

## COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT March 2015

### Summary

Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues increased by 17.1 percent in March, led by solid gains in all sources but mainly driven by increased collections in motor fuels tax collections. Year-to-date collections are up 8.0 percent.

### Motor Fuels Tax

Motor fuel taxes increased by 40.6 percent in March, and are down 0.2 percent for the year. March collections (representing January sales) mark the first period in which a higher tax rate was imposed on the sales of gasoline. The higher rate, effective January 1, 2015, was a provision of Chapter 766 (2013).

During the 2015 April-through-September summer driving season, regular gasoline retail prices are forecast to average \$2.45/gallon (gal) compared with \$3.59/gal last summer. The average U.S. household is expected to spend about \$700 less on gasoline in 2015 compared with 2014, as annual motor fuel expenditures are on track to fall to their lowest level in 11 years.

### Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Motor vehicle sales tax collections increased by 8.5 percent in March. Annual growth is up 8.7 percent.

The March sales figures were welcome news following several more downbeat reports such as the national purchasing managers' index and weaker construction spending. However, the strong vehicle sales numbers are consistent with the rebound in March consumer confidence. Fairly steady vehicle sales plans augur for continued strength in the industry. Low interest rates have been key to sales, and the recent weakness in some parts of the U.S. economy could keep interest rates low for a while longer..

### State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of the state retail sales tax increased by 7.7 percent in March, due to the increased amount of general fund sales tax collections being deposited into the Highway Maintenance Fund as stipulated by Chapter 766 (2013).

### Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections increased by 8.9 percent in March.

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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	March			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	
<b>Motor Fuel Taxes</b>	\$722,600	17.11	\$69,767	\$49,638	40.6	\$451,854	\$452,680	(0.2)	9.4
<b>Priority Transportation Fund (PTF)</b>	150,397	3.56	0	0	-	150,397	130,769	15.0	15.0
<b>Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax</b>	849,300	20.11	74,233	68,397	8.5	648,991	597,069	8.7	3.3
<b>State Sales and Use Tax</b>	991,100	23.46	66,842	62,054	7.7	688,885	596,978	15.4	20.5
<b>Motor Vehicle License Fees</b>	245,600	5.81	24,759	22,745	8.9	173,551	179,517	(3.3)	(1.5)
<b>International Registration Plan</b>	60,200	1.43	9,994	7,282	37.2	47,799	43,182	10.7	0.9
<b>Recordation Tax</b>	37,900	0.90	3,813	2,749	38.7	29,650	27,699	7.0	1.5
<b>Interest Earnings</b>	14,300	0.34	138	72	91.7	3,937	3,650	7.9	99.7
<b>Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues</b>	15,700	0.37	1,592	1,462	8.9	13,441	12,509	7.5	(9.4)
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$3,087,097</b>	<b>73.09</b>	<b>\$251,138</b>	<b>\$214,399</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>\$2,208,505</b>	<b>\$2,044,053</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>

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Statement of Revenue Estimates & Collections  
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Revenue	FY 2015 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	March			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Est
			FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	
<b>HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND:</b>									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Road Tax)	\$576,200	13.64	\$52,752	\$37,741	39.8	\$355,596	\$360,229	(1.3)	9.2
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	606,400	14.36	51,939	48,940	6.1	464,169	423,356	9.6	4.3
State Sales and Use Tax	284,600	6.74	18,276	14,588	25.3	192,817	137,358	40.4	48.8
Motor Vehicle License Fees	223,600	5.29	22,458	20,786	8.0	157,942	163,940	(3.7)	(1.8)
International Registration Plan	60,200	1.43	9,994	7,282	37.2	47,799	43,182	10.7	0.9
Recordation Tax (1 cent)	12,700	0.30	1,271	916	38.8	9,883	9,242	6.9	2.0
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	15,700	0.37	1,592	1,462	8.9	13,441	12,509	7.5	(9.4)
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$1,779,400</b>	<b>42.13</b>	<b>\$158,282</b>	<b>\$131,715</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>\$1,241,647</b>	<b>\$1,149,816</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$2,833	\$2,120	33.6	\$22,245	\$21,167	5.1	(100.0)
Miscellaneous Revenues	10,424	0.25	1,535	1,342	14.4	22,537	13,556	66.3	(49.2)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	164,579	3.90	50,000	95,000	(47.4)	80,000	285,000	(71.9)	(48.2)
<b>Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund</b>	<b>\$1,954,403</b>	<b>46.28</b>	<b>\$212,650</b>	<b>\$230,177</b>	<b>(7.6)</b>	<b>\$1,366,429</b>	<b>\$1,469,539</b>	<b>(7.0)</b>	<b>(1.4)</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:</b>									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$146,400	3.47	\$17,015	\$11,897	43.0	\$96,258	\$92,451	4.1	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	22,294	19,457	14.6	184,822	173,713	6.4	0.9
State Sales and Use Tax	706,500	16.72	48,566	47,466	2.3	496,068	459,620	7.9	11.9
Motor Vehicle License Fees	22,000	0.52	2,301	1,959	17.5	15,609	15,577	0.2	1.4
Recordation Tax (2 cents)	25,200	0.60	2,542	1,833	38.7	19,767	18,457	7.1	1.3
Interest Earnings	14,300	0.34	138	72	91.7	3,937	3,650	7.9	99.7
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$1,307,697</b>	<b>30.96</b>	<b>\$92,856</b>	<b>\$82,684</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>\$966,858</b>	<b>\$894,237</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$902,510	21.37	\$91,743	\$89,123	2.9	\$1,043,521	\$995,878	4.8	(27.5)
Receipts from Cities/Counties	203,616	4.82	11,714	3,057	283.2	99,126	58,005	70.9	149.9
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	16,000	0.38	943	886	6.4	8,851	8,644	2.4	(9.8)
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,669	0.09	4,238	4,480	(5.4)	19,693	19,795	(0.5)	(87.8)
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,125,795</b>	<b>26.66</b>	<b>\$108,638</b>	<b>\$97,546</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>\$1,171,191</b>	<b>\$1,082,322</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>(18.1)</b>
<b>Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund</b>									
Maintenance and Operating Fund	(\$164,579)	(3.90)	(\$50,000)	(\$95,000)	47.4	(\$80,000)	(\$285,000)	71.9	48.2
<b>Total Transportation Trust Fund</b>	<b>\$2,268,913</b>	<b>53.72</b>	<b>\$151,494</b>	<b>\$85,230</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>\$2,058,049</b>	<b>\$1,691,559</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND</b>									
	<b>\$4,223,316</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>\$364,144</b>	<b>\$315,407</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>\$3,424,478</b>	<b>\$3,161,098</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>(0.1)</b>

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