An aerial photograph of a road with yellow and white markings, set against a blurred green and brown landscape. The road curves through the center of the frame.

U.S. Highway 14 Partnership

2015 Legislative Update

Transportation Session?

- MoveMN goal: Comprehensive transportation bill in 2015
- January 12: Senate Democrats unveil comprehensive transportation plan (SF87)
- January 26: Governor Dayton unveils 10 year comprehensive transportation plan (SF912)
- March 23: House unveils its “Road and Bridge Act of 2015” (HF4)

Senate Transportation Plan

- Increase in gas tax: “Gross Receipts Tax” which applies 6.5% sales tax to gas at wholesale level based on previous year’s average price, \$0.1625 minimum per gallon.
- Increase in tab fees
- No general fund money
- \$800 million bonding for Corridors of Commerce over 4 year period (\$200m/year)

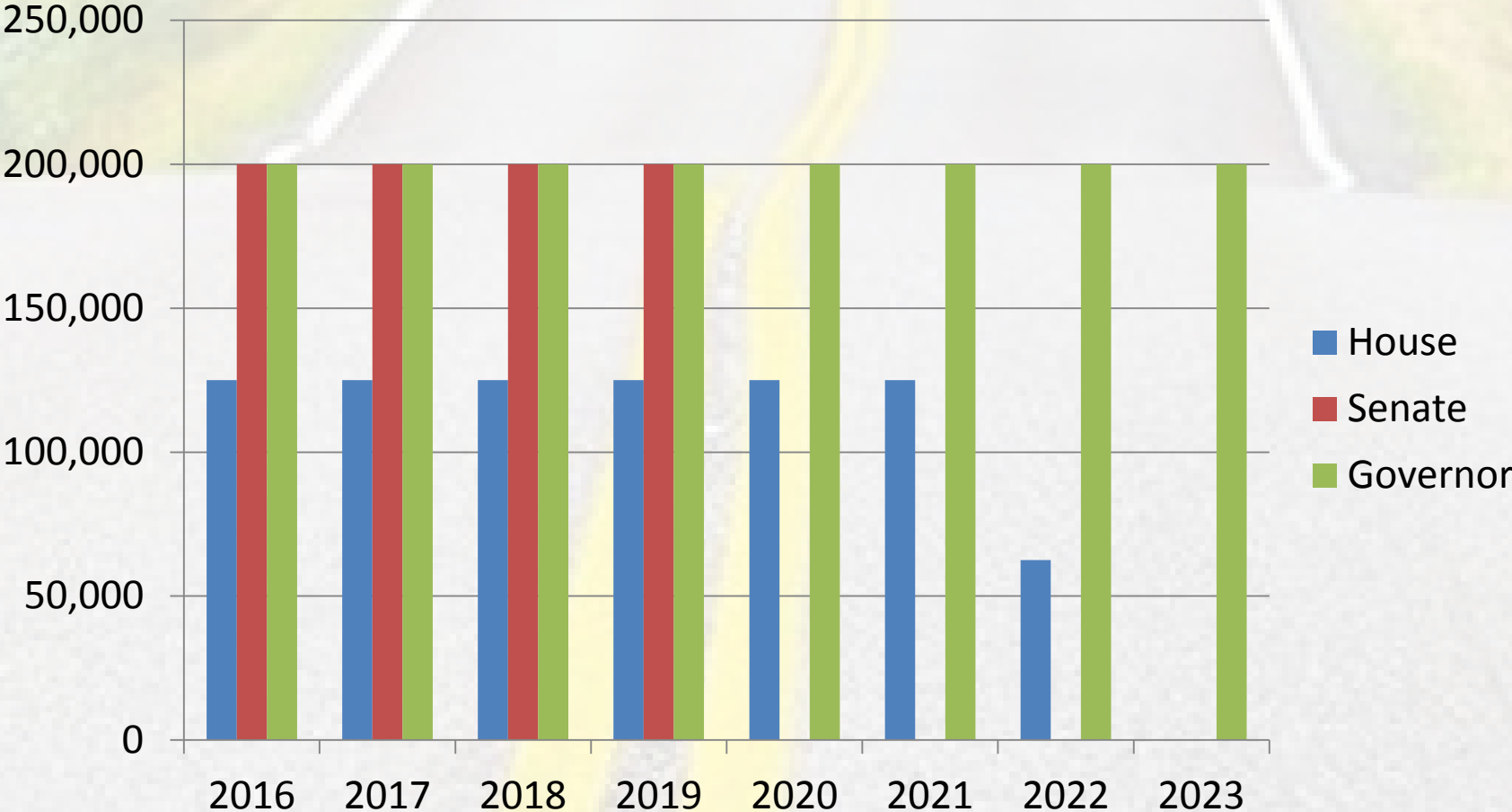
Governor's Transportation Plan

- Gross receipts tax, minimum \$0.1625 per gallon
- Tab fee increase
- No general fund money
- \$1.6 billion bonding for Corridors of Commerce over 8 years

House Transportation Plan

- \$7 billion plan over 10 years
- Shifts some MnDOT funding out of Trunk Highway Fund and into General Fund
- Dedicates revenue streams from General Fund, primarily Sales Tax on Auto Parts
- \$800 million bonding for Corridors of Commerce over 7 years

Corridors of Commerce Funding Plans



New Trunk Highway Construction \$

- House: \$413,945,000 FY16-17
\$607,195,000 FY18-19
- Senate: \$492,085,000 FY16-17
\$550,210,000 FY18-19
- Gov: \$544,048,000 FY16-17
\$600,928,000 FY18-19

Source: House and Senate Fiscal Staff for HF4 conference committee

New Trunk Highway Program Planning and Delivery \$

- House: (\$8,578) for FY16-17 biennium;
(\$40,481) for FY18-19 biennium
- Senate: \$89,595 for FY16-17 biennium;
\$109,810 for FY18-19 biennium
- Gov: \$98,903 for FY16-17 biennium;
\$119,926 for FY18-19 biennium

Source: House and Senate fiscal staff for HF4 conference committee

The Bad News

- The House and Senate do not agree about the source for new transportation funding.
- Comprehensive transportation funding failed.
- “Lights on” only bill passed.

Lights On Transportation SF1647

- No money for Corridors of Commerce
- \$200 million Trunk Highway funds left unappropriated
- Trunk Highway Bonds issued for Hwy 53 rerouting

The Good News....

- Both the House and Senate like the Corridors of Commerce program.
- The Trunk Highway Fund has some unused bonding capacity without new transportation funding.
- Pressure is building in Washington for the Federal Government to increase federal highway funding.

2016?

- Legislature reconvenes March 8, 2016.
- Bonding session.
- Capitol closed, so short session anticipated.
- 2016 is an election year for both House and Senate.

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