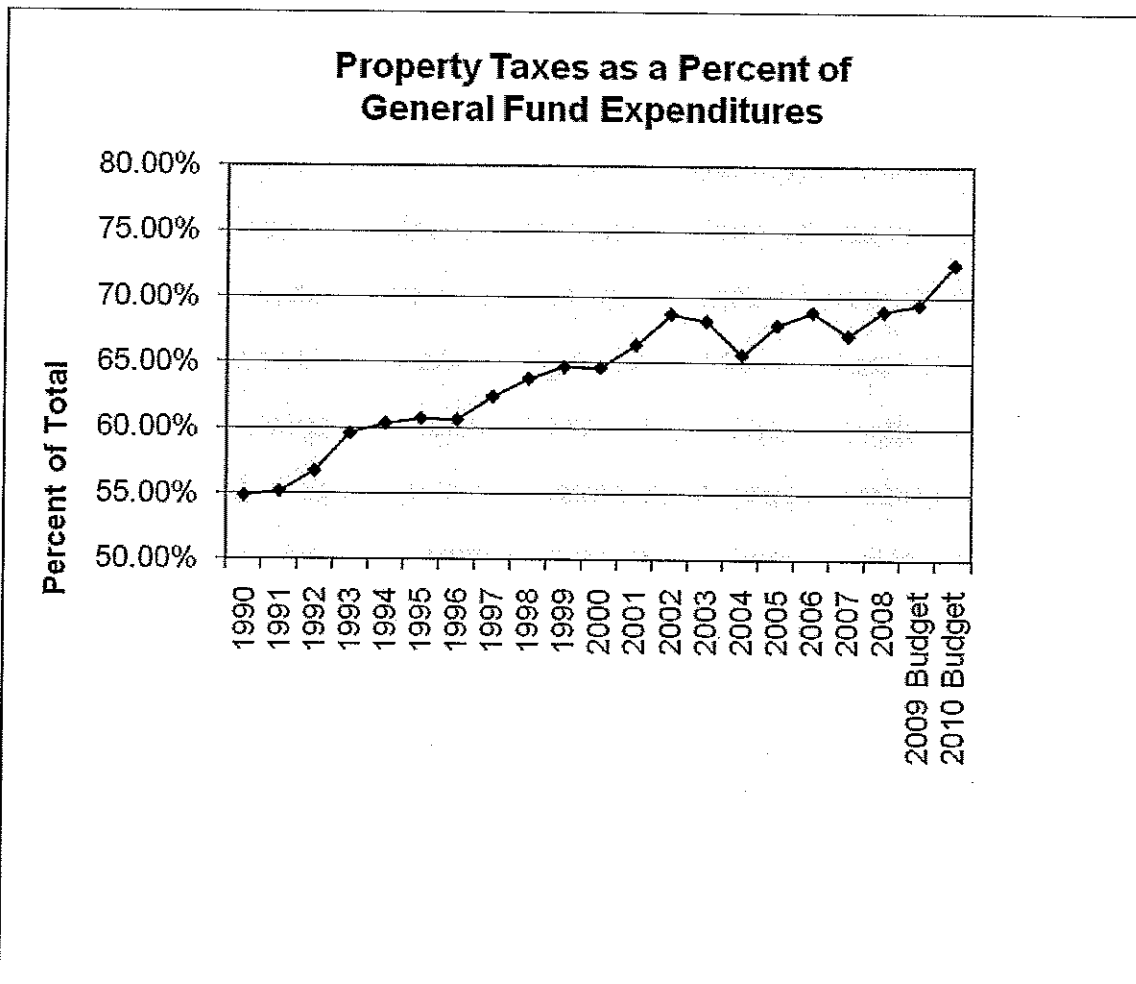


## 2011-2012 City of Madison State Government Priorities

### Providing Quality Services

The services that the City of Madison provides to its residents and visitors rely on a limited number of sources of revenue including: State Government, Federal Government, Fines and Forfeitures, Program Revenues and Property Taxes. Over the years, the decline in State Government revenues has placed significant pressure on property taxes as a means of funding City services.

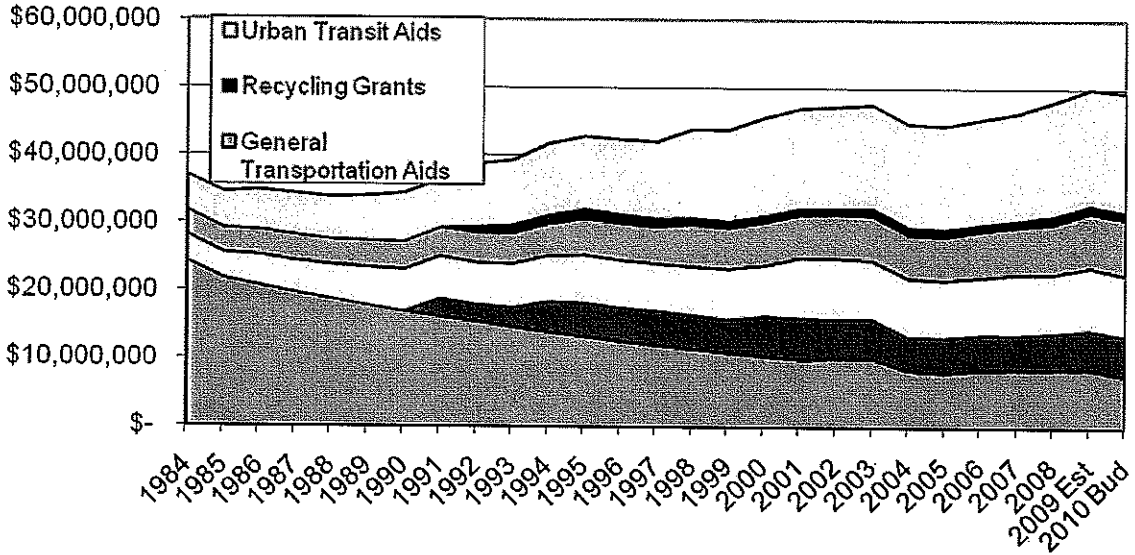
Whereas in 1990 approximately 55% of the City's operations were funded with property taxes, in 2010 that figure was 69.45%, due in large measure to eroding State sources of revenue for the City of Madison.



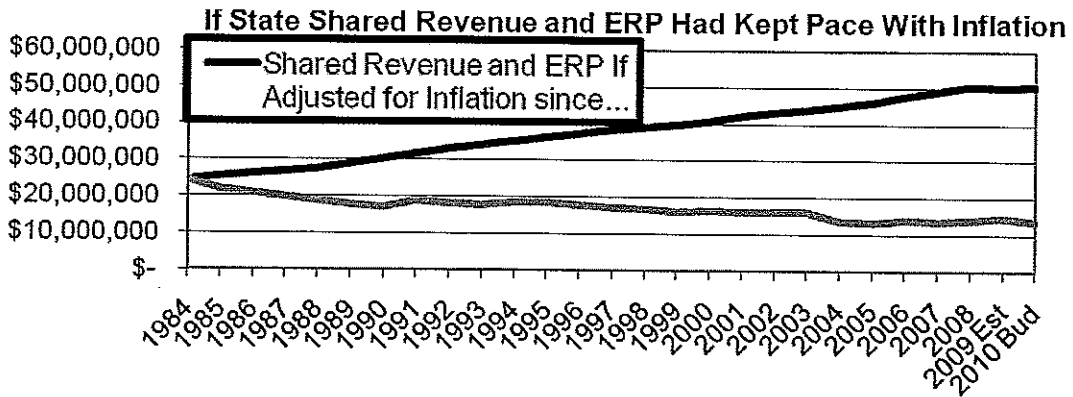
It is projected that in 2011, property taxes will account for 72% of the City's operations.

In the last few decades, most state revenue sources have remained flat, except Shared Revenues, which have decreased substantially, and Transit Aids, which have increased modestly.

**Total State Aid Payments  
All General and Transit Aids by Category  
1984 - 2010**



Moreover, if State Shared Revenues and Expenditure Restraint to the City of Madison had kept up with inflation, the amount received by the City would approximate \$50 million, compared to the current approximately \$14 million.



Therefore, avoiding further erosion of State Government revenues --and preserving local control in managing budgets-- is a top priority for the City of Madison.

## **Building Our Transportation Infrastructure**

An important part of building our regional economy is building our transportation infrastructure. State funding for road projects and transit service are a key component of that effort but, as illustrated in part by the preceding discussion on eroding State revenues, communities should be allowed to utilize local tools to further build their transportation infrastructure.

The City of Madison supports the Dane County Regional Transit Authority. The legislation creating this Authority enables our region to develop a comprehensive transit system that best serves our residents.

## **Building the New Economy**

The economic future of our region depends on education, innovation and a high-quality workforce. We need the educational resources, the research prowess and the workforce incentives that will propel our economy forward. To do so, our K-12 educational system must receive adequate financial support. The University of Wisconsin must also be supported so that it can continue being the economic engine of our state. And as we enter an era of fierce competition for workforce, we must foster an environment that is welcoming of the next generations of talent. Accordingly, the City of Madison supports:

- Funding of our K-12 educational system and modifications to revenue formulas that will afford greater flexibility for school districts to meet their obligations and deliver top-notch education to our children.
- Funding for the University of Wisconsin System aimed at making a higher education affordable, attracting and retaining quality faculty –including preserving domestic partner benefits; encouraging innovative research –including stem-cell research—so that new companies can spin off and create more jobs in our state.