

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT May 2015

Summary

Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues increased by 9.7 percent in May, led by solid gains in most sources but mainly driven by increased collections in motor fuels tax collections. Year-to-date collections are up 8.7 percent.

Motor Fuels Tax

Motor fuel taxes increased by 27.8 percent in May, and are up 4.8 percent for the year. March collections (representing January sales) marked 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).

U.S. regular gasoline monthly average retail prices reached a 2015 high of 2.72/gallon in May, an increase of 25¢/gal from April. The higher prices reflect rising crude oil prices and isolated outages at West Coast and Midwest refineries. Monthly average gasoline prices are expected to decline from their May level through the rest of the year, averaging \$2.43/gallon during the second half of 2015.

Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Motor vehicle sales tax collections increased by 0.7 percent in May. Annual growth is up 8.0 percent.

April vehicle sales were slightly weaker than had been expected. Households and businesses purchased 16.5 million units on a seasonally adjusted basis, slightly below the average for the first quarter of 16.7 million units. Year-over-year car sales are down. Modest housing starts and the impact of the weaker energy sector may have sapped some strength from the industry..

State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of the state retail sales tax increased by 8.3 percent in May, 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 decreased by 0.8 percent in May.

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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	May			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$722,600	17.11	\$67,482	\$52,816	27.8	\$578,360	\$551,880	4.8	9.4
Priority Transportation Fund (PTF)	150,397	3.56	0	0	-	150,397	130,769	15.0	15.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	849,300	20.11	73,557	73,017	0.7	803,462	744,036	8.0	3.3
State Sales and Use Tax	991,100	23.46	80,410	74,221	8.3	852,491	744,831	14.5	20.5
Motor Vehicle License Fees	245,600	5.81	22,739	22,913	(0.8)	220,786	227,113	(2.8)	(1.5)
International Registration Plan	60,200	1.43	4,999	4,369	14.4	60,011	53,990	11.2	0.9
Recordation Tax	37,900	0.90	3,935	3,063	28.5	37,338	33,725	10.7	1.5
Interest Earnings	14,300	0.34	11	3	266.7	5,970	5,582	7.0	99.7
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	15,700	0.37	1,363	1,581	(13.8)	16,748	15,905	5.3	(9.4)
Total State Taxes and Fees	<u>\$3,087,097</u>	<u>73.09</u>	<u>\$254,496</u>	<u>\$231,983</u>	<u>9.7</u>	<u>\$2,725,563</u>	<u>\$2,507,831</u>	<u>8.7</u>	<u>10.0</u>

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Revenue	FY 2015 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	May			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Est
			FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	FY 2014	% Change	
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND:									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Road Tax)	\$576,200	13.64	\$53,449	\$43,167	23.8	\$457,580	\$440,822	3.8	9.2
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	606,400	14.36	52,459	53,149	(1.3)	575,412	528,687	8.8	4.3
State Sales and Use Tax	284,600	6.74	22,321	17,784	25.5	238,153	172,669	37.9	48.8
Motor Vehicle License Fees	223,600	5.29	20,861	20,971	(0.5)	201,160	207,403	(3.0)	(1.8)
International Registration Plan	60,200	1.43	4,999	4,369	14.4	60,011	53,990	11.2	0.9
Recordation Tax (1 cent)	12,700	0.30	1,312	1,021	28.5	12,446	11,251	10.6	2.0
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	15,700	0.37	1,363	1,581	(13.8)	16,748	15,905	5.3	(9.4)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$1,779,400	42.13	\$156,764	\$142,042	10.4	\$1,561,510	\$1,430,727	9.1	10.0
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$1,949	\$2,751	(29.2)	\$26,933	\$24,770	8.7	(100.0)
Miscellaneous Revenues	10,424	0.25	1,552	1,644	(5.6)	26,739	17,466	53.1	(49.2)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	164,579	3.90	0	0	-	80,000	313,942	(74.5)	(48.2)
Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	\$1,954,403	46.28	\$160,265	\$146,437	9.4	\$1,695,182	\$1,786,905	(5.1)	(1.4)
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$146,400	3.47	\$14,033	\$9,649	45.4	\$120,780	\$111,058	8.8	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	21,098	19,868	6.2	228,050	215,349	5.9	0.9
State Sales and Use Tax	706,500	16.72	58,089	56,437	2.9	614,338	572,162	7.4	11.9
Motor Vehicle License Fees	22,000	0.52	1,878	1,942	(3.3)	19,626	19,710	(0.4)	1.4
Recordation Tax (2 cents)	25,200	0.60	2,623	2,042	28.5	24,892	22,474	10.8	1.3
Interest Earnings	14,300	0.34	11	3	266.7	5,970	5,582	7.0	99.7
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$1,307,697	30.96	\$97,732	\$89,941	8.7	\$1,164,053	\$1,077,104	8.1	10.0
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$902,510	21.37	\$54,448	\$55,236	(1.4)	\$1,203,859	\$1,170,653	2.8	(27.5)
Receipts from Cities/Counties	203,616	4.82	2,983	6,075	(50.9)	116,133	67,146	73.0	149.9
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	16,000	0.38	875	937	(6.6)	17,090	16,810	1.7	(9.8)
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,669	0.09	1,965	2,057	(4.5)	24,220	22,796	6.2	(87.8)
Total Other Revenues	\$1,125,795	26.66	\$60,271	\$64,305	(6.3)	\$1,361,302	\$1,277,405	6.6	(18.1)
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund									
Maintenance and Operating Fund	(\$164,579)	(3.90)	\$0	\$0	-	(\$80,000)	(\$313,942)	74.5	48.2
Total Transportation Trust Fund	\$2,268,913	53.72	\$158,003	\$154,246	2.4	\$2,445,355	\$2,040,567	19.8	1.0
TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
	\$4,223,316	100.00	\$318,268	\$300,683	5.8	\$4,140,537	\$3,827,472	8.2	(0.1)

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