

# COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT

## March 2005

### Summary

Revenue collections showed moderate growth in March, increasing by 2.2 percent. On a year-to-date basis, growth is up 3.0 percent, slightly ahead of the forecast of 2.8 percent growth.

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

Motor Fuels Tax collections increased by 4.4 percent in March. Annual collections through the first nine months of fiscal year 2005 are up 2.1 percent, ahead of the 1.5 percent official forecast.

The U.S. average retail price for regular gasoline increased this week by 6.3 cents from the previous week to reach 228.0 cents per gallon as of April 11, 49.4 cents higher than this time last year. Prices have increased by 38.2 cents since February 14, and this is the fourth week in a row that prices have reached an all-time high.

### Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Vehicle sales tax collections declined by 1.2 percent in March; however, this was in comparison to last March when collections increased by 23.9 percent. Growth in this source is up 0.5 percent for the year, lagging the official estimate of 2.7 percent growth.

Despite the pickup in March, the third quarter marks the weakest quarter of vehicle sales since mid-2003. U.S. vehicle sales for the year are expected to fall to their lowest pace since 1999. This expectation is based on the impact of slowly rising interest rates, rising gas prices (which affect disposable income), spent-up demand for motor vehicles as sales have exceeded the underlying trend for several years, and higher vehicle prices.

### State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of retail sales tax increased by 9.3 percent in March. Collections in this source are up 7.9 percent in fiscal year 2005.

### Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor Vehicle Registrations were up 4.5 percent in March. Collections of \$16.4 million were higher than the \$15.7 million collected last March. Motor vehicle license receipts are down 1.2 percent for the year.

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**For the Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005**  
**(Dollars in Thousands)**

Revenue	FY 2005 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	March			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2005	FY 2004	% Change	FY 2005	FY 2004	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$858,900	27.96	\$65,951	\$63,173	4.4	\$574,779	\$562,836	2.1	1.5
Priority Transportation Fund	20,000	0.65	2,000	2,000	0.0	14,000	14,000	0.0	0.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	620,300	20.19	53,791	54,441	(1.2)	450,582	448,130	0.5	2.7
State Sales and Use Tax	437,600	14.24	34,475	31,553	9.3	325,149	301,284	7.9	5.4
Motor Vehicle License Fees	165,700	5.40	16,378	15,679	4.5	117,804	119,245	(1.2)	1.8
International Registration Plan	57,400	1.87	10,991	13,581	(19.1)	39,340	38,179	3.0	5.6
Interest Earnings	15,300	0.50	0	4	(100.0)	7,754	7,236	7.2	43.4
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	19,600	0.64	2,586	1,784	45.0	23,221	15,773	47.2	(8.3)
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$2,194,800</b>	<b>71.45</b>	<b>\$186,172</b>	<b>\$182,215</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>\$1,552,629</b>	<b>\$1,506,683</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.8</b>

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			FY 2005	FY 2004	% Change	FY 2005	FY 2004	% Change	
<b>HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND:</b>									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Road Tax)	\$737,300	24.00	\$54,862	\$53,492	2.6	\$494,629	\$483,804	2.2	1.3
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	398,500	12.97	34,608	35,038	(1.2)	290,080	288,579	0.5	2.5
Motor Vehicle License Fees	144,800	4.72	14,319	13,728	4.3	103,104	104,316	(1.2)	1.8
International Registration Plan	57,400	1.87	10,991	13,581	(19.1)	39,340	38,179	3.0	5.6
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	19,600	0.64	2,586	1,784	45.0	23,221	15,773	47.2	(8.3)
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$1,357,600</b>	<b>44.20</b>	<b>\$117,366</b>	<b>\$117,623</b>	<b>(0.2)</b>	<b>\$950,374</b>	<b>\$930,651</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$7,705	\$901	755.2	\$20,716	\$9,726	113.0	(100.0)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	244,600	7.96	0	0	-	194,977	56,902	242.7	329.9
<b>Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$1,602,200</b>	<b>52.16</b>	<b>\$125,071</b>	<b>\$118,524</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>\$1,166,067</b>	<b>\$997,279</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>14.0</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:</b>									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$121,600	3.96	\$11,089	\$9,681	14.5	\$80,150	\$79,032	1.4	2.9
Priority Transportation Fund	20,000	0.65	2,000	2,000	0.0	14,000	14,000	0.0	0.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax (Includes Rental Tax)	221,800	7.22	19,183	19,403	(1.1)	160,502	159,551	0.6	3.0
State Sales and Use Tax	437,600	14.24	34,475	31,553	9.3	325,149	301,284	7.9	5.4
Motor Vehicle License Fees	20,900	0.68	2,059	1,951	5.5	14,700	14,929	(1.5)	1.9
Interest Earnings	15,300	0.50	0	4	(100.0)	7,754	7,236	7.2	43.4
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$837,200</b>	<b>27.25</b>	<b>\$68,806</b>	<b>\$64,592</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>\$602,255</b>	<b>\$576,032</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$764,800	24.90	\$37,641	\$37,377	0.7	\$321,811	\$509,512	(36.8)	19.7
Receipts from Cities/Counties	43,700	1.42	(11,431)	800	#	23,223	25,039	(7.3)	37.9
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	63,000	2.05	11,296	4,974	127.1	73,836	46,176	59.9	(15.5)
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,500	0.18	(17)	421	(104.0)	23,034	12,457	84.9	(70.0)
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$877,000</b>	<b>28.55</b>	<b>\$37,489</b>	<b>\$43,572</b>	<b>(14.0)</b>	<b>\$441,904</b>	<b>\$593,184</b>	<b>(25.5)</b>	<b>14.8</b>
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	(\$244,600)	(7.96)	\$0	\$0	-	(\$194,977)	(\$56,902)	(242.7)	(329.9)
<b>Total Transportation Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$1,469,600</b>	<b>47.84</b>	<b>\$106,295</b>	<b>\$108,164</b>	<b>(1.7)</b>	<b>\$849,182</b>	<b>\$1,112,314</b>	<b>(23.7)</b>	<b>(2.5)</b>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND</b>									
	<b>\$3,071,800</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>\$231,366</b>	<b>\$226,688</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>\$2,015,249</b>	<b>\$2,109,593</b>	<b>(4.5)</b>	<b>5.5</b>

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