A LITTLE HISTORY

HOW DID WE ARRIVE AT TODAY’S CURRENT SITUATION?

1932
The federal government imposes a one-cent excise tax per gallon of gasoline to help reduce the deficit.

1956
The Federal-Aid Highway Act is implemented to fund construction of the Interstate System and permit long-term spending. This law creates the Highway Trust Fund and the fuel tax is set at three cents.

The Highway Trust Fund is projected to go bankrupt by May 2015.
The federal government increases the tax by one-cent per gallon. (four cents)

The tax is increased by five cents per gallon. (nine cents)

The tax is increased by five cents per gallon. (14 cents)

The tax is increased by 4.4 cents per gallon. (18.4 cents)