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

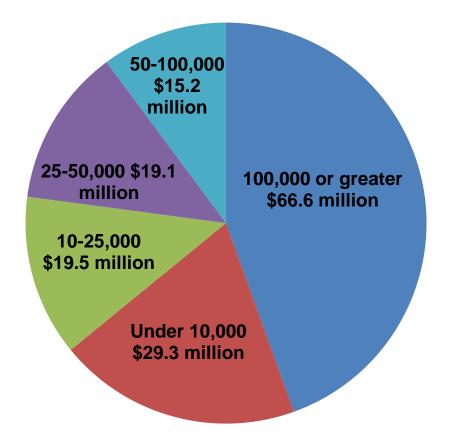
\$147.7 million

386 municipalities

507 municipalities

Powell Bill History

FY14-15 Powell Bill Expenditures by Population



Powell Bill History

Originally...

Then...

Now



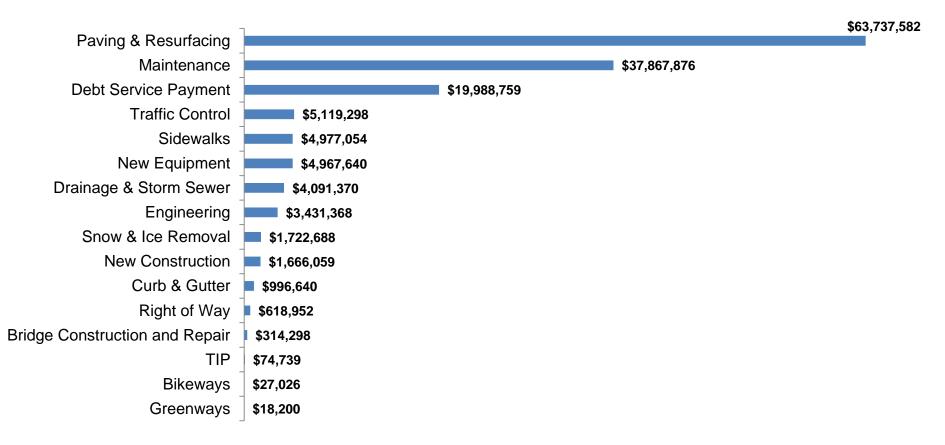


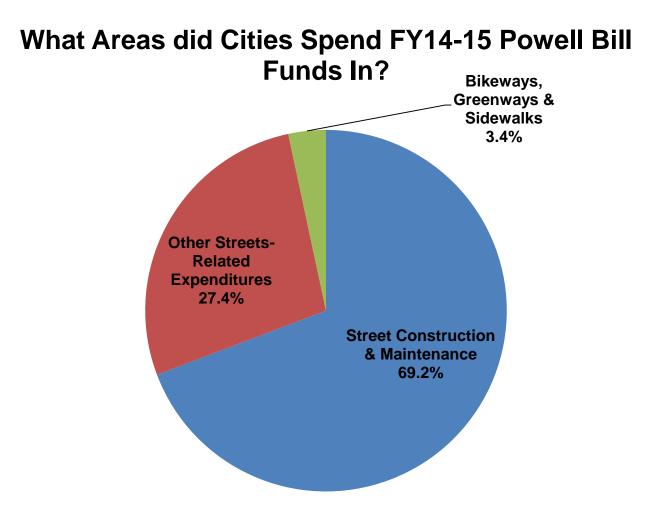
Aid to Municipalities

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?

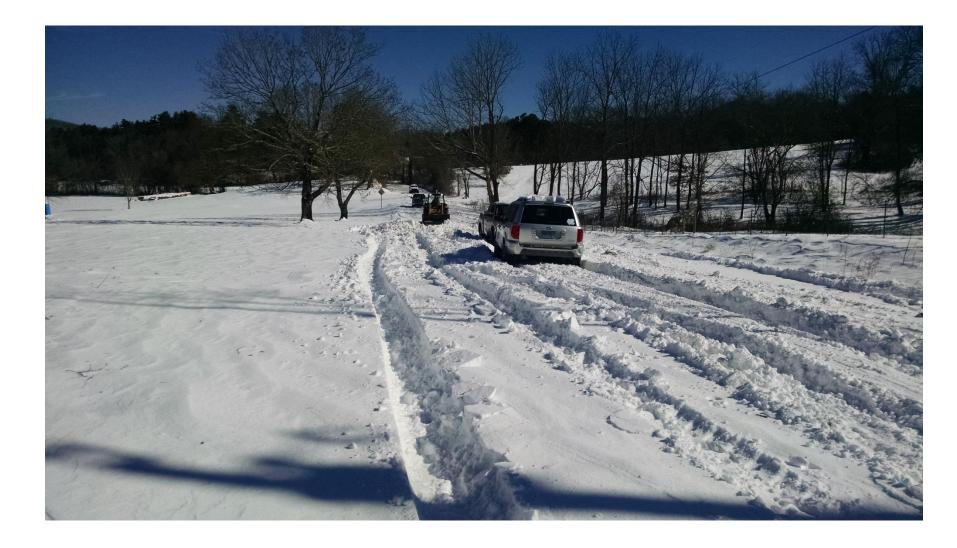












Possible Changes

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



Questions?



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