

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT April 2015

Summary

Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues increased by 13.3 percent in April, led by solid gains in most sources but mainly driven by increased collections in motor fuels and retail sales tax collections. Year-to-date collections are up 8.6 percent.

Motor Fuels Tax

Motor fuel taxes increased by 27.3 percent in April, and are up 2.4 percent for the year. March collections (representing January sales) marked the first period in which a higher tax rate was imposed on the sales of gasoline. The higher rate, effective January 1, 2015, was a provision of Chapter 766 (2013).

While U.S. monthly average regular gasoline retail prices in April were almost unchanged from March at \$2.47/gallon (gal), U.S. weekly regular gasoline retail prices reached an average of \$2.69/gal on May 11, reflecting rising crude oil prices and several outages at West Coast refineries. U.S. regular gasoline retail prices, which averaged \$3.36/gal in 2014, are expected to average \$2.43/gal in 2015 and \$2.63/gal in 2016. The average household is expected to spend \$675 less for gasoline in 2015 compared with last year because of lower prices.

Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Motor vehicle sales tax collections increased by 9.4 percent in April. Annual growth is up 8.8 percent.

Moody's Analytics expects vehicle sales to average near 17 million units for the whole year, consistent with a steadily improving labor market and the expectation that wages will finally begin to accelerate. This would be the strongest pace since 2001.

State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of the state retail sales tax increased by 13.0 percent in April, due to the increased amount of general fund sales tax collections being deposited into the Highway Maintenance Fund as stipulated by Chapter 766 (2013).

Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections decreased by 0.8 percent in April.

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Summary Statement of Selected Revenue Estimates & Collections
For the Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015
(Dollars in Thousands)

Revenue	FY 2015 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	April			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$722,600	17.11	\$59,024	\$46,384	27.3	\$510,879	\$499,064	2.4	9.4
Priority Transportation Fund (PTF)	150,397	3.56	0	0	-	150,397	130,769	15.0	15.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	849,300	20.11	80,914	73,950	9.4	729,905	671,018	8.8	3.3
State Sales and Use Tax	991,100	23.46	83,196	73,631	13.0	772,080	670,609	15.1	20.5
Motor Vehicle License Fees	245,600	5.81	24,497	24,683	(0.8)	198,048	204,200	(3.0)	(1.5)
International Registration Plan	60,200	1.43	7,212	6,440	12.0	55,012	49,621	10.9	0.9
Recordation Tax	37,900	0.90	3,753	2,962	26.7	33,404	30,662	8.9	1.5
Interest Earnings	14,300	0.34	2,022	1,929	4.8	5,959	5,579	6.8	99.7
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	15,700	0.37	1,944	1,815	7.1	15,385	14,324	7.4	(9.4)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$3,087,097	73.09	\$262,562	\$231,794	13.3	\$2,471,069	\$2,275,846	8.6	10.0

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Revenue	FY 2015 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	April			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Est
			FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND:									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Road Tax)	\$576,200	13.64	\$48,534	\$37,426	29.7	\$404,131	\$397,655	1.6	9.2
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	606,400	14.36	58,784	52,182	12.7	522,953	475,537	10.0	4.3
State Sales and Use Tax	284,600	6.74	23,014	17,527	31.3	215,831	154,885	39.3	48.8
Motor Vehicle License Fees	223,600	5.29	22,358	22,492	(0.6)	180,300	186,432	(3.3)	(1.8)
International Registration Plan	60,200	1.43	7,212	6,440	12.0	55,012	49,621	10.9	0.9
Recordation Tax (1 cent)	12,700	0.30	1,251	987	26.7	11,135	10,230	8.8	2.0
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	15,700	0.37	1,944	1,815	7.1	15,385	14,324	7.4	(9.4)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$1,779,400	42.13	\$163,097	\$138,869	17.4	\$1,404,747	\$1,288,684	9.0	10.0
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$2,738	\$852	221.4	\$24,984	\$22,019	13.5	(100.0)
Miscellaneous Revenues	10,424	0.25	2,650	2,266	16.9	25,187	15,822	59.2	(49.2)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	164,579	3.90	0	28,942	(100.0)	80,000	313,942	(74.5)	(48.2)
Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	\$1,954,403	46.28	\$168,485	\$170,929	(1.4)	\$1,534,918	\$1,640,467	(6.4)	(1.4)
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$146,400	3.47	\$10,490	\$8,958	17.1	\$106,748	\$101,409	5.3	10.5
PTF Insurance Premiums Tax	150,397	3.56	0	0	-	150,397	130,769	15.0	15.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax (Includes Rental Tax)	242,900	5.75	22,130	21,768	1.7	206,952	195,481	5.9	0.9
State Sales and Use Tax	706,500	16.72	60,182	56,104	7.3	556,249	515,724	7.9	11.9
Motor Vehicle License Fees	22,000	0.52	2,139	2,191	(2.4)	17,748	17,768	(0.1)	1.4
Recordation Tax (2 cents)	25,200	0.60	2,502	1,975	26.7	22,269	20,432	9.0	1.3
Interest Earnings	14,300	0.34	2,022	1,929	4.8	5,959	5,579	6.8	99.7
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$1,307,697	30.96	\$99,465	\$92,925	7.0	\$1,066,322	\$987,162	8.0	10.0
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$902,510	21.37	\$105,890	\$119,538	(11.4)	\$1,149,411	\$1,115,416	3.0	(27.5)
Receipts from Cities/Counties	203,616	4.82	14,024	3,066	357.4	113,150	61,071	85.3	149.9
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	16,000	0.38	7,364	7,229	1.9	16,215	15,873	2.2	(9.8)
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,669	0.09	2,562	943	171.7	22,255	20,738	7.3	(87.8)
Total Other Revenues	\$1,125,795	26.66	\$129,840	\$130,776	(0.7)	\$1,301,031	\$1,213,098	7.2	(18.1)
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	(\$164,579)	(3.90)	\$0	(\$28,942)	100.0	(\$80,000)	(\$313,942)	74.5	48.2
Total Transportation Trust Fund	\$2,268,913	53.72	\$229,305	\$194,759	17.7	\$2,287,353	\$1,886,318	21.3	1.0
TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
	\$4,223,316	100.00	\$397,790	\$365,688	8.8	\$3,822,271	\$3,526,785	8.4	(0.1)

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