



## 2018 Legislative Agenda

### STATE

- **Motor vehicle fees redirected to transportation.** A core TRUST principle is all transportation-derived revenues are used strictly for transportation. TRUST supports returning all motor fuel taxes and the remaining allocation of vehicle-related fees to transportation purposes, and encourages the appropriate allocation of motor vehicle fees to state highways, county roads and municipal streets taking into consideration previous vehicle-related fees and general fund allocations. TRUST will continue to support this concept as a matter of sound public policy.
- **Protect ODOT eight-year highway and bridge construction work plan.** TRUST's top priority is ensuring funding remains at a level where no current projects are interrupted, no planned projects cut and no motor fuel taxes and vehicle-related transportation fees diverted from ODOT's investment strategy which includes the eight-year construction work plan, the Asset Preservation Plan and highway maintenance. TRUST opposes the diversion of funds from ODOT's general budget and/or the eight-year plan to aid budget deficits.
- **Support the continuation of the full statutory allocation to the ROADS fund.** In an effort to continue the replacement and rehabilitation of state highways and bridges, TRUST supports the continuation of statutory allocations to a core business function of the state.
- **Infrastructure bond financing.** During uncertain budget times TRUST supports infrastructure bond financing to maintain critical transportation funding and projects, and vehemently opposes the diversion of motor fuel taxes and vehicle-related transportation fees to non-transportation uses of state government.
- **Restore funding to County Improvements for Roads & Bridges (CIRB) five-year construction work plan.** To rehabilitate county bridges and highways, TRUST supports the CIRB program and its revolving fund to be used strictly for CIRB transportation projects with no interruption of current projects and no elimination of planned projects. Furthermore, TRUST calls for the restoration of diverted funds from CIRB to the state budget over the past several years.
- **Support a six-cents per gallon gasoline and diesel excise tax increase.** TRUST supports a modest excise tax increase with 100% of revenues generated from the increase "locked boxed" and dedicated to continued rehabilitation and modernization of Oklahoma highways and bridges, and not diverted to non-transportation areas of state government.
- **Protect transportation-dedicated revolving funds.** TRUST supports the protection of transportation dedicated revolving funds. The funds are intended to fund transportation infrastructure projects and should not be diverted for other governmental purposes.
- **Renovations of Port of Entries – Weigh Stations.** TRUST supports methods to complete the construction of Oklahoma's new ports of entries in order to protect highways and bridges from

overweight freight. Doing so will result in additional revenues from fines and fees due to increased monitoring of overweight commercial traffic. TRUST also supports returning the one-cent transportation user fee from the Petroleum Storage Tank Indemnity Fund to transportation needs to service the bond debt. This allows for no revenue impact or increased taxes while utilizing transportation fees to support transportation needs.

- **Innovative funding for transportation.** TRUST supports innovative and alternative transportation funding that is revenue adequate for the intended purpose and user equitable as part of a comprehensive approach to increase overall transportation funding.

## **FEDERAL**

- **Support long-term funding of Highway Trust Fund and federal surface transportation programs.** TRUST supports the FAST Act, the five-year transportation funding bill passed in 2015 by Congress and signed by the President. Long-term funding provides stability to the Highway Trust Fund, enabling states to more accurately plan future projects while providing regulatory relief.
- **Support Tribal Transportation Program.** Each year tribal transportation partnerships across the state contribute close to \$60 million to highway and bridge construction. TRUST supports the current apportionment formula of Tribal Transportation Program federal funds and supports expansion of the Tribal Transportation Program and tribal partnerships.