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The background of the slide is a dark blue gradient. In the upper right, there is a silhouette of the state of Michigan. The acronym 'SEMCOG' is written in large, bold, orange letters with a black outline, positioned over the upper right portion of the Michigan map. The rest of the slide is a solid dark blue color.

SEMCOG

- MPO for Southeast Michigan
- 156 local units of government
- 4.9 million people
- 1.1 billion dollars in highway and transit projects last year

2030 RTP

Transit
\$17 billion

Road
\$55 billion

Transit
\$8 billion

Road
\$23 billion

Total Available
\$40 billion

Shortfall

Revenues

Needs

The Problem

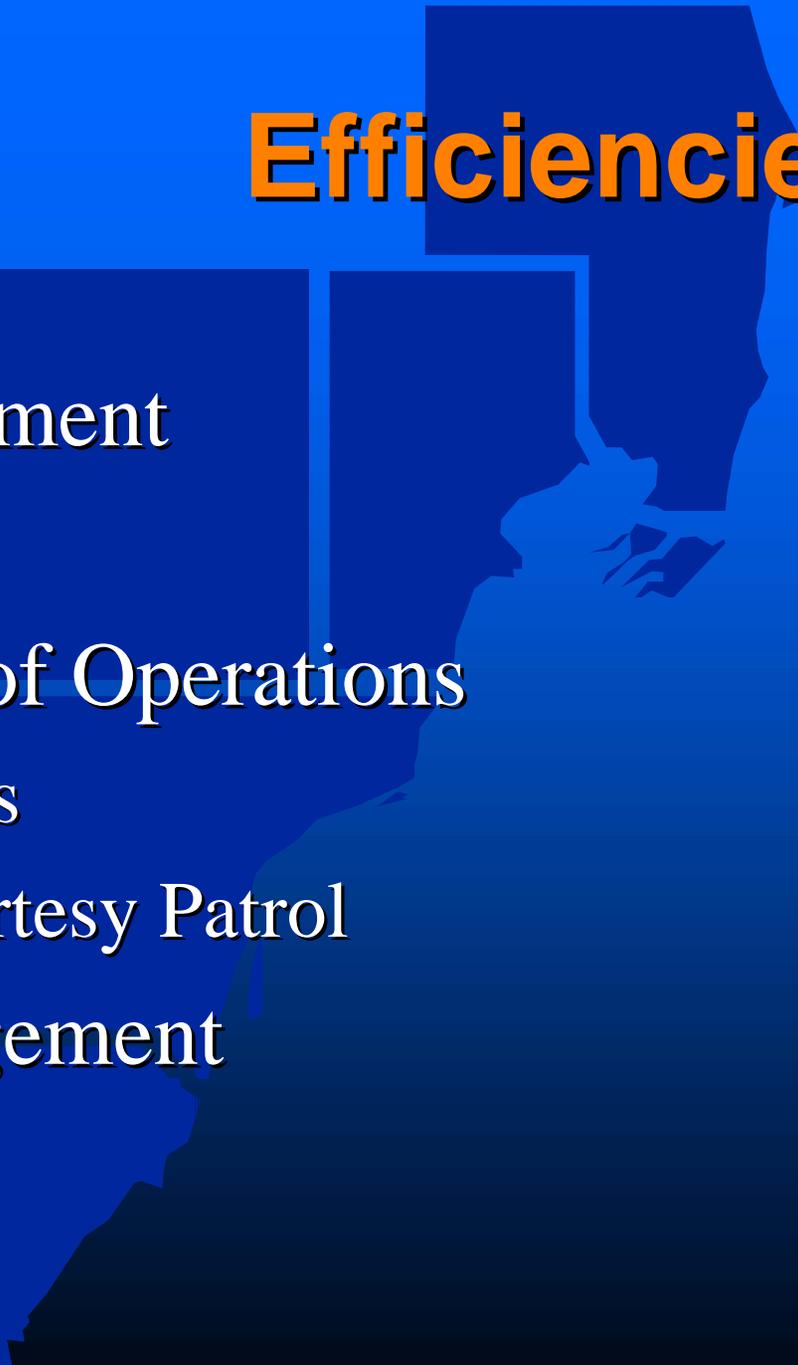
- Available revenues cannot keep pace
- Weak economy
- Gradual erosion of fuel tax effectiveness
- Anti-tax climate
- Local government constrained by state law

Approach



- Education
- Be more efficient with dollars we have
- Seek additional dollars

Efficiencies

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- Asset Management
- ITS
- Coordination of Operations
 - Traffic signals
 - Freeway Courtesy Patrol
- Access Management

More Dollars



- TIP Development Committee
- Public Policy at odds with current transportation funding mechanisms
- CAFÉ standards going up
- Subsidy of alternative fuels
- Cost of gasoline

Result

- Fewer gallons of gas sold
- Fewer \$ in MTF
- Not going to get better

Conclusions

- Current revenues are insufficient for maintenance and improvement
- Situation will only get worse
 - gas tax provides less real revenue each year
- Financing methods used in other states (e.g., sales tax) limited in Michigan

Our needs will continue to outpace our ability to address them

Recommendations

- Short Term
 - Make greater use of analytical tools
 - Maximize the life and use of existing transportation system
 - Increase current taxes and fees and/or index state fuel taxes to inflation
 - Create new revenues through local taxes and fees

Recommendations

- Long term
 - Find stable sources of revenue, e.g., user fees based on vehicle miles of travel and time of day

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