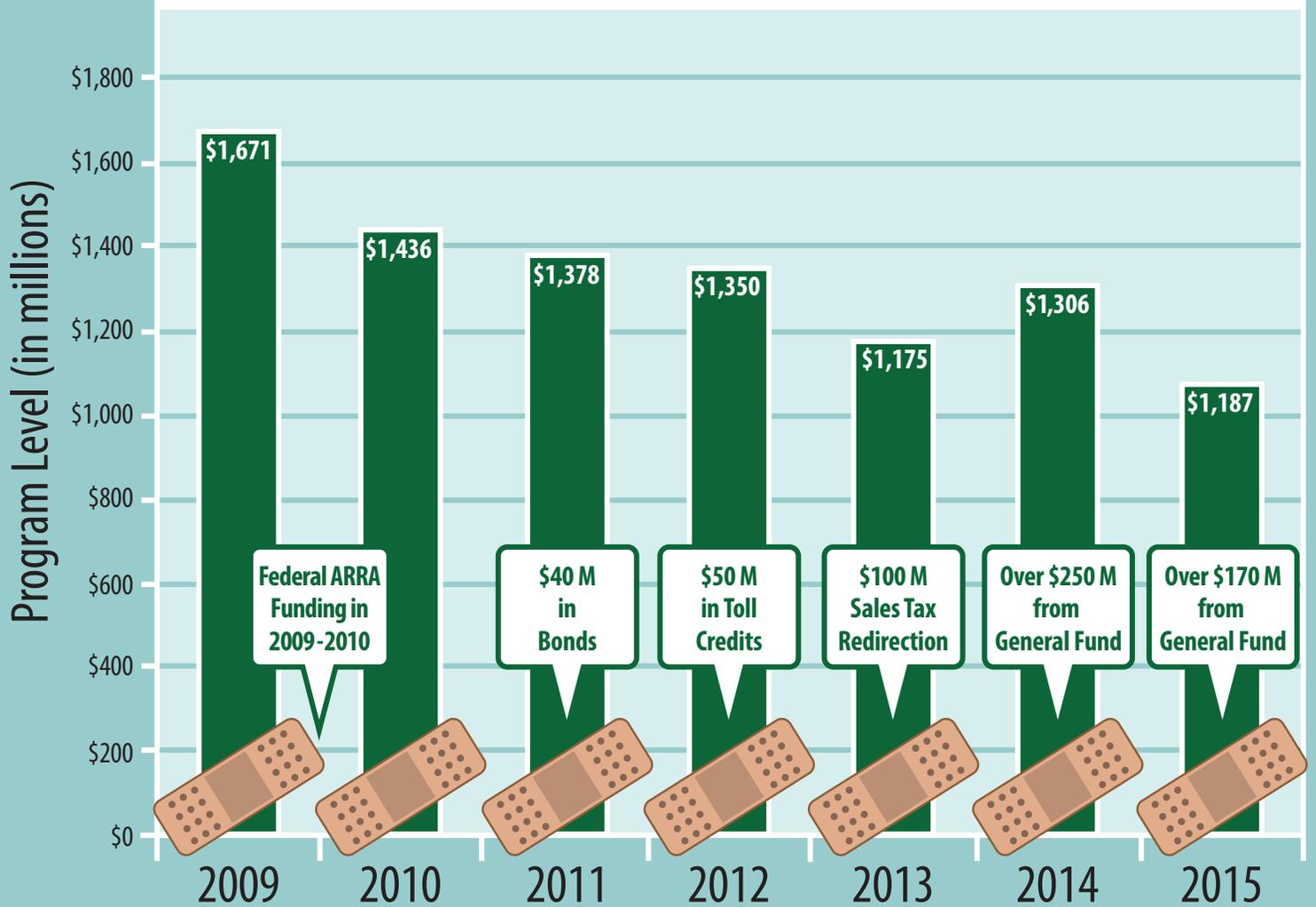


MDOT Trunkline Highway Program Investment



How can we plan for road and bridge projects when future funding is uncertain?



Every year, gaps in the transportation budget have been filled through the budgeting process. A longer-term fix for funding is needed. Major road and bridge projects take about five years from the planning stage to construction. In order to plan for fixes now, MDOT needs to know funding will be available in future years. MDOT uses its Five-Year Transportation Program to plan what projects can be funded throughout the state. Instability of transportation funds year to year makes planning these projects difficult.