

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT August 2002

Summary

August's revenue collections were flat, increasing by only 0.2 percent. Most sources experienced solid growth but a substantial decline in the volatile international registration plan revenue source hampered growth in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF). On a year-to-date basis, growth is down 2.3 percent, mainly due to the retention of the July transportation trust fund portion of the retail sales tax being retained in the general fund.

September marks the beginning of the fall forecasting process. The Governor's Advisory Board of Economists will meet in October as the first step in assessing the strength of the Virginia economy over the next biennium.

Motor Fuels Tax (excluding PTF Fuels Tax Revenue)

Motor Fuels Tax collections grew by 2.7 percent in August. Annual collections through the first two months of fiscal year 2003 are up 3.6 percent.

Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Despite a weak labor market and iffy economic recovery, the availability of good deals, particularly 0% financing, brought consumers to dealerships in droves and sent national vehicle sales to an annualized sales pace of 18.7 million units. Collections in this source increased by 2.1 percent in August and are up 7.1 percent for the year.

State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of the State Retail Sales Tax increased by 8.3 percent in August. Collections in this source are down 22.5 percent in fiscal year 2003 as the July TTF retail sales tax were retained in the general fund in June.

Collections in this source will be transferred on a monthly basis to the general fund as specified in Chapter 899, Section 3-1.01 (W). An amount not to exceed \$317 million will be transferred from the TTF to the general fund during fiscal year 2003.

Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor Vehicle Registration transactions remained strong in August as some of June's delayed registrations were received in August. Motor vehicle license receipts increased by 10.2 percent in August.

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For the Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003
(Dollars in Thousands)

Revenue	FY 2003 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	August			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2003	FY 2002	% Change	FY 2003	FY 2002	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$809,700	29.03	\$71,620	\$69,721	2.7	\$75,592	\$72,934	3.6	1.9
Priority Transportation Fund	124,700	4.47	0	0	-	0	0	-	523.5
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	438,600	15.73	49,974	48,924	2.1	97,237	90,754	7.1	(17.6)
State Sales and Use Tax	403,800	14.48	34,862	32,189	8.3	50,932	65,748	(22.5)	4.0
Motor Vehicle License Fees	141,000	5.05	15,372	13,950	10.2	30,081	25,574	17.6	(2.8)
International Registration Plan	57,400	2.06	2,179	9,153	(76.2)	7,962	13,328	(40.3)	(3.1)
Interest Earnings	12,400	0.45	5	4	25.0	10	4	150.0	(11.6)
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	22,000	0.79	1,711	1,439	18.9	3,829	3,551	7.8	(3.5)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$2,009,600	72.06	\$175,723	\$175,380	0.2	\$265,643	\$271,893	(2.3)	1.7

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Revenue	FY 2003 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	August			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Est
			FY 2003	FY 2002	% Change	FY 2003	FY 2002	% Change	
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND:									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Road Tax)	\$692,200	24.82	\$61,356	\$59,950	2.3	\$62,950	\$61,221	2.8	2.3
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	279,700	10.03	31,988	30,857	3.7	62,077	57,477	8.0	(18.2)
Motor Vehicle License Fees	122,500	4.39	28,301	12,048	134.9	26,301	22,207	18.4	(2.6)
International Registration Plan	57,400	2.06	2,179	9,153	(76.2)	7,962	13,328	(40.3)	(3.1)
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	22,000	0.79	1,711	1,439	18.9	3,829	3,551	7.8	(3.5)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$1,173,800	42.09	\$125,535	\$113,447	10.7	\$163,119	\$157,784	3.4	(4.3)
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$1,318	\$935	41.0	\$1,321	\$935	41.3	(100.0)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	147,200	5.28	25,000	0	-	72,271	0	-	#
Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	\$1,321,000	47.37	\$151,853	\$114,382	32.8	\$236,711	\$158,719	49.1	7.6
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$117,500	4.21	\$10,264	\$9,771	5.0	\$12,642	\$11,713	7.9	(0.3)
Priority Transportation Fund	124,700	4.47	0	0	-	0	0	-	523.5
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax (Includes Rental Tax)	158,900	5.70	17,986	18,067	(0.4)	35,160	33,277	5.7	(16.4)
State Sales and Use Tax	403,800	14.48	34,862	32,189	8.3	50,932	65,748	(22.5)	4.0
Motor Vehicle License Fees	18,500	0.66	(12,929)	1,902	(779.8)	3,780	3,367	12.3	(4.0)
Interest Earnings	12,400	0.45	5	4	25.0	10	4	150.0	(11.6)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$835,800	29.97	\$50,188	\$61,933	(19.0)	\$102,524	\$114,109	(10.2)	11.5
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$669,400	24.00	\$52,488	\$81,770	(35.8)	\$147,488	\$177,748	(17.0)	(29.4)
Receipts from Cities/Counties	37,500	1.35	2,704	2,701	0.1	8,647	5,276	63.9	10.4
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	72,200	2.59	6,573	5,364	22.5	10,752	10,747	0.0	14.5
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0.00	1,170	887	31.9	2,690	1,837	46.4	(100.0)
Total Other Revenues	\$779,100	27.94	\$62,935	\$90,722	(30.6)	\$169,577	\$195,608	(13.3)	(26.7)
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	(\$147,200)	(5.28)	(\$25,000)	\$0	-	(\$72,271)	\$0	-	#
Total Transportation Trust Fund	\$1,467,700	52.63	\$88,123	\$152,655	(42.3)	\$199,830	\$309,717	(35.5)	(19.6)
TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
	\$2,788,700	100.00	\$239,976	\$267,037	(10.1)	\$436,541	\$468,436	(6.8)	(8.7)

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