

Sources of state highway funds contemplated

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Staff Writer

No new highways for North Carolina. That could be a reality if the N.C. Division of Highways does not receive \$70 million next year.

Money from a 1977 bond issue will provide enough funds for this year, said W.F. Caddell Jr., chief of planning for the Division of Highways. But North Carolina will need an average of \$60 million per year to match the federal funds that the N.C. Division of Highways expects to receive.

"That's assuming the recommended budget remains the same and assuming federal funds keep coming in at basically the same dollar figure," Caddell said.

Thad Beyle, UNC political science professor, said he sees four choices for funding the highway system. One is an increase in the gasoline tax. Although the 1981 gasoline-tax increase of 3 cents per gallon was a help, more money will be needed. But Beyle said he does not think another increase will occur.

Brent Hackney, press secretary for Gov. Jim Hunt, said in a recent telephone interview that Hunt is opposed to an increased gas tax.

Another choice is a 1 cent increase in the state sales tax. Rep. J.P. Huskins, D-Iredell, recently introduced to the General Assembly such a bill, proposing that 10 percent go to highways.

Beyle said an increased sales tax would solve a lot of problems because the money generated could go for various state needs — "until people say, 'Hey, it is bad because it's coming out of our pocket.'" Beyle said, "The sales tax bothers some people because it looks like a raid on the General Fund."

Hackney said Hunt is generally opposed to an increased sales tax.

Beyle said another gas tax increase would hurt Hunt's chances for a U.S. Senate seat. "Anything Hunt does is going to be used against him by Helms," he said.

"The best choice is for the economy to pick up," Beyle said. But an improved economy would still solve all the highway problems, he said. Use of fuel-efficient cars has caused a decline in gasoline consumption resulting in a decline in state revenues.

Hackney said, "We (Hunt's office) look for an upturn (in the economy) to start evidencing itself midyear." Hunt said the economy would strengthen because of decreasing inflation and interest rates nationally and decreasing N.C. unemployment.

Beyle said the most likely choice for funding the highways is probably an increase in the alcohol tax.

Hackney said Hunt has largely left highway funding up to the legislature although he has reminded them of the possibility of an increased alcohol tax.

Beyle said, "The legislature is going to have to do something. The demands are on them. They know it."

Gorman Gilbert, associate professor of city and regional planning at UNC, said, "I think it's very unlikely they're going to forego the use of federal funds."

James A. Wilde, associate professor of economics at UNC, said he thought the legislature would question very little whether to match federal money.

The traditional way of funding highways is a gasoline tax, he said. "I think there will be considerable hesitation to go to other choices. But an alcohol tax might be a convenient political target right now (because of current emphasis of drunken driving)."

Historically, there has been a great reluctance to use something other than the gas tax for highways, said Jonathan Howes, director of the center for urban and regional studies. He said he thought the legislature would raise the gasoline tax in hopes that gasoline consumption will increase. He said he saw signs that gasoline prices are decreasing. "People will tend to drive more as they see prices are lower."

M.C. Adams, manager of maintenance and equipment, said the N.C. Division of Highways has cut back on positions. Since July 1, 1977, 757 positions have been eliminated in the maintenance and equipment branch, he said. The unit has a total of 5,745 positions.

The maintenance and equipment branch has increased its use of outside rental equipment and now does a limited amount of work by contract, Adams said.

Best Picture awards

Studios envision profits, eye Oscar nominations

The Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD — The Motion Picture Academy will announce its Oscar nominations today, and millions of dollars may hang in the balance.

Industry sources estimate the best picture award can mean an extra \$5 million to \$10 million at the box office.

"Chariots of Fire," last year's winner, did even better.

"On the night of the Oscars, Chariots of Fire had collected \$12 million in rentals," said Ashley Boone, marketing-distribution chief of the Ladd Co. "We were projecting rentals of \$18 million."

"Chariots now has brought in rentals of \$30 million. We

needed the impetus of the Oscar to give the film acceptance in places like Lubbock and Amarillo, Texas."

The release of Chariots of Fire was geared to the Oscar, opening in a few markets during the Fall of 1981. By the time of the awards it went into wide release.

The same pattern has been followed with Gandhi, another British-made film. Columbia Pictures opened Gandhi in New York, Toronto and Los Angeles last December, hoping for good reviews and word-of-mouth.

The release has gradually widened to 357 theaters, and 188 screens will be added the day after the Academy nominations are announced.

Because so much can depend on the awards, studios are willing to spend a lot to sway the Academy's 3,953 voters. The studios won't say just how much, but the total has been estimated between \$1 million and \$2 million.

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House GOP Leader Bob Michel of Illinois and Rep. John Brlenborn, R-Ill., head of a party task force on jobs, said they will propose minor changes in the president's program now, but within the \$4.3 billion ceiling. They said the president would listen to other proposals such as health insurance for the jobless, but did not say what he would accept.

The House Democratic leadership has been talking compromise but stands ready to add as much as \$1 billion to Reagan's current plan for summer youth jobs, infant feeding programs and weathering low-income housing.

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State George P. Shultz said Wednesday he has been personally assured by Syria that its troops will withdraw from Lebanon when Israeli troops leave. He said he saw a "reasonable possibility" that Jordan's King Hussein would become involved in Middle East peace talks.

Appearing before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Shultz also disclosed that Soviet troops are in Syria to operate SAM-5 long-range anti-aircraft missiles which Moscow has recently supplied.

Shultz also said President Reagan won't retreat from his "zero option" proposal for eliminating all medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe, although he's willing to discuss Soviet counterproposals.

SALT LAKE CITY — Just a day after he was moved to a regular room, artificial heart recipient Barney Clark developed more lung and kidney problems and was put back in intensive care so he could use a respirator, officials said Wednesday.

Although Clark's condition was still listed as fair, hospital officials said this latest in a series of medical setbacks since the Dec. 2 implant would delay his recovery and eventual release.

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KHAK—YOU'RE THE GREATEST! I had the best Valentine's Day ever. You're very special. Love You! Judy Beth.

TINA: WHATEVER YOU SAY, you won't go to class tomorrow! You'll have too much fun tonight! Happy 21st, Weiser! Love, your roomie, Lynn.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MIKE J. I hope today is as special as the last few days have been to me. KE.

LYN: YOU'RE THE BEST friend a person could ask for—even though the conversation gets boring sometimes. Hal Brooks, Love, Joseph.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DARLENE HODGES, I'm sure we can make this 22nd one of your most memorable. Have a wonderful day sweetheart. Love, Christopher.

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