

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT September 2011

Summary

Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues declined by 4.2 percent in September. Through the first quarter of fiscal year 2012, collections are down 0.2 percent.

Motor Fuels Tax

Motor fuel taxes fell by 4.1 percent in September. Year-to-date, collections have declined by 3.2 percent.

Projected total U.S. liquid fuels consumption in 2011 is expected to fall by 1.2 percent, as the 2011 U.S. real GDP growth forecast has been lowered for the seventh consecutive month. Motor gasoline consumption accounts for much of the projected decline for the year.

Total liquid fuels consumption is expected to increase by 0.5 percent in 2012. Projected motor gasoline consumption rises by 0.5 percent as highway travel increases modestly, and diesel fuel consumption increases by 0.7 percent as growth in industrial activity and imports continues to slow as a result of weak economic growth.

Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Motor vehicle sales tax collections declined by 3.1 percent in September, bringing annual growth to 5.9 percent.

Vehicle sales held up as well as could be expected despite the faltering U.S. economy, weak job creation, declining confidence, and bad weather. These constraints to sales were compounded by the lingering supply issues of Japanese manufacturers. Finally, incentives, which tend to spur sales, were not as generous in September as in prior months. The hurricane and the swoon in consumer confidence, the result of the wrangling over the budget, could have delayed some sales into September, particularly as many households wait for Labor Day sales. Therefore, collections in October could turn out to be stronger.

State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of the state retail sales tax increased by 6.4 percent in September. Year-to-date growth is up 7.6 percent.

Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections fell by 6.9 percent in September.

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Summary Statement of Selected Revenue Estimates & Collections
For the Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012
(Dollars in Thousands)**

Revenue	FY 2012 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	September			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2012	FY 2011	% Change	FY 2012	FY 2011	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$866,800	24.11	\$71,285	\$74,341	(4.1)	\$149,641	\$154,537	(3.2)	2.7
Priority Transportation Fund (PTF)	156,000	4.34	92,595	100,846	(8.2)	99,619	110,838	(10.1)	3.8
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	531,100	14.77	47,361	48,901	(3.1)	147,276	139,055	5.9	(0.2)
State Sales and Use Tax	501,600	13.96	42,554	40,011	6.4	105,573	98,096	7.6	5.1
Motor Vehicle License Fees	237,400	6.60	19,741	21,201	(6.9)	62,672	63,741	(1.7)	(0.2)
International Registration Plan	63,200	1.76	3,425	3,557	(3.7)	12,179	12,154	0.2	3.5
Recordation Tax	34,600	0.96	2,991	3,510	(14.8)	9,262	9,009	2.8	(1.1)
Interest Earnings	27,800	0.77	71	5	#	81	90	(10.0)	52.2
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	12,900	0.36	938	834	12.5	3,132	3,060	2.4	0.1
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$2,431,400	67.63	\$280,961	\$293,206	(4.2)	\$589,435	\$590,580	(0.2)	2.6

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Revenue	FY 2012 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	September			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Est
			FY 2012	FY 2011	% Change	FY 2012	FY 2011	% Change	
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND:									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Road Tax)	\$749,900	20.86	\$60,046	\$64,580	(7.0)	\$128,600	\$131,835	(2.5)	3.2
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	325,400	9.05	28,885	27,207	6.2	89,939	82,607	8.9	0.2
Motor Vehicle License Fees	216,100	6.01	17,909	19,228	(6.9)	57,020	58,113	(1.9)	(0.3)
International Registration Plan	63,200	1.76	3,425	3,557	(3.7)	12,179	12,154	0.2	3.5
Recordation Tax (1 cent)	11,500	0.32	997	1,170	(14.8)	3,087	3,003	2.8	(1.4)
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	12,900	0.36	938	834	12.5	3,132	3,060	2.4	0.1
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$1,379,000	38.36	\$112,200	\$116,576	(3.8)	\$293,957	\$290,772	1.1	1.9
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$0	0.00	\$1,058	\$1,147	(7.8)	\$6,114	\$4,948	23.6	(100.0)
Miscellaneous Revenues	11,479	0.32	1,213	1,039	16.7	4,322	2,211	95.5	(24.2)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	447,767	12.45	100,340	66,940	49.9	100,340	66,940	49.9	(3.3)
Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	\$1,838,246	51.13	\$214,811	\$185,702	15.7	\$404,733	\$364,871	10.9	(0.8)
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND:									
Motor Fuel Taxes (Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$116,900	3.25	\$11,239	\$9,761	15.1	\$21,041	\$22,702	(7.3)	(0.6)
PTF Motor Fuels	20,000	0.56	2,000	2,000	0.0	2,000	2,000	0.0	0.0
PTF Insurance Premiums Tax	136,000	3.78	90,595	98,846	(8.3)	97,619	108,838	(10.3)	4.4
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax (Includes Rental Tax)	205,700	5.72	18,476	21,694	(14.8)	57,337	56,448	1.6	(0.8)
State Sales and Use Tax	501,600	13.96	42,554	40,011	6.4	105,573	98,096	7.6	5.1
Motor Vehicle License Fees	21,300	0.59	1,832	1,973	(7.1)	5,652	5,628	0.4	0.4
Recordation Tax (2 cents)	23,100	0.64	1,994	2,340	(14.8)	6,175	6,006	2.8	(1.0)
Interest Earnings	27,800	0.77	71	5	#	81	90	(10.0)	52.2
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$1,052,400	29.27	\$168,761	\$176,630	(4.5)	\$295,478	\$299,808	(1.4)	3.6
Other Revenues:									
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$1,006,822	28.00	\$96,126	\$129,702	(25.9)	\$278,201	\$298,609	(6.8)	12.5
Receipts from Cities/Counties	102,383	2.85	2,954	3,378	(12.6)	11,073	11,448	(3.3)	135.2
Toll Revenues (Includes Route 28)	28,949	0.80	901	836	7.8	2,480	3,904	(36.5)	43.7
Miscellaneous Revenues	14,219	0.40	1,640	13,428	(87.8)	9,611	22,235	(56.8)	(74.0)
Total Other Revenues	\$1,152,373	32.05	\$101,621	\$147,344	(31.0)	\$301,365	\$336,196	(10.4)	13.8
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund									
Maintenance and Operating Fund	(\$447,767)	(12.45)	(\$100,340)	(\$66,940)	(49.9)	(\$100,340)	(\$66,940)	(49.9)	3.3
Total Transportation Trust Fund	\$1,757,006	48.87	\$170,042	\$257,034	(33.8)	\$496,503	\$569,064	(12.8)	12.2
TOTAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
	\$3,595,252	100.00	\$384,853	\$442,736	(13.1)	\$901,236	\$933,935	(3.5)	5.2

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