

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT May 2026

Summary

Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues increased by 3.9 percent (\$16.0 million) in May compared to the same month last year. The overall growth is primarily attributable to increased collections of International Registration Plan fees and State Retail Sales and Use Taxes. These gains are slightly offset by a decrease in Motor Fuels Tax and Motor Vehicle License Fee collections.

Motor Fuels Tax

Motor fuels taxes collections decreased 2.0 percent in May compared to the same month last year.

The Brent Crude Oil Spot Price average decreased to \$107.14 per barrel in May from \$117.29 in April. The Energy Information Administration's (EIA) most recent forecast for the Brent Crude Oil Spot Price suggests that the price of oil will now increase in 2026 to an average of \$95.39 per barrel from an average of \$69.04 per barrel in 2025, an increase of 38.2 percent. This estimate is a slight decrease compared to the previous forecast which predicted that the average price of a barrel of oil in 2026 would reach \$95.85 per barrel.

The real average retail price of a gallon of regular gasoline increased to \$4.48 in May. 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 \$3.90 in Calendar Year 2026, an increase from the \$3.10 average price in 2025, which equates to about 25.8 percent price growth.

Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Motor vehicle sales tax collections decreased 0.5 percent (\$0.6 million) in May.

Total U.S. light vehicle sales increased to 16.1 million (SAAR) units in May 2026, from 15.9 million (SAAR) in April.

New vehicle sales volume increased approximately 7 percent in May, month-over-month. According to Kelly Blue Book, the average transaction price (ATP) for a new vehicle decreased 0.5 percent in May compared to April, which is a 1.2 percent increase compared to May of last year. The used-vehicle retails sales pace decreased approximately 2 percent in May compared to April, and decreased 3.9 percent compared to May 2025. According to the Manheim Used Vehicle Value Index, wholesale prices

grew 0.3 percent month-over-month in May and increased 3.6 percent increase compared to this month last year.

According to Cox Automotive, 84,746 new electric vehicles (EV) were sold during May, which denotes an increase of 10.3 percent from April, but a 21.9 percent decrease from this month last year. Used EV sales totaled 42,923 for the month, a 5.5 percent increase from April, and a year-over-year increase of 24.7 percent over May of last year. The average transaction price for a new electric vehicle decreased 0.5 percent month-over-month from April to about \$54,532, which is a decrease of 4.0 percent compared to May 2025. The average transaction price of a used electric vehicle increased 3.8 percent month-over-month to about \$37,083, which is an increase of 3.1 percent year-over-year.

State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of state retail sales tax collections increased by 7.6 percent in May.

Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections decreased 9.9 percent in May.

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Summary Statement of Selected Revenue Estimates & Collections
For the Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026
(Dollars in Thousands)

Revenue	FY 2026 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	May			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2026	FY 2025	% Change	FY 2026	FY 2025	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$1,660,100	19.73	\$130,426	\$133,094	(2.0)	\$1,525,170	\$1,451,719	5.1	5.4
Insurance Premiums Tax	256,704	3.05	0	0	-	256,704	228,661	12.3	12.3
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	1,365,400	16.23	115,220	114,595	0.5	1,229,271	1,233,059	(0.3)	2.6
State Sales and Use Tax	1,457,400	17.32	130,636	121,372	7.6	1,367,542	1,289,535	6.0	3.2
Motor Vehicle License Fees	235,200	2.80	16,986	18,855	(9.9)	207,732	209,888	(1.0)	4.0
Highway Use Fee	96,000	1.13	7,367	6,874	7.2	86,197	77,410	11.4	14.4
International Registration Plan	117,100	1.39	16,544	6,932	138.7	112,361	111,223	1.0	0.4
Recordation Tax	60,200	0.72	5,986	5,444	10.0	62,531	53,951	15.9	0.5
Interest Earnings	36,700	0.44	44	77	(42.9)	44,505	42,385	5.0	(32.8)
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	20,100	0.24	1,974	1,906	3.6	21,693	20,745	4.6	(10.8)
Total State Taxes and Fees	<u>\$5,304,904</u>	<u>63.05</u>	<u>\$425,183</u>	<u>\$409,149</u>	<u>3.9</u>	<u>\$4,913,706</u>	<u>\$4,718,576</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>3.8</u>

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Revenue	FY 2026 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	May			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Est
			FY 2026	FY 2025	% Change	FY 2026	FY 2025	% Change	
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND									
Motor Vehicle Fuels Taxes (Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$1,660,100	19.73	\$130,426	\$133,094	(2.0)	\$1,525,170	\$1,451,719	5.1	5.4
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax (Includes Rental Tax)	1,365,400	16.23	115,220	114,595	0.5	1,229,271	1,233,059	(0.3)	2.6
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Insurance Premiums Tax	256,704	3.05	0	0	-	256,704	228,661	12.3	12.3
Recordation Tax	60,200	0.72	5,986	5,444	10.0	62,531	53,951	15.9	0.5
Total Commonwealth Transportation Fund	\$5,248,104	62.37	\$423,165	\$407,166	3.9	\$4,847,508	\$4,655,446	4.1	4.2
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND									
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	\$20,100	0.24	\$1,974	\$1,906	3.6	\$21,693	\$20,745	4.6	(10.8)
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	302,212	3.59	4,800	5,854	(18.0)	378,445	488,578	(22.5)	(38.8)
Federal Grants and Contracts	0	0.00	4,304	10,694	(59.8)	43,709	60,400	(27.6)	(100.0)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	532,639	6.33	0	0	-	380,836	381,000	0.0	1.1
Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	\$854,951	10.16	\$11,078	\$18,454	(40.0)	\$824,683	\$950,723	(13.3)	(22.8)
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
Interest Earnings	\$36,700	0.44	\$44	\$77	(42.9)	\$44,505	\$42,385	5.0	(32.8)
Federal Grants and Contracts	1,657,155	19.69	73,012	73,521	(0.7)	1,458,603	1,287,381	13.3	21.7
Receipts from Cities/Counties	1,044,700	12.41	66,038	48,619	35.8	661,029	517,972	27.6	77.6
Toll Revenues	92,526	1.10	13,752	5,611	145.1	58,161	60,096	(3.2)	42.2
Miscellaneous Revenues	13,467	0.16	7,531	4,232	78.0	243,700	252,070	(3.3)	(96.6)
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	(532,639)	(6.33)	0	0	-	(380,836)	(381,000)	0.0	(1.1)
Total Transportation Trust Fund	\$2,311,909	27.47	\$160,377	\$132,060	21.4	\$2,085,162	\$1,778,904	17.2	19.3
TOTAL COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND, HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND, AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
	\$8,414,964	100.00	\$594,620	\$557,680	6.6	\$7,757,353	\$7,385,073	5.0	4.1

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