You got to be very careful if you don’t know where you’re going, because you might not get there...
Where'd you get this “Fat Lady” stuff, Sonny?
NO COUNTY IMPACT FEES
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Ya know, Pogo, I’m not so sure about those impact fees!

You’re right Possum! Got any better ideas?
What are the Alternatives?

• Taxes!
  – Higher taxes
  – New taxes
You’re gonna do what to my taxes?
• Well, maybe taxes aren’t the best idea.

• Then, what is?
A creative and innovative funding source
Another creative source
What about user charges?

• Like the motor fuels (gas) tax?

• Motor Fuels taxes are declining –
  – More fuel efficient automotive fleet
  – Shift to fuel/power sources that are not taxed
    • Electricity
    • Ethanol
    • Biodiesel

• So raise the motor fuels tax
What’d you say about gas taxes, Boy?
• Well, maybe gas taxes are not the best idea.

• North Carolina and Oregon tested a VMT charge; a charge based on the number of miles driven by the vehicle.

• It didn’t go over so well.
• Winston Churchill characterized democracy as...

  The worst form of government, until you consider the alternatives.

• The same might be said about impact fees
So what is happening with Impact Fees?

• Move toward impact fees has slowed if not stopped.
• Many states have enacted restrictive legislation
• Political activity and lobbying by those opposed to impact fees have been successful, especially during these “turbulent times.”
• Demographic changes are altering the number and locations of new developments, thus reducing the need for infrastructure.
• With less development, any impact fee will yield less revenue.
• Development on the urban fringe will have to assume more financial responsibility.