

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT February 2015

Summary

Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues increased by 4.7 percent in February, led by solid gains in retail sales and motor vehicle sales tax collections. Year-to-date collections are up 7.0 percent.

Motor Fuels Tax

Motor fuel taxes declined by 0.4 percent in February, and are down 5.2 percent for the year.

U.S. average regular gasoline retail prices increased for the sixth consecutive week from \$2.04/gallon (gal) on January 26 to \$2.49/gal on March 9, 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 \$2.39/gal in 2015, and \$2.73/gal in 2016. The average household is expected to spend \$710 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 9.0 percent in February. Annual growth is up 8.7 percent.

Vehicle sales started the year off on a very strong note. Not only are solid consumer fundamentals supporting sales, but low gasoline prices have provided an added bonus. The strong sales pace reflects steady payroll employment gains, a decline in labor market slack, a post-recession high in consumer confidence, and inklings of stronger wage growth..

State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of the state retail sales tax increased by 10.3 percent in February, due to the increased amount of general fund sales tax collections being deposited into the Highway Maintenance Fund as stipulated by HB2313 (2013).

Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections declined by 12.7 percent in February.

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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	February			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	\$51,976	\$52,164	(0.4)	\$382,088	\$403,042	(5.2)	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	62,262	57,139	9.0	574,758	528,672	8.7	3.3
State Sales and Use Tax	991,100	23.46	67,747	61,424	10.3	622,041	534,926	16.3	20.5
Motor Vehicle License Fees	245,600	5.81	16,996	19,478	(12.7)	148,792	156,772	(5.1)	(1.5)
International Registration Plan	60,200	1.43	7,134	6,973	2.3	37,806	35,900	5.3	0.9
Recordation Tax	37,900	0.90	2,580	1,983	30.1	25,837	24,951	3.6	1.5
Interest Earnings	14,300	0.34	35	0	-	3,799	3,578	6.2	99.7
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	15,700	0.37	1,401	1,488	(5.8)	11,849	11,046	7.3	(9.4)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$3,087,097	73.09	\$210,131	\$200,649	4.7	\$1,957,367	\$1,829,656	7.0	10.0

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

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			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	\$41,665	\$42,853	(2.8)	\$302,845	\$322,488	(6.1)	9.2
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	606,400	14.36	45,174	40,969	10.3	412,229	374,416	10.1	4.3
State Sales and Use Tax	284,600	6.74	18,462	14,201	30.0	174,540	122,771	42.2	48.8
Motor Vehicle License Fees	223,600	5.29	15,545	17,789	(12.6)	135,484	143,154	(5.4)	(1.8)
International Registration Plan	60,200	1.43	7,134	6,973	2.3	37,806	35,900	5.3	0.9
Recordation Tax (1 cent)	12,700	0.30	860	661	30.1	8,612	8,326	3.4	2.0
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	15,700	0.37	1,401	1,488	(5.8)	11,849	11,046	7.3	(9.4)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$1,779,400	42.13	\$130,241	\$124,934	4.2	\$1,083,365	\$1,018,101	6.4	10.0
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$2,296	\$1,966	16.8	\$19,413	\$19,047	1.9	(100.0)
Miscellaneous Revenues	10,424	0.25	10,015	1,828	447.9	21,002	12,213	72.0	(49.2)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	164,579	3.90	0	0	-	30,000	190,000	(84.2)	(48.2)
Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	\$1,954,403	46.28	\$142,552	\$128,728	10.7	\$1,153,780	\$1,239,361	(6.9)	(1.4)
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$146,400	3.47	\$10,311	\$9,311	10.7	\$79,243	\$80,554	(1.6)	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	17,088	16,170	5.7	162,529	154,256	5.4	0.9
State Sales and Use Tax	706,500	16.72	49,285	47,223	4.4	447,501	412,155	8.6	11.9
Motor Vehicle License Fees	22,000	0.52	1,451	1,689	(14.1)	13,308	13,618	(2.3)	1.4
Recordation Tax (2 cents)	25,200	0.60	1,720	1,322	30.1	17,225	16,625	3.6	1.3
Interest Earnings	14,300	0.34	35	0	-	3,799	3,578	6.2	99.7
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$1,307,697	30.96	\$79,890	\$75,715	5.5	\$874,002	\$811,555	7.7	10.0
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$902,510	21.37	\$75,851	\$43,246	75.4	\$951,778	\$906,756	5.0	(27.5)
Receipts from Cities/Counties	203,616	4.82	1,149	3,308	(65.3)	87,413	54,948	59.1	149.9
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	16,000	0.38	874	794	10.1	7,908	7,758	1.9	(9.8)
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,669	0.09	1,182	2,214	(46.6)	15,455	15,315	0.9	(87.8)
Total Other Revenues	\$1,125,795	26.66	\$79,056	\$49,562	59.5	\$1,062,554	\$984,777	7.9	(18.1)
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	(\$164,579)	(3.90)	\$0	\$0	-	(\$30,000)	(\$190,000)	84.2	48.2
Total Transportation Trust Fund	\$2,268,913	53.72	\$158,946	\$125,277	26.9	\$1,906,556	\$1,606,332	18.7	1.0
TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
	\$4,223,316	100.00	\$301,498	\$254,005	18.7	\$3,060,336	\$2,845,693	7.5	(0.1)

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