# USE OF POWELL BILL FUNDS

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## Agenda

- Powell Bill History
- Current Powell Bill Uses
- Questions



## **Powell Bill History**

- Sen. Junius K. Powell
  - Proposed in 1951 that because cities share in road responsibility, they should also share in gas tax
  - No corresponding local revenue source to gas tax



Junius K. Powell 1951 N.C. Senate portrait Courtesy: N.C. State Archives

<u>1951</u>

<u>2015</u>

### \$4.5 million

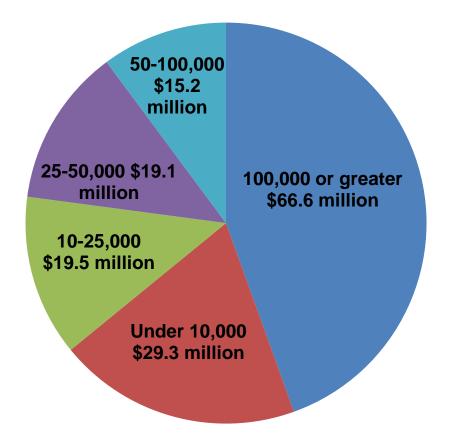
\$147.7 million

386 municipalities

## 507 municipalities

### **Powell Bill History**

### **FY14-15 Powell Bill Expenditures by Population**



### **Powell Bill History**

### Originally...

Then...

### Now



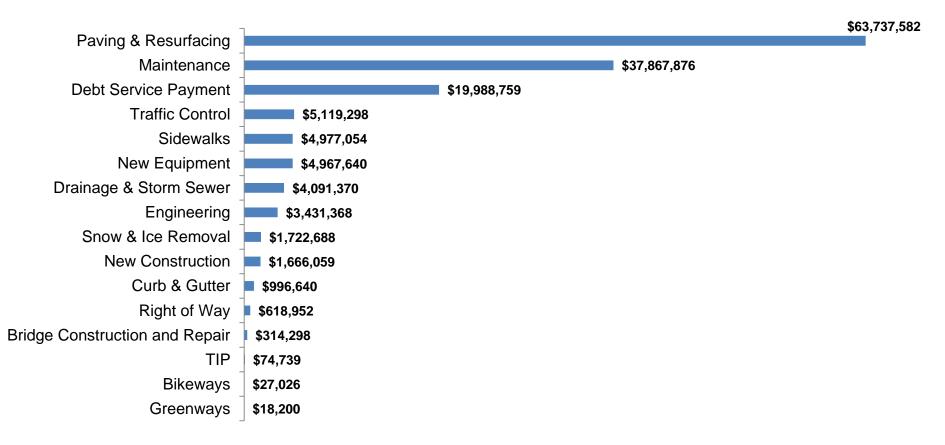


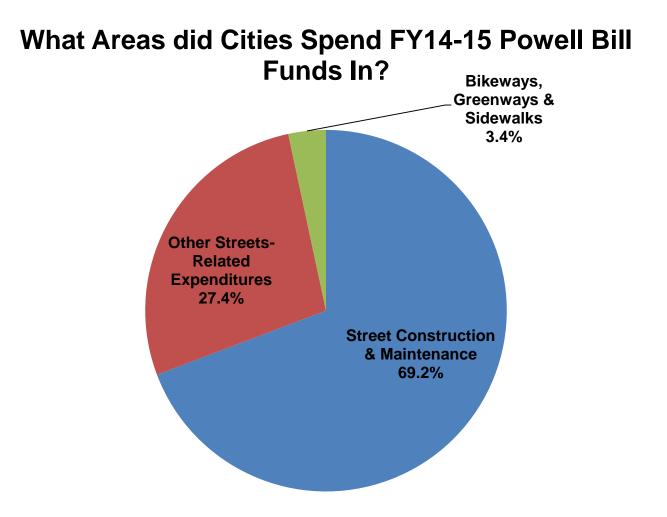
### Aid to Municipalities

**3** State Aid to Municipalities

Increases funding for State Aid to Municipalities/Powell Bill to 147.5 million in both FY 2015-16 and FY 2016-17 in accordance with the repeal of the statutory formula in G.S. 136-41.1(a), effective July 1, 2015.

### What Did Cities Spend Powell Bill Funds on in FY2014-15?

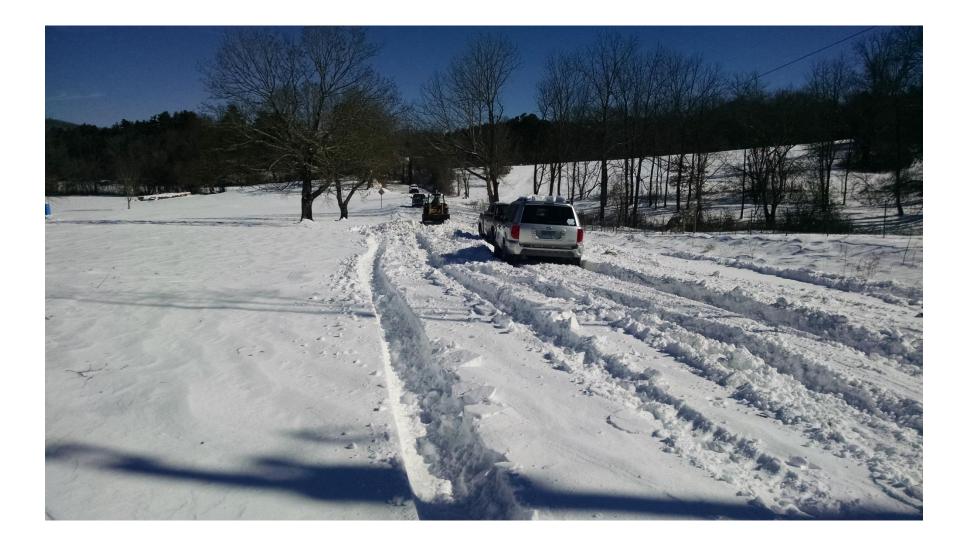












### Possible Changes

Administrative

- Clarify that all activities related to resurfacing may be classified as resurfacing
- Currently maintenance activities undertaken in preparation for resurfacing may be classified as maintenance

### **Possible Powell Bill Changes**

FY13-14 municipal revenues spent on streets & highways: \$433.4 million



FY14-15 Powell Bill expenditures: \$149.6 million

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# Questions?



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