

## COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT May 2005

### Summary

Revenue collections slowed in May. Monthly collections increased by 0.8 percent, with solid growth in retail sales tax collections buoying the month. On a year-to-date basis, growth is up 3.3 percent, tracking close to the forecast of 2.8 percent growth.

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

Motor Fuels Tax collections were basically flat in May, declining by 0.2 percent. Annual collections through the first ten months of fiscal year 2005 are up 1.8 percent, slightly ahead of the 1.5 percent official forecast. The recent rally in crude prices notwithstanding, the medium term outlook calls for a gradual moderation of crude prices and a less pronounced easing of gasoline prices at the pump, which will be supported by strong seasonal demand.

### Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Vehicle sales were also flat in May. Collections in this source fell by 0.9 percent in May and are up 1.5 percent for the year, lagging the official estimate of 2.7 percent growth.

Nationally, despite the weaker pace in May, U.S. vehicles sales have exceeded expectations in recent months. As a result, the outlook for sales for this year has been revised higher. A pace of about 16.5 million is expected for this year. Although steady employment growth and resulting wages gains as well as favorable demographics are expected to support spending on big ticket items, such factors as spent-up demand and higher interest rates will dampen sales this year and next.

### State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of retail sales tax increased by 7.7 percent in May. Collections in this source are up 7.6 percent in fiscal year 2005.

### Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor Vehicle Registrations fell by 5.1 percent in May. Collections of \$14.8 million lagged the \$15.6 million collected last May. Motor vehicle license receipts are up 0.2 percent for the year.

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**(Dollars in Thousands)**

Revenue	FY 2005 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	May			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	\$73,414	\$73,589	(0.2)	\$712,501	\$699,866	1.8	1.5
Priority Transportation Fund	20,000	0.65	2,000	2,000	0.0	18,000	18,000	0.0	0.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	620,300	20.19	50,642	51,109	(0.9)	555,174	547,067	1.5	2.7
State Sales and Use Tax	437,600	14.24	40,186	37,312	7.7	405,777	377,155	7.6	5.4
Motor Vehicle License Fees	165,700	5.40	14,816	15,617	(5.1)	148,021	147,687	0.2	1.8
International Registration Plan	57,400	1.87	1,819	1,635	11.3	48,566	46,170	5.2	5.6
Interest Earnings	15,300	0.50	11	0	-	12,630	10,513	20.1	43.4
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	19,600	0.64	1,839	1,964	(6.4)	27,441	19,267	42.4	(8.3)
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$2,194,800</b>	<b>71.45</b>	<b>\$184,727</b>	<b>\$183,226</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>\$1,928,110</b>	<b>\$1,865,725</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>

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<b>HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND:</b>									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Road Tax)	\$737,300	24.00	\$62,882	\$63,472	(0.9)	\$613,233	\$600,819	2.1	1.3
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	398,500	12.97	32,544	32,851	(0.9)	357,306	352,107	1.5	2.5
Motor Vehicle License Fees	144,800	4.72	12,938	13,741	(5.8)	129,498	129,170	0.3	1.8
International Registration Plan	57,400	1.87	1,819	1,635	11.3	48,566	46,170	5.2	5.6
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	19,600	0.64	1,839	1,964	(6.4)	27,441	19,267	42.4	(8.3)
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$1,357,600</b>	<b>44.20</b>	<b>\$112,022</b>	<b>\$113,663</b>	<b>(1.4)</b>	<b>\$1,176,044</b>	<b>\$1,147,533</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$5,508	\$1,656	232.6	\$26,224	\$12,358	112.2	(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>\$117,530</b>	<b>\$115,319</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>\$1,397,245</b>	<b>\$1,216,793</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>14.0</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:</b>									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$121,600	3.96	\$10,532	\$10,117	4.1	\$99,268	\$99,047	0.2	2.9
Priority Transportation Fund	20,000	0.65	2,000	2,000	0.0	18,000	18,000	0.0	0.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax (Includes Rental Tax)	221,800	7.22	18,098	18,258	(0.9)	197,868	194,960	1.5	3.0
State Sales and Use Tax	437,600	14.24	40,186	37,312	7.7	405,777	377,155	7.6	5.4
Motor Vehicle License Fees	20,900	0.68	1,878	1,876	0.1	18,523	18,517	0.0	1.9
Interest Earnings	15,300	0.50	11	0	-	12,630	10,513	20.1	43.4
<b>Total State Taxes and Fees</b>	<b>\$837,200</b>	<b>27.25</b>	<b>\$72,705</b>	<b>\$69,563</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>\$752,066</b>	<b>\$718,192</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>Other Revenues:</b>									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$764,800	24.90	\$37,531	\$44,707	(16.1)	\$412,346	\$607,216	(32.1)	19.7
Receipts from Cities/Counties	43,700	1.42	613	4,070	(84.9)	24,948	31,207	(20.1)	37.9
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	63,000	2.05	12,024	14,828	(18.9)	96,793	69,389	39.5	(15.5)
Miscellaneous Revenues	5,500	0.18	3,711	2,333	59.1	27,589	16,466	67.6	(70.0)
<b>Total Other Revenues</b>	<b>\$877,000</b>	<b>28.55</b>	<b>\$53,879</b>	<b>\$65,938</b>	<b>(18.3)</b>	<b>\$561,676</b>	<b>\$724,278</b>	<b>(22.5)</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>\$126,584</b>	<b>\$135,501</b>	<b>(6.6)</b>	<b>\$1,118,765</b>	<b>\$1,385,568</b>	<b>(19.3)</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>\$244,114</b>	<b>\$250,820</b>	<b>(2.7)</b>	<b>\$2,516,010</b>	<b>\$2,602,361</b>	<b>(3.3)</b>	<b>5.5</b>

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