

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT

April 2025

Summary

Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues increased by 10.7 percent (\$41.4 million) in April compared to the same month last year. This growth is primarily attributable to strong growth in international registrations, which is up 330.6 percent (\$17.4 million) over last year, and a 25.1 percent (\$25.2 million) increase in motor vehicle sales and use tax collections. The growth in international registrations is due to the process timing of these registrations being the attribution of the collections to April instead of May as is typical. This will mean a weak month for collections on this source for May.

Motor Fuels Tax

Motor fuels taxes decreased by 9.4 percent in April, while year-to-date growth remained positive at a 6.0 percent (\$74.8 million) increase over last year. Real average price of a gallon of regular fuel increased to \$3.19 from March.

The real price of an imported barrel of crude oil decreased in April, down to \$61.16, from \$69.18 in March. Trade tensions continue along with the war in Ukraine and conflicts in the Middle East, causing crude oil prices to remain volatile. This is likely to continue until there is more certainty about how the U.S. will conduct trade with our largest partners and when relative stability can return to oil-producing regions, or until the capacity for U.S. oil production increases.

Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Motor vehicle sales tax collections increased by 25.1 percent in April. U.S. light vehicle sales declined slightly to a seasonally adjusted annualized rate of 17.3 million units in April 2025, still beating the market expectation of 15.7 million for the month. New cars sales experienced unexpected growth in April, totaling 1.46 million, higher than the Cox Automotive estimate of 1.40 million for the month. Used cars sales had mixed results in April, down 3.6 percent from March, but up 11.6 percent from April of last year.

Over 100,000 new electric vehicles were sold during April, which is a decrease of 5.9 percent compared to March, and a 5.6 percent decrease compared to April of 2024. Used electric vehicle sales totaled nearly 39,000 denoting a 14.4 percent increase from March and a 60.6 percent year-over-year increase. Uncertainty in the market and tariffs, however, will continue to impact EV sales going forward. A recent consumer survey conducted by Cox Automotive indicates that nearly half of the respondents believe tariffs will have a significant impact on their decision to purchase an EV.

April's performance is indicative of the purchasing pull-forward forecasters predicted earlier this year in response to the presidential administration's actions on trade causing consumers to move purchasing decisions earlier in the year. This could signal weakness in vehicle sales over the remainder of the year, or until more trade agreements improve the outlook.

State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of the state retail sales tax declined by 5.9 percent in April.

Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections were up 4.3 percent in April.

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Summary Statement of Selected Revenue Estimates & Collections
For the Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025
(Dollars in Thousands)

Revenue	FY 2025 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	April			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2025	FY 2024	% Change	FY 2025	FY 2024	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$1,594,600	18.96	\$106,628	\$117,754	(9.4)	\$1,318,625	\$1,243,792	6.0	6.5
Insurance Premiums Tax	228,700	2.73	0	0	-	228,661	217,791	5.0	5.0
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	1,277,600	15.19	125,412	100,217	25.1	1,118,463	1,047,347	6.8	1.8
State Sales and Use Tax	1,418,600	16.87	122,903	116,026	5.9	1,168,164	1,140,688	2.4	3.0
Motor Vehicle License Fees	218,900	2.60	20,615	19,765	4.3	191,033	182,562	4.6	2.9
Highway Use Fee	90,900	1.08	8,082	6,757	19.6	70,536	58,075	21.5	28.0
International Registration Plan	114,400	1.36	22,708	5,273	330.6	104,291	91,000	14.6	0.5
Recordation Tax	52,500	0.63	5,818	4,977	16.9	48,507	40,463	19.9	3.2
Interest Earnings	33,400	0.40	13,662	13,556	0.8	42,309	37,750	12.1	(38.4)
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	18,900	0.22	2,283	2,346	(2.7)	18,840	16,642	13.2	(12.4)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$5,048,500	60.04	\$428,111	\$386,671	10.7	\$4,309,429	\$4,076,110	5.7	3.6

Percentage is greater than or equal to 1,000%.

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		As a %	April			Year-To-Date			% Annual
Revenue	FY 2025	of Total			%			%	Growth
	Estimate	Fund	FY 2025	FY 2024	Change	FY 2025	FY 2024	Change	Required
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COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND									
Motor Vehicle Fuels Taxes									
(Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$1,594,600	18.96	\$106,628	\$117,754	(9.4)	\$1,318,625	\$1,243,792	6.0	6.5
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Recordation Tax	52,500	0.63	5,818	4,977	16.9	48,507	40,463	19.9	3.2
Total Commonwealth Transportation Fund	\$4,996,200	59.42	\$412,166	\$370,769	11.2	\$4,248,280	\$4,021,718	5.6	4.2
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND									
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	\$18,900	0.22	\$2,283	\$2,346	(2.7)	\$18,840	\$16,642	13.2	(12.4)
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	30,132	0.36	59,141	11,644	407.9	482,724	358,940	34.5	(92.0)
Federal Grants and Contracts	0	0.00	3,335	2,759	20.9	49,705	33,645	47.7	(100.0)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	526,783	6.26	0	0	-	381,000	250,399	52.2	54.7
Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	\$575,815	6.84	\$64,759	\$16,749	286.6	\$932,269	\$659,626	41.3	(26.1)
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
Interest Earnings	\$33,400	0.40	\$13,662	\$13,556	0.8	\$42,309	\$37,750	12.1	(38.4)
Federal Grants and Contracts	1,743,227	20.73	91,531	84,828	7.9	1,213,860	1,126,911	7.7	38.9
Receipts from Cities/Counties	1,466,358	17.44	47,262	59,232	(20.2)	469,353	530,835	(11.6)	126.7
Toll Revenues	116,696	1.38	14,775	13,539	9.1	54,485	56,906	(4.3)	73.3
Miscellaneous Revenues	4,058	0.05	8,942	12,757	(29.9)	247,838	208,460	18.9	(98.5)
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	(526,783)	(6.26)	0	0	-	(381,000)	(250,399)	(52.2)	(54.7)
Total Transportation Trust Fund	\$2,836,956	33.74	\$176,172	\$183,912	(4.2)	\$1,646,845	\$1,710,463	(3.7)	44.6
TOTAL COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND, HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND, AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
	\$8,408,971	100.00	\$653,097	\$571,430	14.3	\$6,827,394	\$6,391,807	6.8	11.6

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