

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT

August 2026

Summary

Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues decreased by 0.1 percent (approx. \$332,000) in August compared to the same month last year. The overall decline is primarily attributable to decreased Insurance Premiums Tax and Motor Fuels Taxes collections. These losses are offset by increased collections of both State Retail and Motor Vehicles Sales & Use Taxes.

Motor Fuels Tax

Motor fuels taxes collections decreased 1.0 percent (\$1.2 million) in August compared to the same month last year.

The Brent Crude Oil Spot Price average increased to \$91.08 per barrel in August from \$83.76 in July. The Energy Information Administration's (EIA) most recent forecast for the Brent Crude Oil Spot Price suggests that the price of oil will increase in 2026 to an average of \$91.01 per barrel from an average of \$69.04 per barrel in 2025, an increase of 31.8 percent.

The average retail price of a gallon of regular gasoline increased to \$4.06 in July. The EIA estimates that the price shocks from supply chain disruptions originating from the war in the Middle East will drive the price of a gallon of gasoline to an average of approximately \$3.84 in Calendar Year 2026, an increase from the \$3.10 average price in 2025, which equates to about 23.9 percent price growth.

Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Motor vehicle sales tax collections increased 1.5 percent (\$1.7 million) in August.

Total U.S. light vehicle sales increased to 16.8 million (SAAR) units in August, from 16.3 million (SAAR) in July.

New-vehicle sales increased approximately 3.3 percent month-over-month in August, which denotes a 0.4 percent increase year-over-year. According to Kelly Blue Book, the average transaction price (ATP) for a new vehicle increased 0.5 percent in August compared to July, rising to an average of \$50,089, which is a 1.9 percent increase compared to last year. The used-vehicle retails sales pace increased approximately 3.9 percent in August from July but declined 3.2 percent year-over-year. According to the Manheim Used Vehicle Value Index, wholesale prices decreased 0.9 percent month-over-month in August but increased 0.4 percent compared to this month last year.

According to Cox Automotive, 78,895 new electric vehicles (EV) were sold during August, which denotes an increase of 2.5 percent from July, but a 46.9 percent decrease from this month last year. Used EV sales totaled 44,350 for the month, a 25.9 percent increase from July, and a year-over-year increase of 14.7 percent. The average transaction price for a new electric vehicle decreased 1.3 percent month-over-month from July to about \$54,754, which is a decrease of 2.8 percent compared to August 2025. The average transaction price of a used EV decreased 1.0 percent month-over-month to about \$37,441, which is an increase of 8.2 percent year-over-year.

State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of state retail sales tax collections increased by 3.7 percent (\$4.7 million) in August.

Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections increased 2.2 percent (approx. \$376,000) in August.

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Commonwealth Transportation Fund
Summary Statement of Selected Revenue Estimates & Collections
For the Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027
(Dollars in Thousands)

Revenue	FY 2027 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	August			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2027	FY 2026	% Change	FY 2027	FY 2026	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$1,725,939	21.29	\$115,523	\$116,693	(1.0)	\$268,112	\$283,034	(5.3)	3.8
Insurance Premiums Tax	257,151	3.17	3,525	10,236	(65.6)	32,740	24,656	32.8	0.2
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	1,419,183	17.51	114,064	112,333	1.5	248,186	248,173	0.0	5.8
State Sales and Use Tax	1,490,058	18.38	130,749	126,076	3.7	273,016	251,285	8.6	(0.7)
Motor Vehicle License Fees	232,500	2.88	17,139	16,763	2.2	46,184	40,553	13.9	4.1
Highway Use Fee	103,400	1.28	8,767	7,637	14.8	19,667	16,510	19.1	9.6
International Registration Plan	117,800	1.45	6,565	6,788	(3.3)	14,312	18,365	(22.1)	(2.8)
Recordation Tax	67,100	0.83	5,411	5,278	2.5	11,641	11,308	2.9	(3.3)
Interest Earnings	35,680	0.44	43	83	(48.2)	44	86	(48.8)	(36.6)
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	20,100	0.25	1,806	2,037	(11.3)	3,903	4,003	(2.5)	(16.2)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$5,468,911	67.48	\$403,592	\$403,924	(0.1)	\$917,805	\$897,973	2.2	2.2

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		As a %	August			Year-To-Date			% Annual
Revenue	FY 2027	of Total	FY 2027	FY 2026	%	FY 2027	FY 2026	%	Growth
	Estimate	Fund			Change			Change	Required
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COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND									
Motor Vehicle Fuels Taxes									
(Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$1,725,939	21.29	\$115,523	\$116,693	(1.0)	\$268,112	\$283,034	(5.3)	3.8
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Total Commonwealth Transportation Fund	\$5,413,131	66.79	\$401,743	\$401,804	0.0	\$913,858	\$893,884	2.2	2.7
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND									
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	\$20,100	0.25	\$1,806	\$2,037	(11.3)	\$3,903	\$4,003	(2.5)	(16.2)
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	38,755	0.48	113,883	106,119	7.3	177,778	120,246	47.8	(90.3)
Federal Grants and Contracts	0	0.00	7,843	2,135	267.4	10,869	5,662	92.0	(100.0)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	366,749	4.52	0	0	-	0	0	-	(43.6)
Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	\$425,604	5.25	\$123,532	\$110,291	12.0	\$192,550	\$129,911	48.2	(64.4)
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
Interest Earnings	\$35,680	0.44	\$43	\$83	(48.2)	\$44	\$86	(48.8)	(36.6)
Federal Grants and Contracts	1,638,738	20.22	213,225	249,247	(14.5)	375,590	352,372	6.6	11.5
Receipts from Cities/Counties	836,975	10.33	94,276	48,190	95.6	107,980	136,146	(20.7)	15.7
Toll Revenues	114,260	1.40	3,581	4,547	(21.2)	8,136	8,453	(3.8)	80.7
Miscellaneous Revenues	7,420	0.09	40,784	23,330	74.8	95,151	58,185	63.5	(97.5)
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	(366,749)	(4.52)	0	0	-	0	0	-	43.6
Total Transportation Trust Fund	\$2,266,324	27.96	\$351,909	\$325,397	8.1	\$586,901	\$555,242	5.7	15.6
TOTAL COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND, HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND, AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
	\$8,105,059	100.00	\$877,184	\$837,492	4.7	\$1,693,309	\$1,579,037	7.2	(3.8)

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