

Background for the Per-Mile Road Usage Charge in the USA

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Recent History of Light Vehicle Per-mile Charging in USA

- The Kitz-o-meter (1996)
- 15 State Pooled Funds Study (2000)
- Oregon's Road User Fee Task Force (2001)
- Oregon's First Pilot Program (2006-07)
- Nevada Studies (2008-2011)
- Texas Studies (2009-2011)
- University of Iowa Field Tests (2008-2010)
- Minnesota Pilot Program (2011-12)
- Washington Steering Committee (2012)
- Oregon's Second Pilot Program with Washington and Nevada (2012-13)
- Colorado announces pilot program (2014)

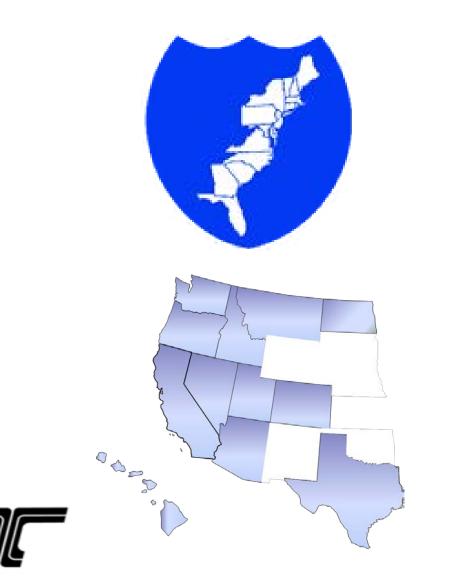


... and there was legislation

- Oregon enacts HB 3946 creating the Road User Fee Task Force and mandating a per-mile charge pilot (2001)
- Washington enacts legislation creating the Road Usage Charge Steering Committee (2012)
- Oregon enacts SB 810 creating the Road Usage Charge Pilot Program for 5,000 volunteers (2013)
- California enacts SB 1077 creating the Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee and mandating a per-mile charge pilot (2014)
- Utah passes legislation to research road usage charge (2015)
- Florida ... is working hard to pass legislation to study the per-mile charge in 2015



... and states working together



I-95 Corridor Coalition: 17 states

Western Road Usage Charge Consortium: 12 states Fundamentals of Road Usage Charging



Essential System Components for Per-Mile Charge Operations

- Mileage data gathering (the "front end") •
 - o Data generation
 - o Data reporting
 - o Data accuracy
- Accounting system (the "back end") ۲
 - Account generation
 - o Invoicing
 - Account management
 - Data feeds into state accounting system

- **Operations**
 - o Compliance
 - o Auditing
 - o Troubleshooting
 - o Enforcement



Road Usage Charge Data Collection and Account Management

The Options

- Government only collection
- Establishment of a commercial market for collection
- Combination of commercial and government collection







Categories for Mileage Reporting

- 1. Reporting all miles driven
- 2. Reporting miles by location
- 3. Changeable reporting of miles
- 4. Assume maximum annual miles





Key Issues Facing Road Usage Charging



Key Issues Impeding Adoption of Road Usage Charging in the United States

- Privacy protection
- Evolution of technologies
- Scalability of systems
- Flexibility of systems for policy adaptations
- Complexity of implementation
- Difficulty of operations

- Making compliance simple and easy
- Interoperability among states
- Data security
- Cost of administration
- Equity by income, geography and vehicle type
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- Key Issues Requiring Continual Development
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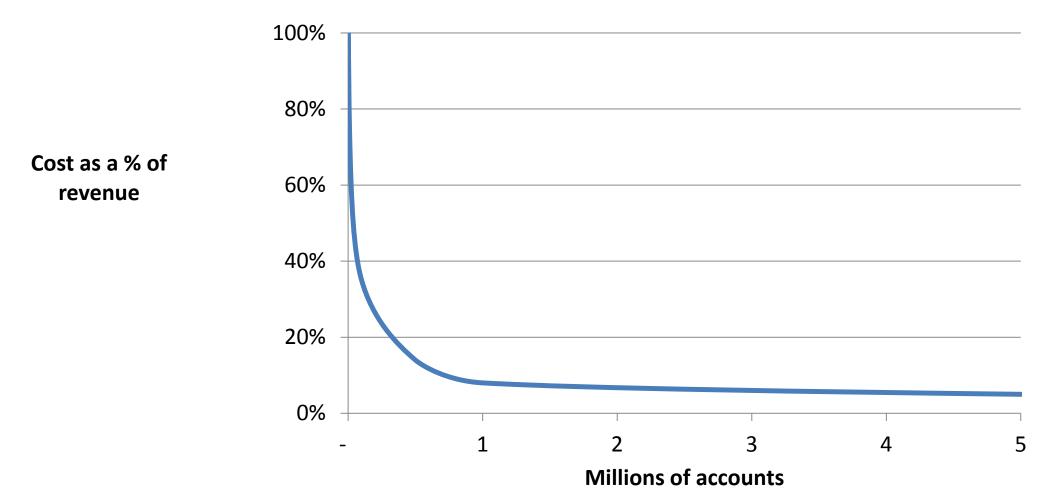
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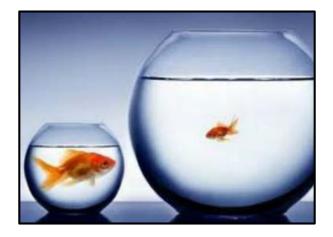


Cost of Per-Mile Charge Administration





Equity



- Rural drivers
 - Pay fuel tax now
 - More off-road driving
- Less affluent drivers
 - Pay fuel tax now
 - Tend to drive older, less fuel efficient vehicles

- Fuel efficient vehicles
 - Currently not paying fair share for road use
 - Already avoid cost of fuel
 - Road Usage Charge not a large burden
- Non-resident driving
 - Until regional system developed, still pay fuel tax
 - Western RUC Consortium addressing solution



Transition Options

- All vehicles
- All light vehicles
- All new light vehicles after a set date
- All vehicles rated at 22 mpg and above
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- All vehicles rated at 35 mpg and above
- All new vehicles rated at 35 mpg and above
- All vehicles rated at 55 mpg and above
- All new vehicles rated at 55 mpg and above
- Phase it in over many years
- Per mile charge reduction for green vehicles



The Most Important Thing To Remember

Resolution of key issues will not advance the cause unless effective communications follows.

