



About *NC Go!*

- Statewide coalition of broad-based organizations concerned about transportation infrastructure
- Approximately 100 members, including:
 - Chambers of commerce
 - AAA Carolinas
 - Transit agencies
 - Transportation construction firms
 - Municipal leaders
 - Engineers and engineering companies
 - County leaders
 - Member-based associations
 - North Carolina Ports Authority
 - Railways



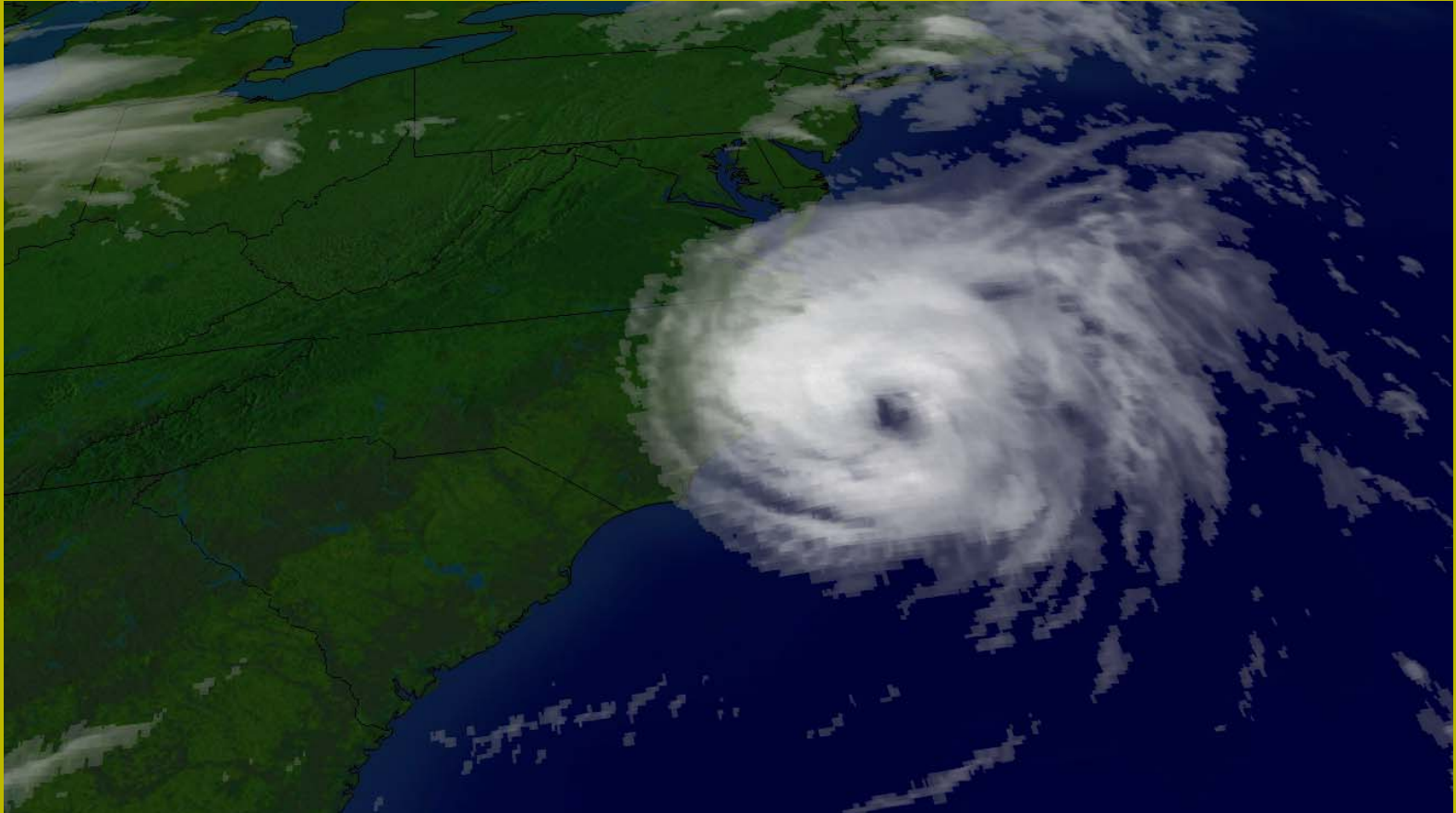
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25,000 businesses and member organizations,
with over 6 million employees, transit riders,
citizens and drivers in North Carolina...

**...All concerned about North Carolina's
highways, rails, public transportation, ports
and airports – today and in the future.**



A Perfect Storm

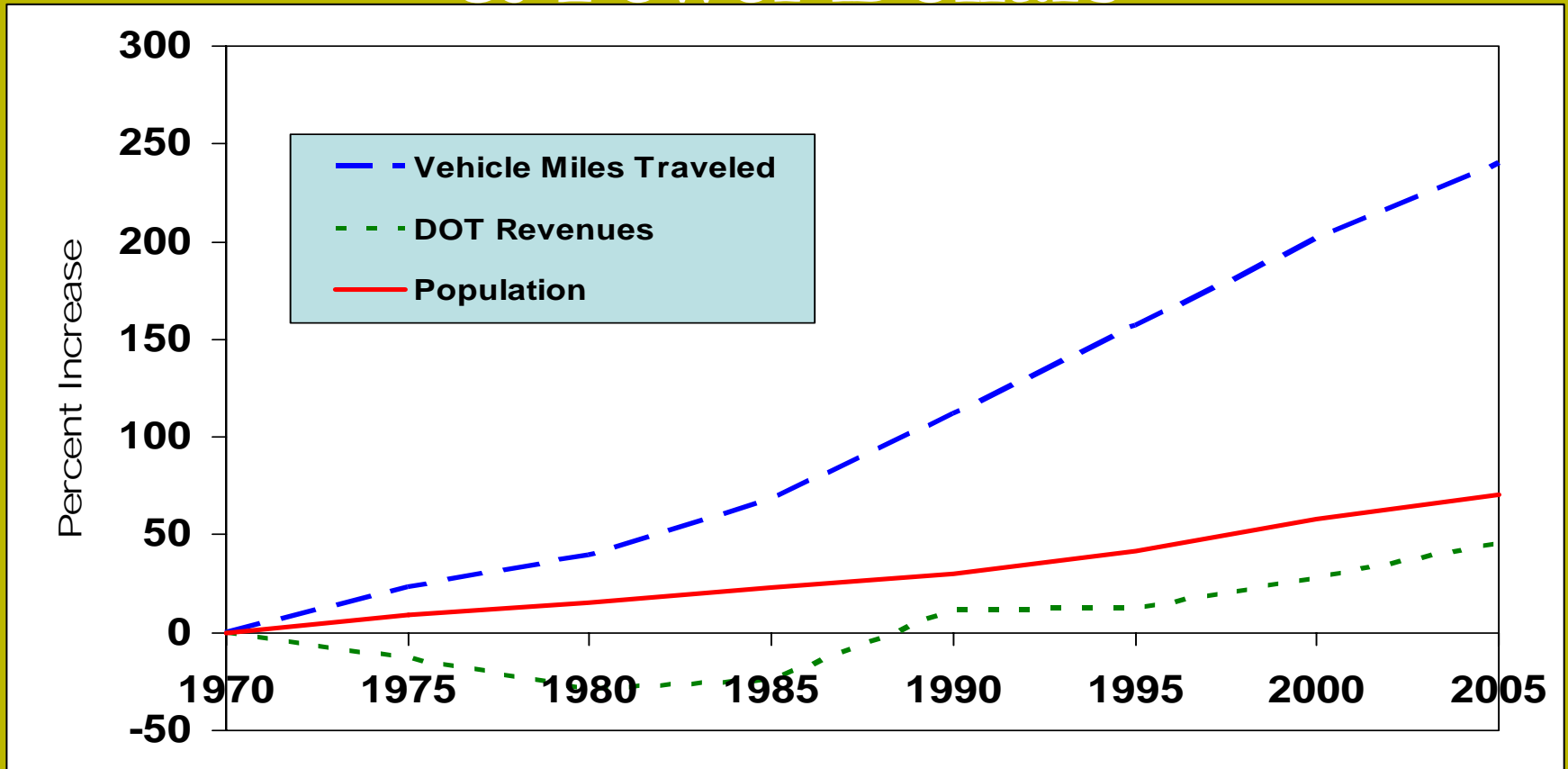


A Perfect Storm

- North Carolina's population will increase by 50% by 2030 - 4 million new residents
- 75 % transportation construction inflation
- Increasing vehicle miles of travel – 50% by 2020
- Flat transportation funding versus increased growth, increased use and increased costs

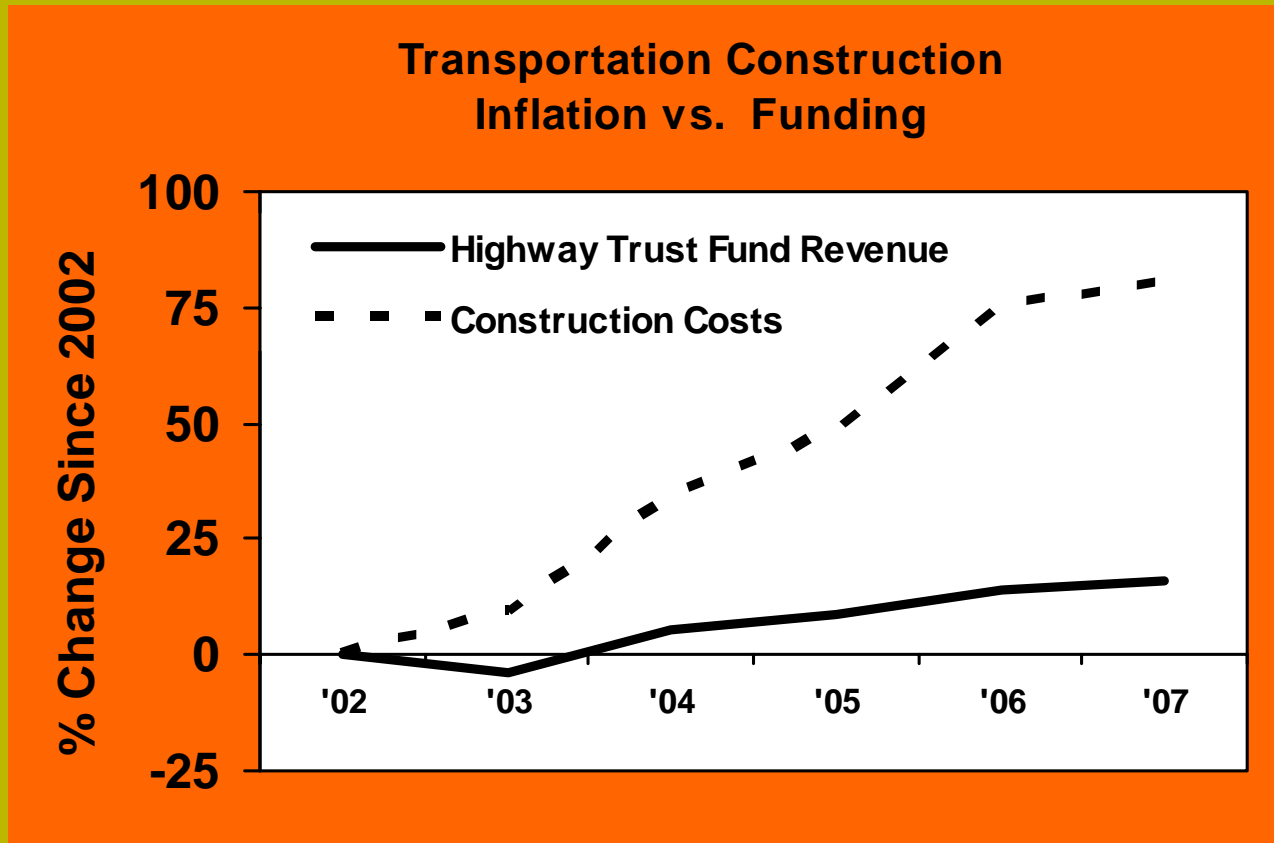


More Vehicles, More Miles & Fewer Dollars



Construction Inflation

2002 - 2007



More than 75 % increase in
construction costs since 2002



AAA Bridge Report

- North Carolina's substandard bridges make up 30.6 percent of the states bridges
- The average age of AAA's top 20 substandard bridges is now 47.3 years old.
- Buncombe, **Guilford**, Wake, **Forsyth** and Wilkes counties have the highest number of substandard bridges.

AAA Carolinas, January 2007



ASCE Report Card for North Carolina

AIRPORTS	D+	ROADS	D
BRIDGES	C-	SCHOOLS	C-
DAMS	D	STORM WATER	C-
DRINKING WATER	C+	WASTE WATER	C-
RAIL	B-	NC GPA	C-

ASCE- American Society of Civil Engineers



The Good Roads State?

- North Carolina's economic health depends on a robust transportation system to move:



- Intrastate and Interstate freight and commodities
- Services
- Employees
- Visitors and tourists



The Good Roads State?

- North Carolina's economic health depends on meeting projected demands:
 - Trucking – 57% increase by 2020
 - Ports (Container, bulk and breakbulk port shipping) – 100% increase by 2020
 - Rail
 - Commuters



Lead or Follow

Adequate transportation funding for all areas is essential:

- Urban - loops, congestion relief and transit
- Rural - encourage economic development



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Lead or Follow

NC Go! urges legislators to look to the future of North Carolina and invest adequately in transportation, considering:

- Funding has remained flat in recent years
- Motor fuels tax will continue to yield less per mile
- Congested roads are bad for safety and business
- NC's domestic and global competitiveness in attracting new business enhanced with strong transportation system
- Timeline for new solutions



Forward Thinking

NC Go! Agenda:

1. Preserve motor fuels tax
2. End the Highway Trust transfer
3. Allow flexible local options including tolls
4. Authorize \$1 billion bond
5. Provide much-needed Gap Funding
6. Consider any viable option for future financing



The Future of Transportation



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North Carolina depends on having a safe, efficient and robust transportation system.

The investment in transportation has a tangible ROI – job creation, economic development, business competitiveness and high quality of life for citizens.



No Pain, No Gain

- The time has come to once again rise above partisan politics – ex. 1989 Highway Trust Fund.
- All parties have to recognize the need for and be flexible about compromise.
- *NC Go!* is here to support the difficult decisions ahead and help move the state forward.



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