

# COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT

## January 2008

### Summary

Revenue collections increased by 1.5 percent in January, and on a year-to-date basis, growth is up 5.5 percent, slightly ahead of the 5.1 percent annual forecast. Monthly growth was attributable to the timing of road tax refunds and the increase in registration fees. Adjusting for the registration fee increase, monthly growth was down 1.2 percent and annual growth is 2.2 percent.

### Motor Fuels Tax (including PTF Fuels Tax Revenue)

Motor Fuels Tax collections increased by 8.7 percent in January, mainly due to the timing of road tax refunds. Annual collections through the first seven months of fiscal year 2008 are up 3.6 percent.

The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline slipped 1.8 cents lower to 296.0 cents per gallon as of February 11, 2008. This was the lowest price since late October of 2007 and was 71.9 cents higher than the price a year ago. On a national basis, the retail diesel fuel price was unchanged from the previous period at 328.0 cents per gallon. This was 80.4 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

### Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Collections in this source declined by 8.8 percent in January, the largest monthly decline since August 2006, and are down 4.5 percent for the year.

The auto industry faces powerful currents: a slumping labor market, declines in home equity, sharply eroding credit quality, and persistently high gasoline prices, which cut into consumer wherewithal. On top of all these real forces, consumer confidence, as demonstrated by the University of Michigan consumer sentiment survey and the Conference Board's consumer confidence survey, is weakening. Households that are facing the prospect of job loss or even shortened workweeks are likely to delay car purchases.

### State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of retail sales tax declined by 11.6 percent in January. Collections in this source are up 2.3 percent in fiscal year 2008.

## Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections increased by 42.7 percent in January. Collections of \$19.1 million include \$5.8 million attributable to the motor vehicle license fee increase. Adjusting for the registration fee increase, this month's collections were down 1.4 percent from last year.

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**Summary Statement of Selected Revenue Estimates & Collections**  
**For the Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008**  
**(Dollars in Thousands)**

Revenue	FY 2008 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	January			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2008	FY 2007	% Change	FY 2008	FY 2007	% Change	
<b>Motor Fuel Taxes</b>	\$882,700	23.57	\$77,452	\$71,277	8.7	\$457,753	\$441,674	3.6	2.7
<b>Priority Transportation Fund</b>	20,000	0.53	2,000	2,000	0.0	10,000	10,000	0.0	0.0
<b>Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax</b>	615,400	16.43	46,213	50,684	(8.8)	343,670	359,831	(4.5)	(2.1)
<b>State Sales and Use Tax</b>	524,400	14.00	51,043	57,749	(11.6)	321,085	313,941	2.3	1.4
<b>Motor Vehicle License Fees</b>	268,900	7.18	19,067	13,358	42.7	137,812	95,865	43.8	58.7
<b>International Registration Plan</b>	61,500	1.64	3,505	6,614	(47.0)	38,139	27,463	38.9	13.9
<b>Interest Earnings</b>	43,500	1.16	17,929	12,148	47.6	33,811	24,571	37.6	(19.4)
<b>Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues</b>	15,800	0.42	992	1,093	(9.2)	8,742	6,996	25.0	28.1
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<u>\$2,432,200</u>	<u>64.93</u>	<u>\$218,201</u>	<u>\$214,923</u>	<u>1.5</u>	<u>\$1,351,012</u>	<u>\$1,280,341</u>	<u>5.5</u>	<u>5.1</u>

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**Statement of Revenue Estimates & Collections**  
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Revenue	FY 2008 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	January			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Est
			FY 2008	FY 2007	% Change	FY 2008	FY 2007	% Change	
<b>HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND:</b>									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Road Tax)	\$763,200	20.38	\$67,817	\$59,770	13.5	\$392,332	\$381,828	2.8	2.9
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	379,500	10.13	28,611	31,426	(9.0)	212,987	222,557	(4.3)	(2.7)
Motor Vehicle License Fees	247,200	6.60	17,327	11,668	48.5	125,851	83,632	50.5	66.8
International Registration Plan	61,500	1.64	3,505	6,614	(47.0)	38,139	27,463	38.9	13.9
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	15,800	0.42	992	1,093	(9.2)	8,742	6,996	25.0	28.1
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$1,467,200</b>	<b>39.17</b>	<b>\$118,252</b>	<b>\$110,571</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>\$778,051</b>	<b>\$722,476</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>9.0</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$685	\$1,574	(56.5)	\$19,847	\$14,578	36.1	(100.0)
Miscellaneous Revenues	16,937	0.45	2,044	1,502	36.1	9,976	10,451	(4.5)	0.1
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	260,570	6.96	0	0	-	263,143	239,144	10.0	12.7
<b>Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$1,744,707</b>	<b>46.58</b>	<b>\$120,981</b>	<b>\$113,647</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>\$1,071,017</b>	<b>\$986,649</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>7.4</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:</b>									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$119,500	3.19	\$9,635	\$11,507	(16.3)	\$65,421	\$59,846	9.3	1.3
Priority Transportation Fund	20,000	0.53	2,000	2,000	0.0	10,000	10,000	0.0	0.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax (Includes Rental Tax)	235,900	6.30	17,602	19,258	(8.6)	130,683	137,274	(4.8)	(1.1)
State Sales and Use Tax	524,400	14.00	51,043	57,749	(11.6)	321,085	313,941	2.3	1.4
Motor Vehicle License Fees	21,700	0.58	1,740	1,690	3.0	11,961	12,233	(2.2)	2.2
Interest Earnings	43,500	1.16	17,929	12,148	47.6	33,811	24,571	37.6	(19.4)
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$965,000</b>	<b>25.76</b>	<b>\$99,949</b>	<b>\$104,352</b>	<b>(4.2)</b>	<b>\$572,961</b>	<b>\$557,865</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$1,101,708	29.42	\$41,806	\$40,604	3.0	\$483,645	\$381,982	26.6	78.1
Receipts from Cities/Counties	78,428	2.09	3,466	6,356	(45.5)	31,235	35,304	(11.5)	86.4
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	100,598	2.69	6,624	6,864	(3.5)	65,999	55,809	18.3	(3.0)
Miscellaneous Revenues	15,758	0.42	985	1,153	(14.6)	8,244	11,530	(28.5)	(26.9)
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,296,492</b>	<b>34.62</b>	<b>\$52,881</b>	<b>\$54,977</b>	<b>(3.8)</b>	<b>\$589,123</b>	<b>\$484,625</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>65.0</b>
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	(\$260,570)	(6.96)	\$0	\$0	-	(\$263,143)	(\$239,144)	(10.0)	(12.7)
<b>Total Transportation Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$2,000,922</b>	<b>53.42</b>	<b>\$152,830</b>	<b>\$159,329</b>	<b>(4.1)</b>	<b>\$898,941</b>	<b>\$803,346</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>31.3</b>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND</b>									
	<b>\$3,745,629</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>\$273,811</b>	<b>\$272,976</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>\$1,969,958</b>	<b>\$1,789,995</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>19.0</b>

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