

## COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT April 2014

### Summary

Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues increased by 14.6 percent in April. On a year-to-date basis, collections are up 12.7 percent. Adjusting for the impacts of HB2313 (2013), annual collections are up 1.5 percent.

### Motor Fuels Tax

Motor fuel taxes fell by 26.6 percent in April and are down 21.7 percent for the fiscal year.

During the April-through-September summer driving season this year, regular gasoline retail prices are forecast to average \$3.61/gallon (gal), 3 cents higher than last year. The projected monthly national average regular gasoline retail price falls from \$3.72/gal in May to \$3.51/gal in September. The regular gasoline retail prices are expected to average \$3.48/gal in 2014 and \$3.39/gal in 2015, compared with \$3.51/gal in 2013.

### Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Motor vehicle sales tax collections increased by 31.7 percent in April and are up 31.3 percent for the year. Adjusting for the July 1 increase in the motor vehicle sales tax rate and excluding the rental taxes, motor vehicle sales tax collections fell by 0.8 percent this month and are down 3.8 percent annually.

The stars are aligned for even stronger vehicle sales during the remainder of the year. Not only is the spring thaw enabling more consumer purchases, but hiring, which was delayed by the winter weather, is also rebounding. Fewer workers are being laid off, and declining continuing claims indicate that more displaced workers are finding jobs. The labor market is one of the most important but not the only factor that will enable vehicle sales to trend higher this year. Consumer credit availability is improving, allowing more households with tarnished credit histories to purchase vehicles, though many of them are still buying used vehicles. Financing costs remain low as well.

### State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of the state retail sales tax increased by 58.6 percent in April, due to the 0.3 percent increase in the state retail sales tax and the increased amount of general fund sales tax collections being deposited into the Highway Maintenance Fund

as stipulated by HB2313 (2013). Adjusting for HB2313, sales tax collections were up 0.1 percent for the month and are up 0.2 percent for the year.

#### Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections increased by 4.7 percent in April.

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**Summary Statement of Selected Revenue Estimates & Collections**  
**For the Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014**  
**(Dollars in Thousands)**

Revenue	FY 2014 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	April			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2014	FY 2013	% Change	FY 2014	FY 2013	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes (b)	\$607,500	15.24	\$46,384	\$63,218	(26.6)	\$499,064	\$637,358	(21.7)	(27.8)
Priority Transportation Fund (PTF) (b)	130,800	3.28	0	0	-	130,769	130,064	0.5	0.6
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	859,200	21.55	73,950	56,140	31.7	671,018	511,017	31.3	38.0
State Sales and Use Tax (a)	837,800	21.01	73,631	46,421	58.6	670,609	429,948	56.0	60.8
Motor Vehicle License Fees	250,700	6.29	24,683	23,586	4.7	204,200	201,295	1.4	2.1
International Registration Plan	62,300	1.56	6,440	4,531	42.1	49,621	51,823	(4.2)	0.9
Recordation Tax	45,500	1.15	2,962	3,888	(23.8)	30,662	37,476	(18.2)	(1.8)
Interest Earnings	13,100	0.33	1,929	2,730	(29.3)	5,579	7,463	(25.2)	41.1
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	16,100	0.40	1,815	1,746	4.0	14,324	12,248	16.9	8.7
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$2,823,000</b>	<b>70.81</b>	<b>\$231,794</b>	<b>\$202,260</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>\$2,275,846</b>	<b>\$2,018,692</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>13.2</b>

# Percentage is greater than or equal to 1,000%.

(a) New revenue streams for State Sales and Use Tax are included in the Fiscal Year 2014 Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund Revenue Forecast. As there were no collections for state sales and use tax recorded in the Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund during Fiscal Year 2013, a comparison between Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 may not be appropriate. Refer to the "State Sales and Use Tax" line item on page 5 for the detailed information pertaining to the "State Sales and Use Tax" line item.

(b) Certain Fiscal Year 2013 monthly and year-to-date amounts have been reclassified. Refer to (b) on page 5 for additional information.

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Revenue	FY 2014 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	April			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Est
			FY 2014	FY 2013	% Change	FY 2014	FY 2013	% Change	
<b>HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND:</b>									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Road Tax)	\$485,100	12.17	\$37,426	\$53,222	(29.7)	\$397,655	\$534,273	(25.6)	(31.3)
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	611,700	15.34	52,182	34,165	52.7	475,537	315,771	50.6	57.9
State Sales and Use Tax (a)	199,500	5.00	17,527	0	-	154,885	0	-	-
Motor Vehicle License Fees	228,800	5.74	22,492	21,428	5.0	186,432	183,385	1.7	2.2
International Registration Plan	62,300	1.56	6,440	4,531	42.1	49,621	51,823	(4.2)	0.9
Recordation Tax (1 cent)	15,000	0.39	987	1,296	(23.8)	10,230	12,492	(18.1)	(2.9)
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	16,100	0.40	1,815	1,746	4.0	14,324	12,248	16.9	8.7
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$1,618,500</b>	<b>40.60</b>	<b>\$138,869</b>	<b>\$116,388</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>\$1,288,684</b>	<b>\$1,109,992</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>14.8</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$852	\$2,392	(64.4)	\$22,019	\$20,668	6.5	(100.0)
Miscellaneous Revenues	18,658	0.47	2,266	2,581	(12.2)	15,822	14,775	7.1	11.5
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	313,942	7.87	28,942	16,905	71.2	313,942	261,905	19.9	(10.4)
<b>Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$1,951,100</b>	<b>48.94</b>	<b>\$170,929</b>	<b>\$138,266</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>\$1,640,467</b>	<b>\$1,407,340</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>8.3</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:</b>									
<b>Motor Fuel Taxes</b>									
(Includes Aviation & Road Taxes) (b)	\$122,400	3.07	\$8,958	\$9,996	(10.4)	\$101,409	\$103,085	(1.6)	(9.5)
PTF Insurance Premiums Tax	130,800	3.28	0	0	-	130,769	130,064	0.5	0.6
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax (Includes Rental Tax)	247,500	6.21	21,768	21,975	(0.9)	195,481	195,246	0.1	5.2
State Sales and Use Tax	638,300	16.01	56,104	46,421	20.9	515,724	429,948	20.0	22.5
Motor Vehicle License Fees	21,900	0.55	2,191	2,158	1.5	17,768	17,910	(0.8)	1.1
Recordation Tax (2 cents)	30,500	0.76	1,975	2,592	(23.8)	20,432	24,984	(18.2)	(1.3)
Interest Earnings	13,100	0.33	1,929	2,730	(29.3)	5,579	7,463	(25.2)	41.1
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$1,204,500</b>	<b>30.21</b>	<b>\$92,925</b>	<b>\$85,872</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>\$987,162</b>	<b>\$908,700</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>11.2</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$929,928	23.33	\$119,538	\$88,639	34.9	\$1,115,416	\$1,152,341	(3.2)	(28.8)
Receipts from Cities/Counties	178,614	4.48	3,066	1,308	134.4	61,071	45,635	33.8	208.5
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	16,768	0.42	7,229	7,461	(3.1)	15,873	15,809	0.4	(5.0)
Miscellaneous Revenues	19,854	0.49	943	1,516	(37.8)	20,738	42,253	(50.9)	(57.6)
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,145,164</b>	<b>28.72</b>	<b>\$130,776</b>	<b>\$98,924</b>	<b>32.2</b>	<b>\$1,213,098</b>	<b>\$1,256,038</b>	<b>(3.4)</b>	<b>(19.9)</b>
<b>Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund</b>									
Maintenance and Operating Fund	(\$313,942)	(7.87)	(\$28,942)	(\$16,905)	(71.2)	(\$313,942)	(\$261,905)	(19.9)	10.4
<b>Total Transportation Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$2,035,722</b>	<b>51.06</b>	<b>\$194,759</b>	<b>\$167,891</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>\$1,886,318</b>	<b>\$1,902,833</b>	<b>(0.9)</b>	<b>(5.8)</b>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND</b>									
	<b>\$3,986,822</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>\$365,688</b>	<b>\$306,157</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>\$3,526,785</b>	<b>\$3,310,173</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>0.6</b>

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(a) This line item was added to the Fiscal Year 2014 Revenue Forecast. Since there were no collections for this line item during Fiscal Year 2013, the Monthly and Year-To-Date % Change columns do not provide comparable data.

(b) The "PTF Motor Fuels" line item was removed from the Transportation Trust Fund Revenue Forecast. The amount previously reported in "PTF Motor Fuels" was reclassified to "Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Aviation & Roads Taxes)." In order to provide comparable data, the Fiscal Year 2013 monthly and year-to-date amounts were likewise reclassified.