



## Oklahoma Road Funding, Taxes and Fees

- Oklahomans pay more than \$1.2 billion annually in road taxes and fees. These are taxes and fees paid to the state to legally drive on roads or to properly operate a motor vehicle.
- There are two main sources of road taxes and fees: motor vehicle license and tag fees and state fuel taxes and fees.
- There are three types of road systems these funds are distributed to: state transportation system (includes highways and interstates), county road systems and municipal road systems.
- Until 2005, state roads and bridges historically received approximately \$200 million annually of total road taxes and fees. Beginning in 2005, the Governor and Legislature made transportation a priority and provided significant increases to transportation from other sources of revenue.
- More than 70 percent of motor vehicle fees are diverted to non-transportation purposes. Almost 36 percent of motor vehicle revenue goes to the general revenue fund and other non-transportation purposes and 35 percent goes to public schools.
- County and municipal roads receive approximately 17 percent of motor vehicle revenues.
- State highways and bridges receive less than 1 percent of motor vehicle revenues.
- Oklahoma roads receive approximately 90 percent of fuel taxes and fees. Other portions are either diverted to the state's general revenue fund or are specifically allocated to non-transportation purposes.
- During the 30 year period of stagnant funding, inflation increased 75 percent and daily miles traveled on state roads increased 50 percent.
- ODOT currently has more than \$11 billion in backlogged repairs and maintenance projects.
- The average cost to replace a bridge is \$2 million. The average cost to repair a bridge is \$250,000.
- State highways and bridges have two basic sources of funding: state and federal. Federal funding is provided by an annual transportation bill appropriated by Congress.
- Oklahoma is believed to be the only state that does not match federal funds with state funds.

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