

## COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT July 2005

### Summary

Collections in the Commonwealth Transportation Fund increased by 6.1 percent in July. Most of the increase was due to higher collections of motor fuels taxes.

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

Motor fuels tax collections were \$8.0 million this July compared to \$1.6 million last year, mainly due to flow effects from the accelerated June payments. On August 16, the average price of regular unleaded gasoline hit a record level. The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline increased by 7.7 cents to the highest nominal price recorded. Even as many Americans continue to complain about astronomical gasoline prices, prices are expected to go even higher in the near-term. When and where they “land” is still an open question, but it is likely a “safe landing” will remain above \$2 per gallon, at least over the next 16 months or so.

### Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Collections in this source increased by 4.0 percent in July. Employee discounts brought throngs of shoppers to showrooms over the past month, which pushed seasonally adjusted annualized sales number up to 20.8 million units. The last time the U.S. market experienced such a surge was following 9/11 when GM first introduced 0% financing, which was soon copied by Ford and Chrysler. A similar progression has occurred with this new marketing campaign. General Motors introduced the employee financing in June with phenomenal results. Ford and Chrysler soon jumped on the bandwagon.

### State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion (post June-AST collections) of the state retail sales tax increased by 3.8 percent in July.

### Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections declined by 7.7 percent in July.

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**Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund and Transportation Trust Fund Revenues**  
**Statement of Revenue Estimates & Collections**  
**For the Fiscal Years 2005 and 2006**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Revenue	FY 2006 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	July			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Est
			FY 2006	FY 2005	% Change	FY 2006	FY 2005	% Change	
<b>HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND:</b>									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Road Tax)	\$754,100	21.71	\$6,797	(\$66)	#	\$6,797	(\$66)	#	3.2
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	406,400	11.70	33,596	32,522	3.3	33,596	32,522	3.3	2.6
Motor Vehicle License Fees	145,500	4.19	10,324	11,297	(8.6)	10,324	11,297	(8.6)	1.1
International Registration Plan	59,600	1.71	1,257	4,019	(68.7)	1,257	4,019	(68.7)	(1.8)
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	20,400	0.59	1,959	2,150	(8.9)	1,959	2,150	(8.9)	(22.9)
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$1,386,000</b>	<b>39.90</b>	<b>\$53,933</b>	<b>\$49,922</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>\$53,933</b>	<b>\$49,922</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$2,021	\$795	154.2	\$2,021	\$795	154.2	(100.0)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	186,200	5.36	186,199	146,771	26.9	186,199	146,771	26.9	(4.5)
<b>Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$1,572,200</b>	<b>45.26</b>	<b>\$242,153</b>	<b>\$197,488</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>\$242,153</b>	<b>\$197,488</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>(0.6)</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:</b>									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$124,800	3.59	\$1,249	\$1,624	(23.1)	\$1,249	\$1,624	(23.1)	4.8
Priority Transportation Fund	20,000	0.58	0	0	-	0	0	-	0.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax (Includes Rental Tax)	249,300	7.18	18,901	17,956	5.3	18,901	17,956	5.3	13.7
State Sales and Use Tax	463,400	13.34	16,197	15,607	3.8	16,197	15,607	3.8	3.0
Motor Vehicle License Fees	21,000	0.60	1,561	1,578	(1.1)	1,561	1,578	(1.1)	2.0
Interest Earnings	11,200	0.32	4	(153)	102.6	4	(153)	102.6	(36.5)
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$889,700</b>	<b>25.61</b>	<b>\$37,912</b>	<b>\$36,612</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>\$37,912</b>	<b>\$36,612</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>5.1</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$1,011,300	29.12	\$34,011	\$37,763	(9.9)	\$34,011	\$37,763	(9.9)	121.8
Receipts from Cities/Counties	70,400	2.03	3,848	3,253	18.3	3,848	3,253	18.3	174.6
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	88,700	2.55	5,777	5,103	13.2	5,777	5,103	13.2	(20.5)
Miscellaneous Revenues	27,500	0.79	1,046	11,281	(90.7)	1,046	11,281	(90.7)	1.1
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,197,900</b>	<b>34.49</b>	<b>\$44,682</b>	<b>\$57,400</b>	<b>(22.2)</b>	<b>\$44,682</b>	<b>\$57,400</b>	<b>(22.2)</b>	<b>93.1</b>
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	(\$186,200)	(5.36)	(\$186,199)	(\$146,771)	(26.9)	(\$186,199)	(\$146,771)	(26.9)	4.5
<b>Total Transportation Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$1,901,400</b>	<b>54.74</b>	<b>(\$103,605)</b>	<b>(\$52,759)</b>	<b>(96.4)</b>	<b>(\$103,605)</b>	<b>(\$52,759)</b>	<b>(96.4)</b>	<b>49.5</b>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND</b>									
	<b>\$3,473,600</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>\$138,548</b>	<b>\$144,729</b>	<b>(4.3)</b>	<b>\$138,548</b>	<b>\$144,729</b>	<b>(4.3)</b>	<b>21.7</b>

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Priority Transportation Fund	20,000	0.58	0	0	-	0	0	-	0.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	655,700	18.88	52,497	50,478	4.0	52,497	50,478	4.0	6.6
State Sales and Use Tax	463,400	13.34	16,197	15,607	3.8	16,197	15,607	3.8	3.0
Motor Vehicle License Fees	166,500	4.79	11,885	12,875	(7.7)	11,885	12,875	(7.7)	1.2
International Registration Plan	59,600	1.71	1,257	4,019	(68.7)	1,257	4,019	(68.7)	(1.8)
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Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	20,400	0.59	1,959	2,150	(8.9)	1,959	2,150	(8.9)	(22.9)
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$2,275,700</b>	<b>65.51</b>	<b>\$91,845</b>	<b>\$86,534</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>\$91,845</b>	<b>\$86,534</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>3.3</b>

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