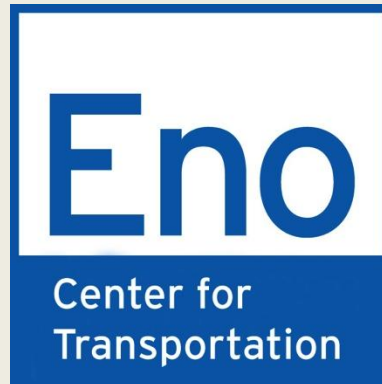


# Trends in Federal Transportation Policy



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# Presentation Outline

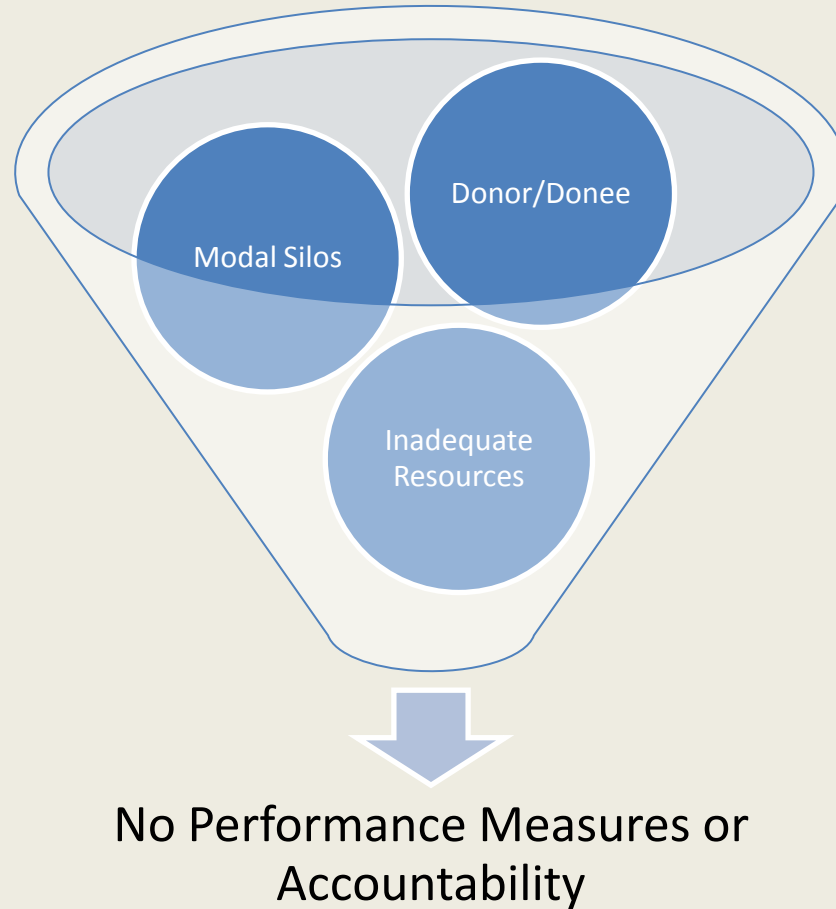
- How well does the existing policy work?
  - The need for reform
- What is on the table as far as next steps?
  - Current state of play
- What is likely to happen?
  - Potential problems for transit
- What can be done about it?
  - Transitioning to a performance based system

**How well does the existing policy  
work?**

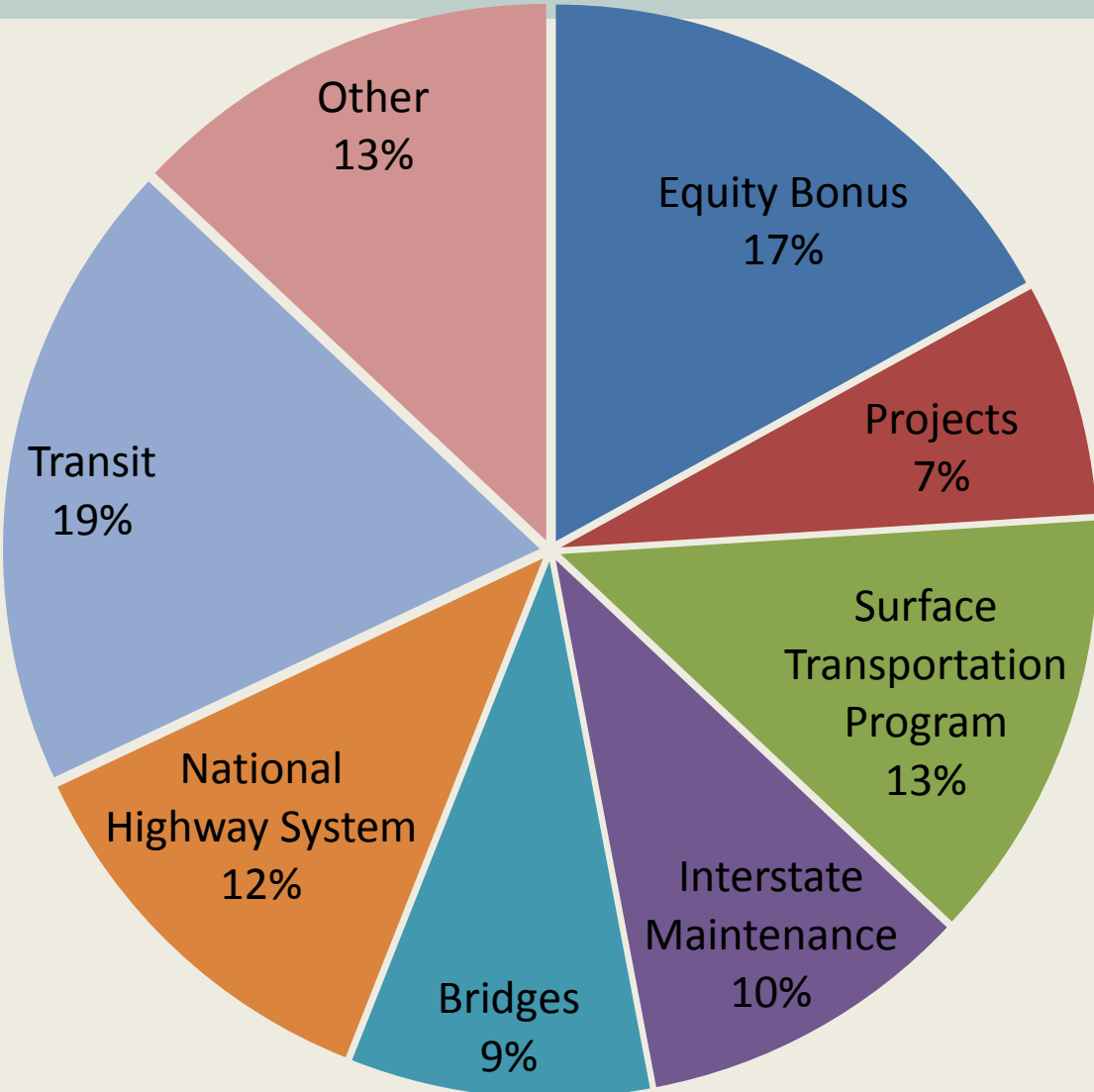
# Jonah and the Clock



# Current System

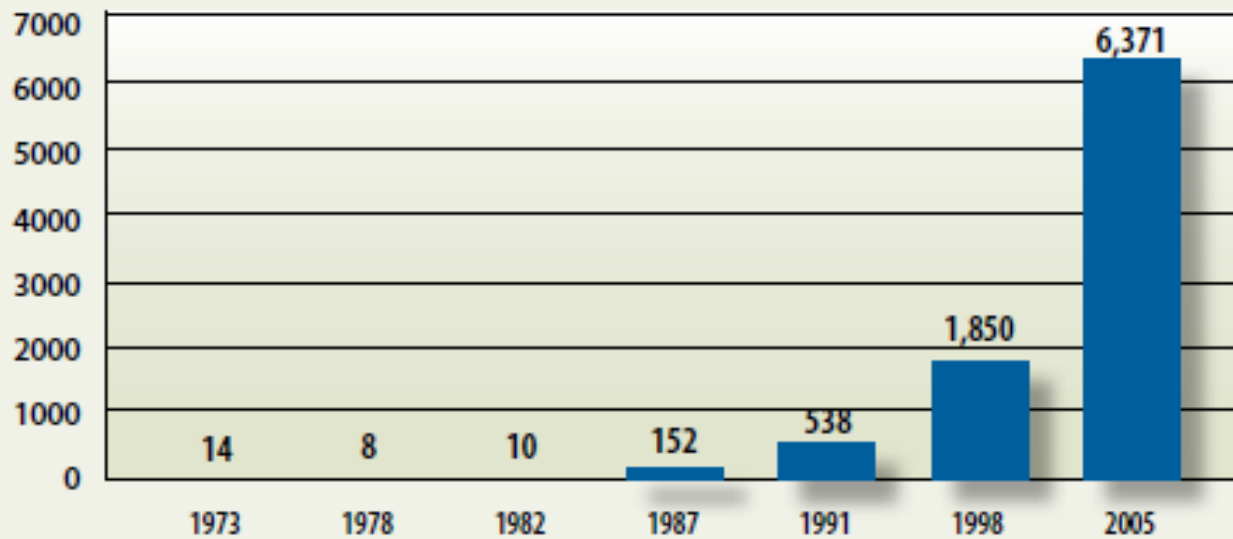


# Spending Under Current Program



# Growth in “Pork”

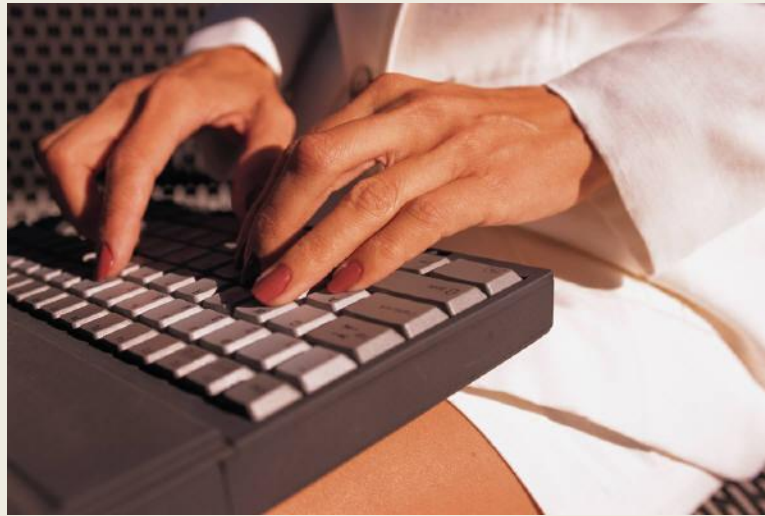
**Figure 3: High-Priority Projects in Transportation Reauthorization Bills, 1973-Present**



**What is on the table as far as next steps?**



# Lindsey and the Printer



# Reasons for Inaction

Funding

Policy

Diminishing Revenues

No Tax Increases

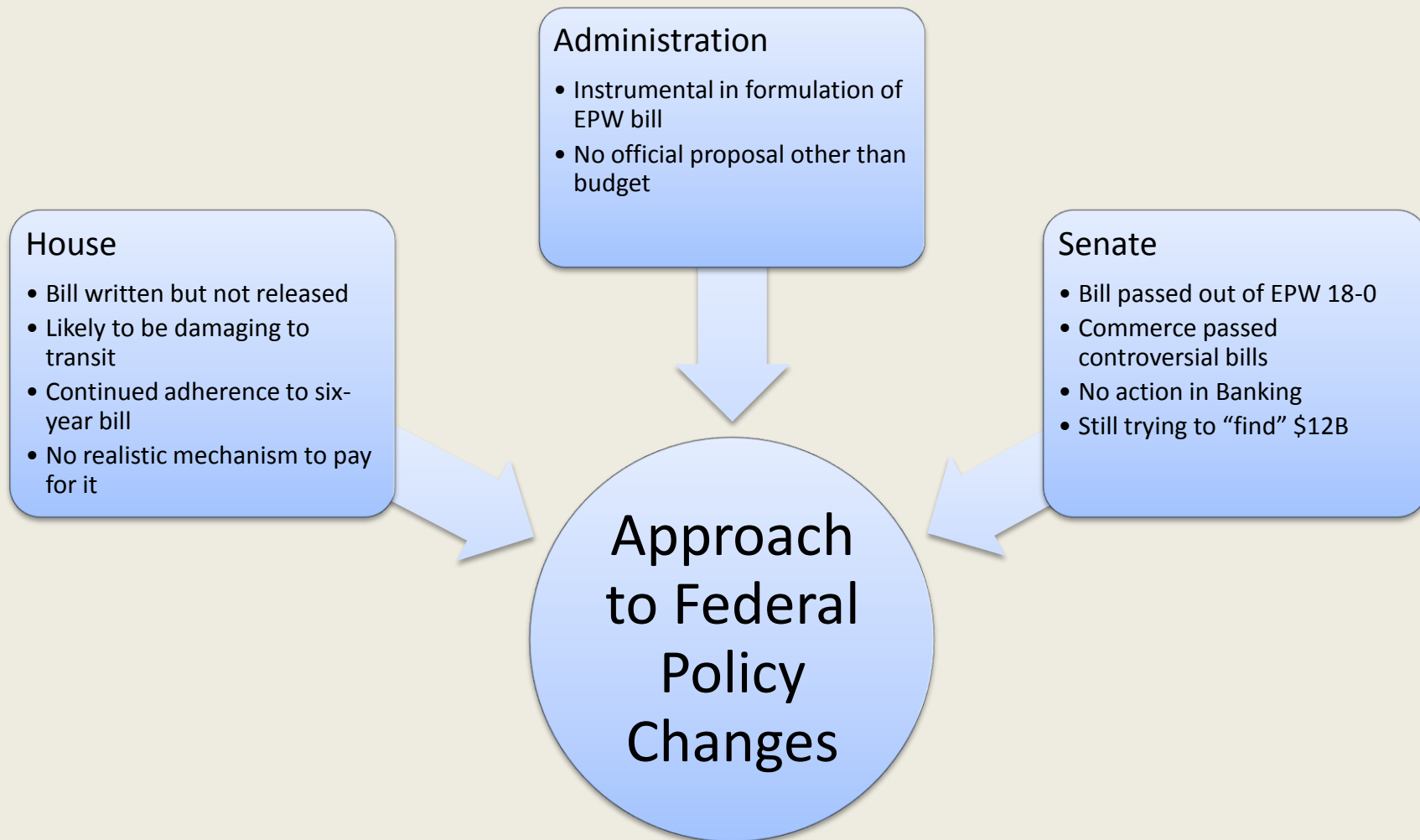
Need National Goals

Need Performance Measures

No Agreement on Federal Role



# Proposals on the Table



**What is likely to happen?**

# Max and the Packers



# Federal Program Cannot Survive if Only About Money

- House is in an impossible position
- Senate has a plausible chance but still faces challenges
- Program runs the risk of dying a slow death
- Only optimism lies in wholesale change in American political currents

**What can be done about it?**

# Max and JetBlue





# Think Clean Slate

- Worry less about the money and more about the policy change
- Refuse to engage in traditional fights (transit versus highways, metro versus rural, donor versus donee)
- Engage in the fight over national goals and performance measures

# Proposed National Performance Measures

## Economic Growth

### ***Metropolitan Accessibility***

- Access to jobs and labor
- Access to non-work activities

### ***National Connectivity***

- Network utility
- Corridor congestion

## Energy & Environmental Protection

- Petroleum consumption

- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

## Safety

- Fatalities and injuries per capita

- Fatalities and injuries per Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

# Immediate Asks

- Do not let another extension go by “clean”
- Begin research, data, and needs assessments
- Articulation of national goals as part of any new authorization bill

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