

Road User Fee Task Force

Vision Statement

2024

Purpose

The Oregon Legislature created the Road User Fee Task Force in 2001 to develop a revenue collection system that would fund Oregon's roads and highways. Because fuel taxes have not kept pace with inflation, and recognizing that vehicle efficiency ratings have steadily improved over several decades, legislators anticipated that revenues for maintaining and improving the state's road system would soon start to decline and ultimately fail to keep pace with state transportation needs.

Per ORS 184.843, the purpose of the task force is to develop a design for revenue collection for Oregon's roads and highways that will replace the current system for revenue collection. The task force shall consider all potential revenue sources.

Vision

A revenue collection structure that is equitable and ensures sufficient and reliable funding to operate, maintain, and modernize Oregon's transportation system.

Objectives

- Preserve and enhance equity, including socioeconomic equity, horizontal and vertical tax equity, and urban/rural equity;
- Encourage the efficient use and operation of the transportation system;
- Support the decarbonization of the transportation system through the adoption of high-efficiency vehicles.

Approach

The Oregon Legislature and Oregon Transportation Commission, through their policymaking processes, determine and define what constitutes sufficient levels of funding. The Road User Fee Task Force, as an advisory board, provides input and recommendations to the Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Transportation Commission, and Oregon Legislature on revenue options for achieving those sufficient levels of funding.