Why don’t we wait for the federal government? Federal money is maximized
* Illinois’ road program is 90% federally funded
* Currently we are in danger of losing 2/3 of the federal funding because we are unable to maintain the roads at an acceptable condition.
* The graph shows the increased percentage of federal funding (orange bar) and the decrease in percentage of state funding (yellow bar) for fiscal years 2006 (1) - 2016 (11)

Isn’t there wasteful spending to cut?
No, we can’t get more efficient
* IDOT has downsized 33% over the past 15 years, to an employee count that is almost too lean.
* Despite the decline in employees the IDOT workload has not decreased.
* The graph to the left shows IDOT employee headcount (blue line) in comparison to the annual road construction program size (orange column).

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* The cost of construction (blue line) has risen significantly over the past 15 years, while the revenue (orange line) has remained relatively stagnant causing a growing gap between IDOT’s buying power and the road maintenance need. (Graph shows FY 2003-2018)