

North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority

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- MPOs Eligible Under **18** IIJA Discretionary Programs
 - **4 programs** under which MPOs received a grant
 - Charging/Fueling Infrastructure
 - RAISE
 - Reconnecting Communities (1 grant)
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All
 - **8 programs** under which no MPO received a grant
 - **6 programs** that have not awarded any grants yet
 - 2 have no information
 - 4 that have NOFOs but no award announcements yet
 - Prioritization Process Pilot Program, which is an MPO program
 - Congestion Relief Program, which has an open NOFO right now

- Concerns
 - Too many grants going to State DOTs
 - Too few to MPOs
 - Cities have done reasonably well, counties seemingly less so
 - Grant applications are expensive and cumbersome
 - Equity issues
 - Grant awards coming consistently; grant agreements taking too long
 - Lack of consistency in NOFO timing
 - Some local recipients are not prepared for direct funding
 - Local match
- Positives
 - Lots of \$\$\$
 - New local opportunities
 - Broad array of programs
- Opportunities
 - Turn some discretionary grants into formula
 - Changes to programs to make them more regional and local

- Tide Turning from Implementation to Reauthorization
 - Half-life of IIJA: May 2024
- More Interesting Reauthorization than Usual
- Sampling of Big Picture Issues
 - Biden or Trump?
 - Which Party Runs Each Chamber?
 - Big Baseline
 - Guaranteed Appropriations
 - Highway Trust Fund
 - MBUFs
 - Unspent Balances
 - Discretionary vs. Formula
 - Local Government Direct Access

Political

Funding

**Structure &
Process***

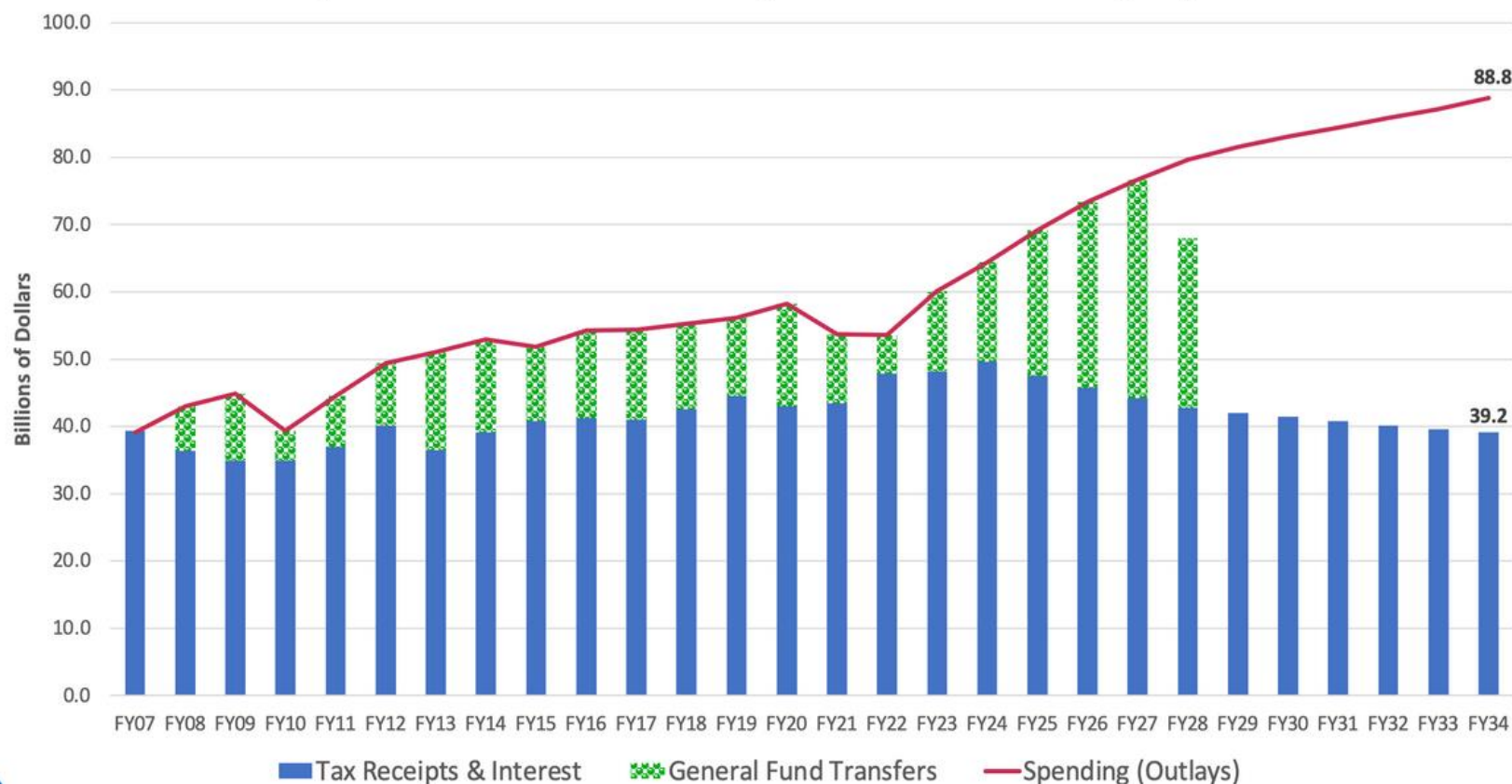


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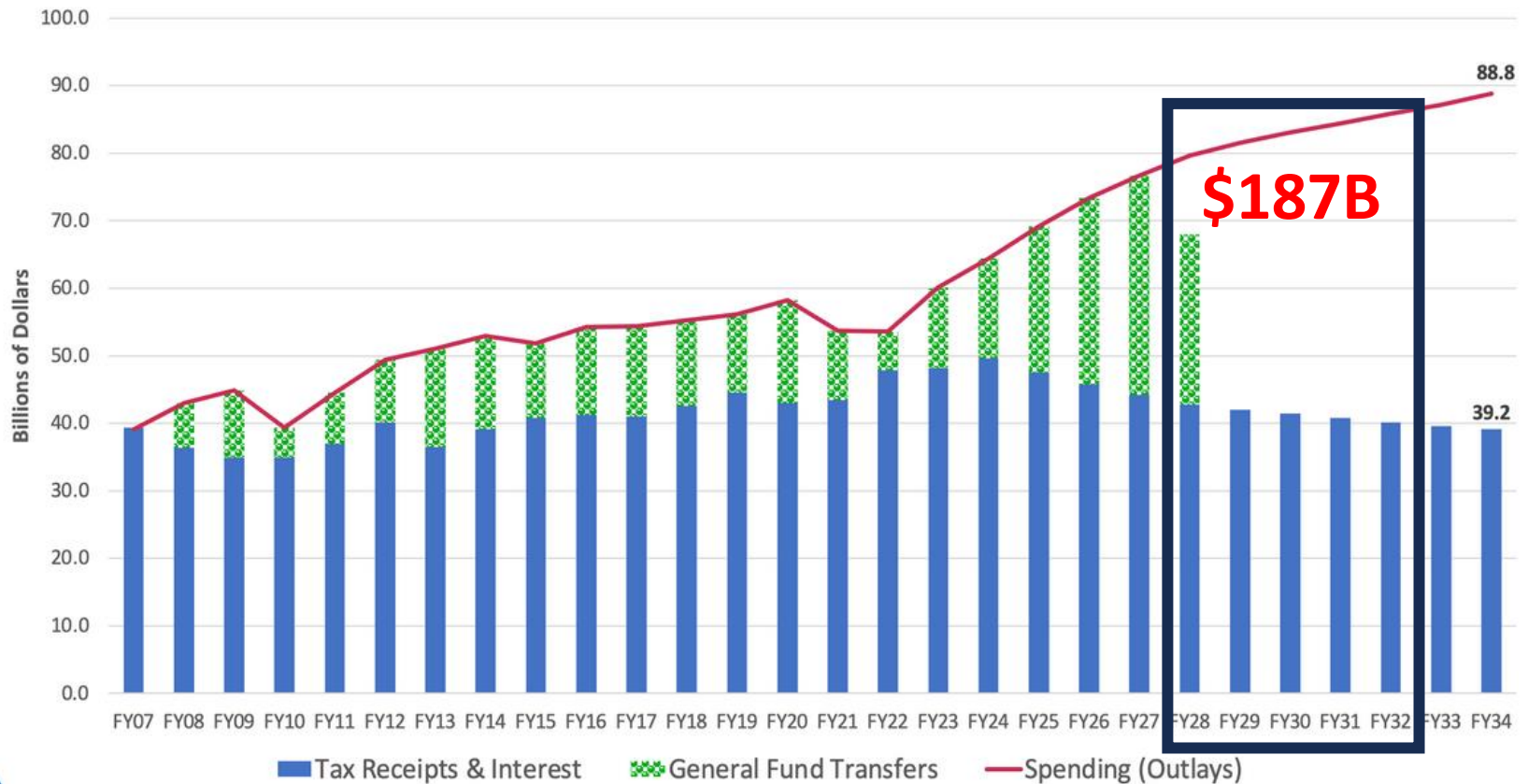
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Big Picture Issues

- Preserve the Baseline
 - Preserve guaranteed appropriations
- Unspent Balances (states and regional/local)
 - Possible impediment
 - Getting money spent is paramount
 - Better support? Incentives?
- Discretionary vs. Formula
 - Discretionary -> Formula?
- Local Government Direct Access
 - Expands the base of eligible entities
 - Award decisions moving well, grant agreements not
 - Interest in retaining (NLC, NACo)

The Opportunities

- **Increase MPO funding**
 - Substantially increase PL Funding
 - Improve access to retained programs
 - More formula funding
 - Expand “walled off” MPO/local funding [ie. SS4A]
- **Expand MPO authority**
 - Restructure programs that are regional/local in scope
 - Safety
 - Access
 - Carbon Reduction
 - Innovation/Smart Cities
 - Housing/Transportation
- **Expand MPO opportunity**
 - Consider new programs that will increase innovation
 - New programs to support more local and regional projects
- **Celebrate and accentuate the wins**
 - This is where we can use some help!



Thank you!

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