

Regional Transportation Authorities (RTAs) and the Green Bay Metro System

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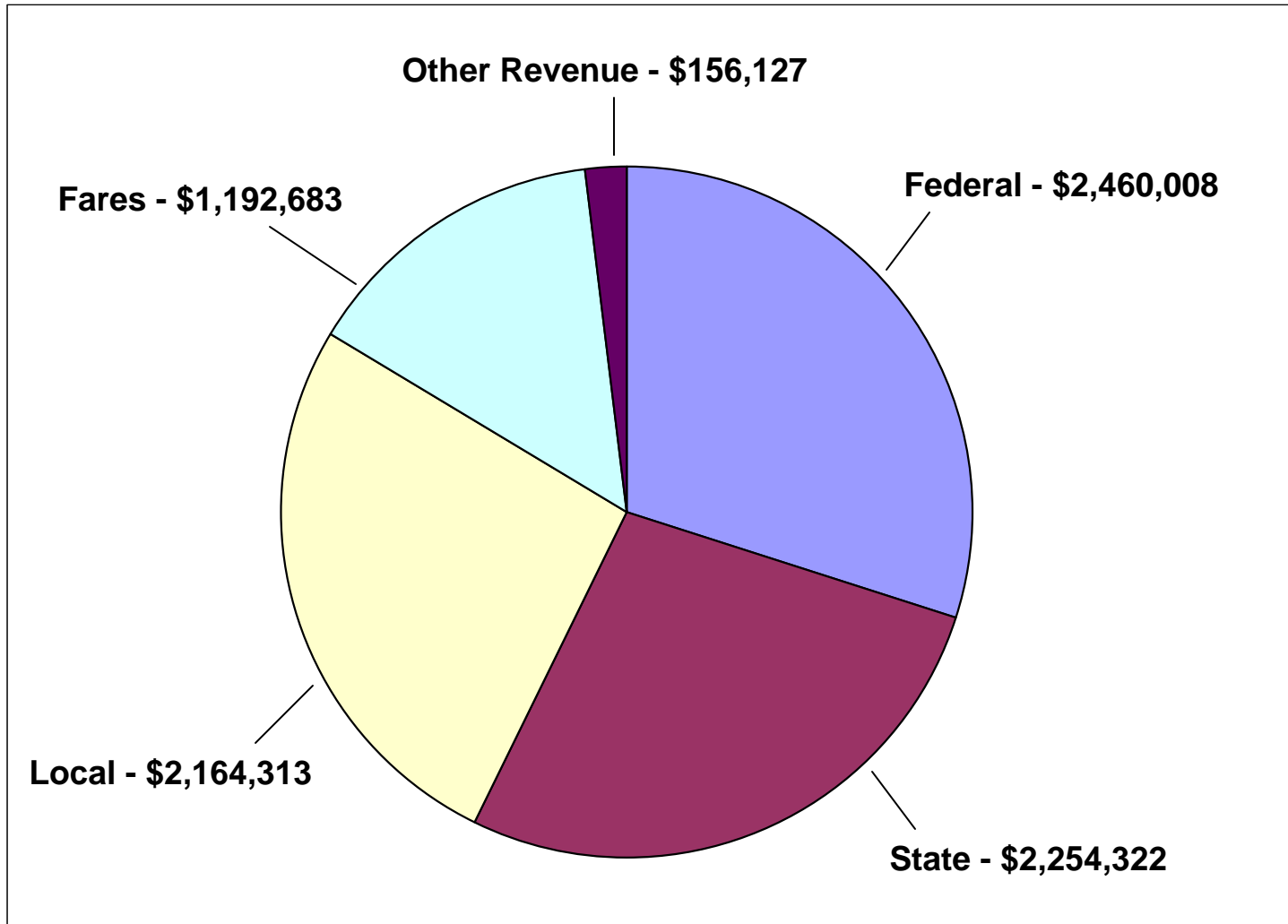


What Does Green Bay Metro Do?

- Provides access to jobs that serve the residents of Green Bay and the surrounding communities.
- Provides access to retail, recreation, and entertainment.
- Provides access to schools, which leads to a more educated workforce and community.
- Provides access to medical care.
- Provides access to job training, social services, rehabilitation programs, meal sites, and other resources.
- Reduces the negative effects of automobile use such as traffic congestion, delay, productivity losses, and pollution.

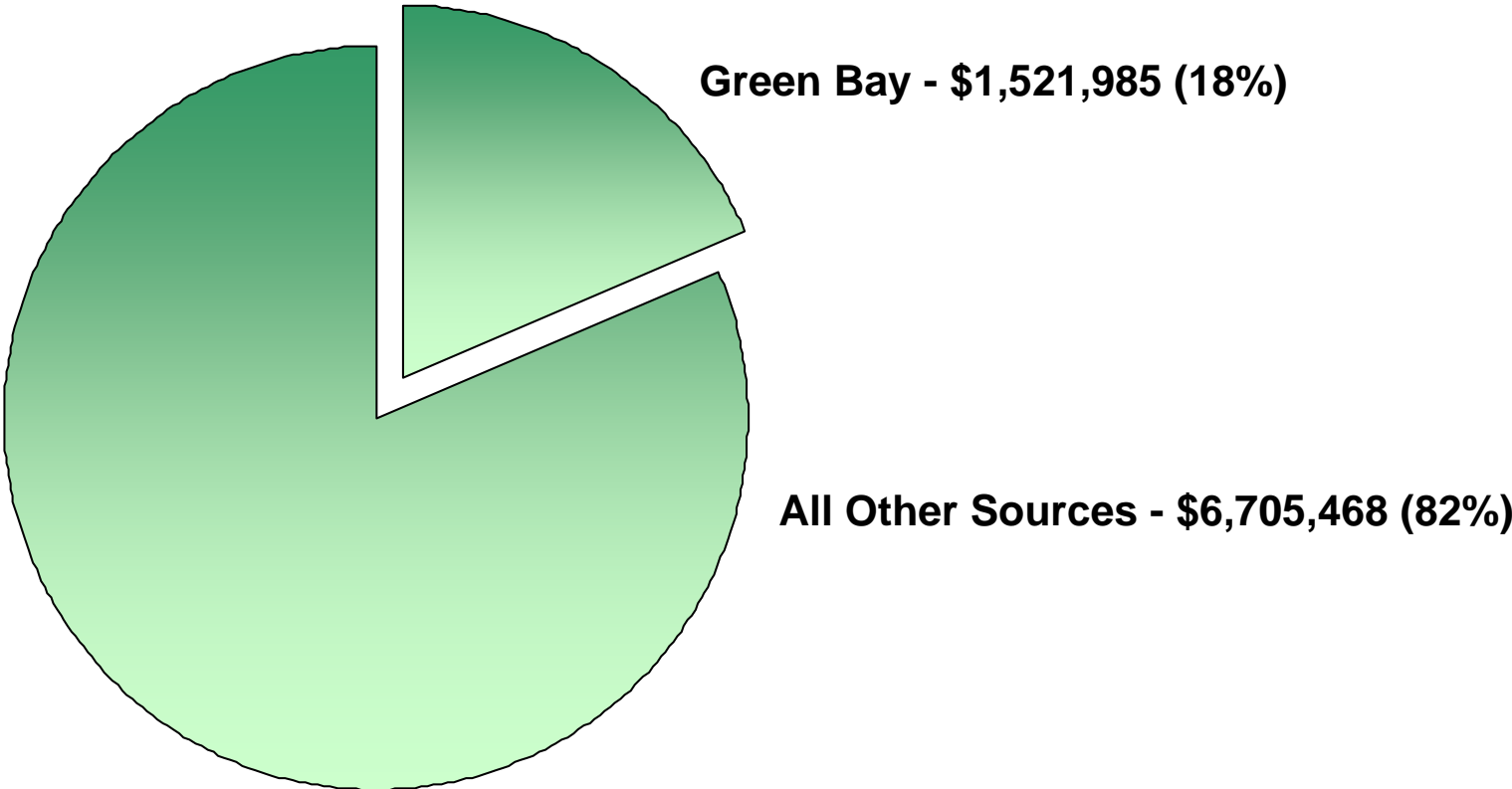
2009 Operating Budget Estimate - \$8,227,453

(does not reflect depreciation)



Local includes Green Bay, De Pere, Allouez, Ashwaubenon, Bellevue, and the Oneida Tribe of Indians.

City of Green Bay Portion of the Estimated 2009 Green Bay Metro Operating Budget

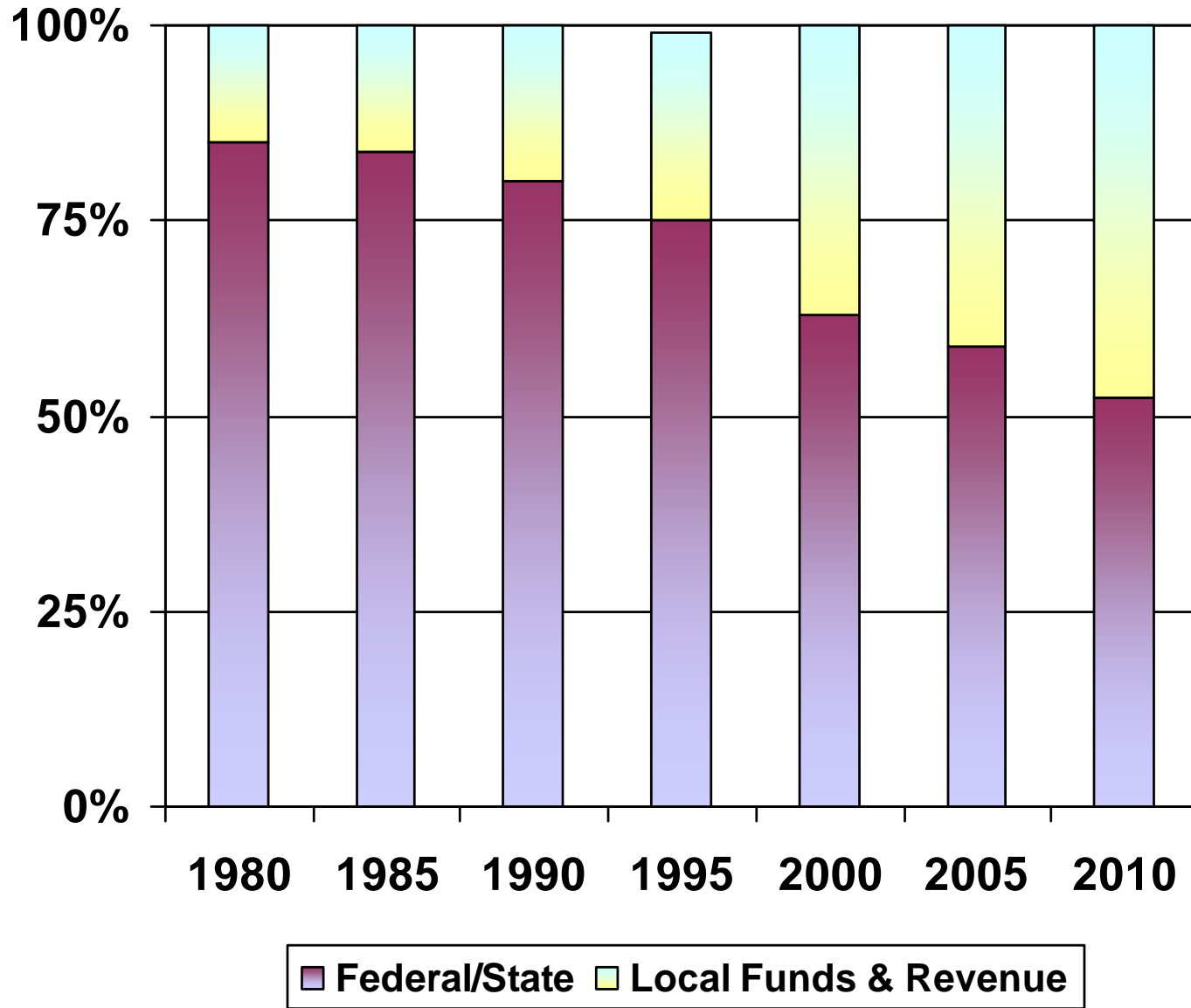


Financial Threats to Green Bay Metro

- Federal/state share of operating funding continues to decline.
- 200,000 population rule may remove \$550,000 from existing budget.
- Lack of local funds to match federal funding for transit capital.
- No operating or capital reserve fund to cover budget shortfalls.
- Gas prices are very volatile and will likely rise in near future.
- Contractually-mandated labor costs.

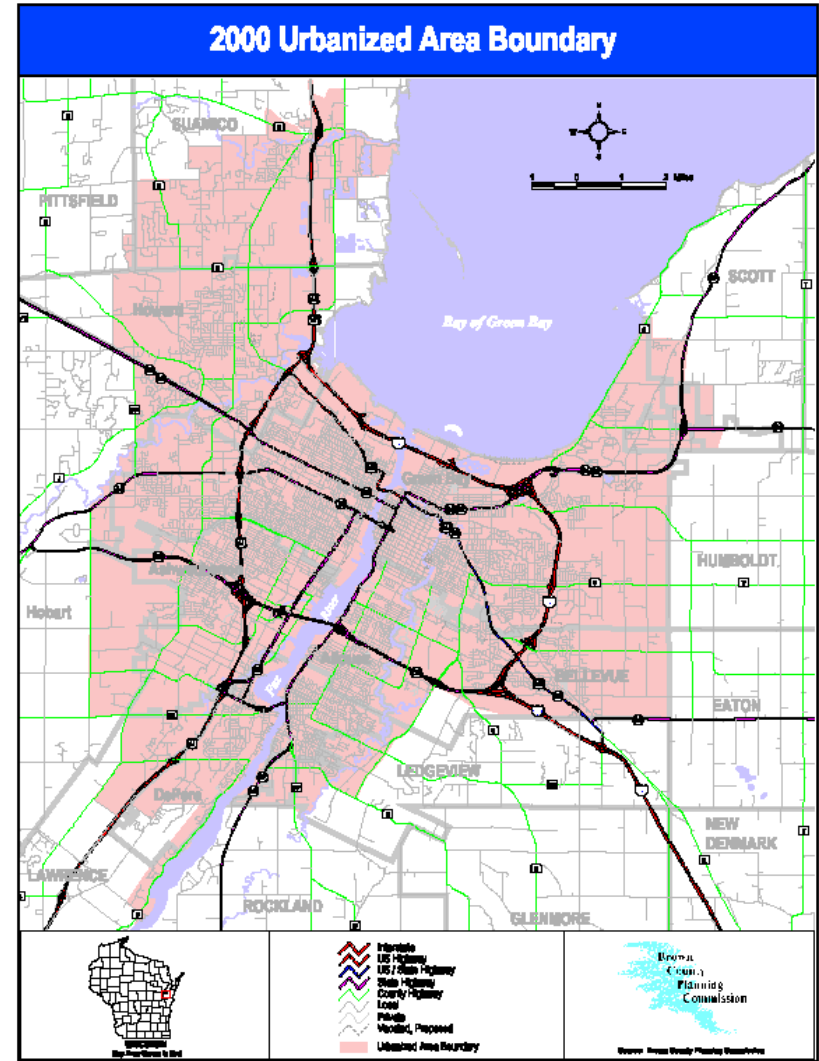
Federal/State Funding vs. Local Funds & Revenue

1980 - 2010

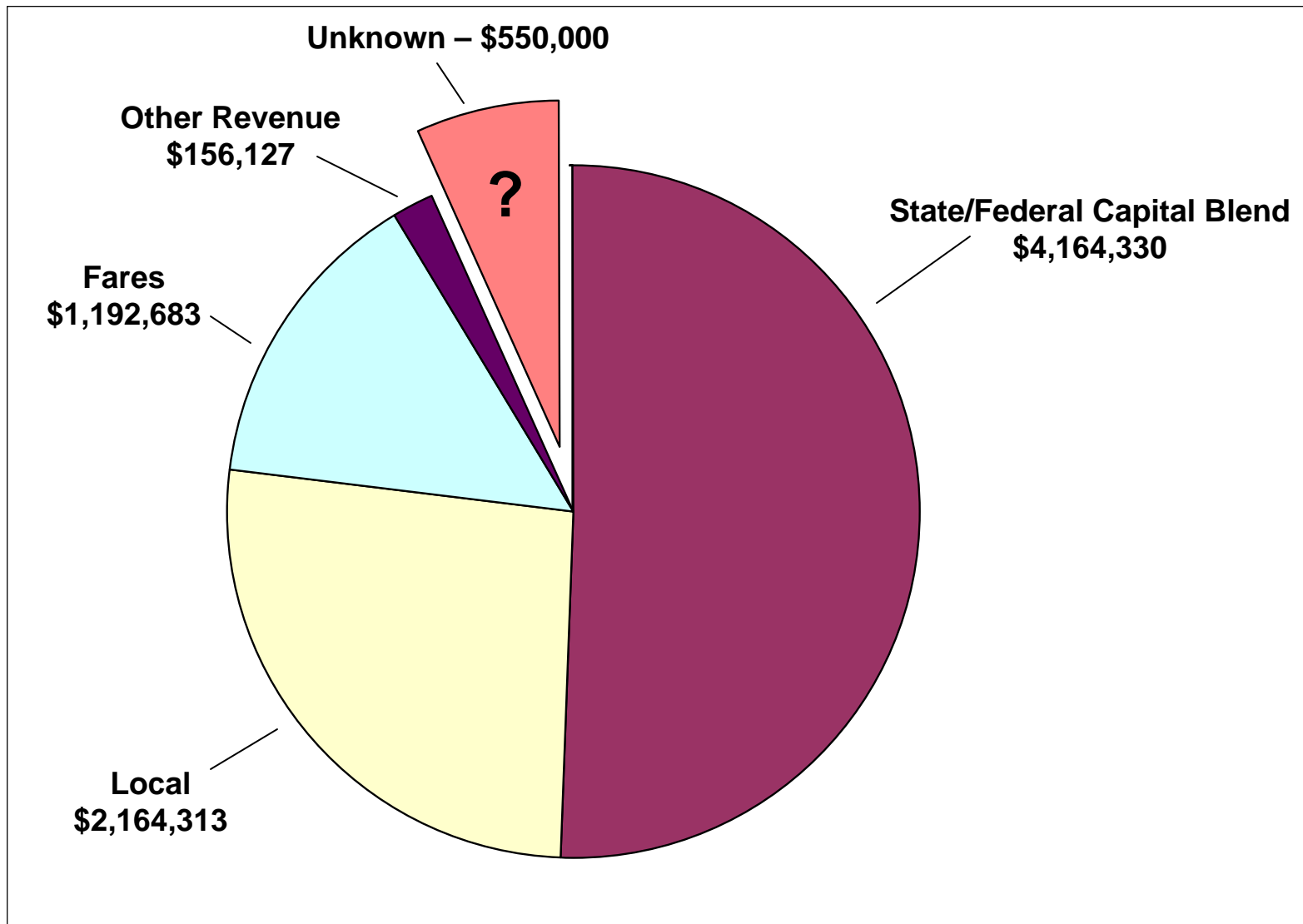


Threat to Federal Operating Assistance

- Green Bay Metro may lose federal operating assistance when the Green Bay Urbanized Area population exceeds 200,000 after the 2010 census.
- It is estimated Green Bay Metro will lose over **\$550,000** in assistance.



Similar Budget Without Federal Operating Assistance



Capital Needs

The TDP recommends that Metro purchase:

- Replacement buses



- A new fare collection system with the ability to use swipe cards



- Paratransit vehicles



Options for Dealing with the Anticipated Financial Shortfall:

1. Do nothing.
2. Ask local entities for more money.
3. Raise fares.
4. Cut service.
5. Advocate for increased state and federal assistance.
6. Establish a Regional Transportation Authority (RTA).

Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)

A **Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)** is an autonomous entity that has taxing and bonding authority.

An RTA can be formed by two or more units of government, and it is typically governed by a board of directors made up of members appointed by each participating entity.

Benefits of RTAs

- Ability to secure necessary operating and capital funding to maintain existing service.
- Allows system to expand to meet the transportation needs of a growing community and aging population.
- Ability to establish a cash reserve for transit system (to cover future capital needs, fluctuating fuel costs, etc.)
- Minimizes or eliminates burden on local property tax levy.