

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT February 2026

Summary

Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues increased by 23.2 percent (\$67.4 million) in February compared to the same month last year. This increase is primarily attributable to an increase in Motor Fuels Tax collections. The growth in these collections is slightly offset by a decrease in Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax collections and lower interest earnings.

Motor Fuels Tax

Motor fuels taxes collections increased 106.9 percent in February compared to the same month last year.

The Brent Crude Oil Spot Price average increased to \$70.89 per barrel in February from \$66.60 in January. The Energy Information Administration's (EIA) most recent forecast for the Brent Crude Oil Spot Price suggests that the price of oil will now increase in 2026 to an average of \$78.84 per barrel from an average of \$69.04 per barrel in 2025, an increase of 14.2 percent. This increase in price is a departure from previous forecasts that predicted falling oil prices due to the U.S. and OPEC+ countries increasing drilling capacity. The new forecast incorporates assumptions that the price shock for oil will be relatively short-lived with prices peaking at around \$90 per barrel until the third quarter of 2026 when it is expected to ease back to around \$80 per barrel before returning to about \$70 per barrel to end the calendar year.

The real average price of a gallon of regular fuel increased to \$2.91 in February. The EIA estimates that the price shocks from supply chain disruptions originating from the conflict in the Middle East will drive the price of a gallon of gasoline to an average of approximately \$3.34 in Calendar Year 2026, an increase from the \$3.10 average price in 2025, an increase of 7.7 percent.

Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Motor vehicle sales tax collections decreased by 7.8 percent in February.

Total U.S. light vehicle sales increased to 15.8 million (SAAR) units in February 2026, from 14.9 million (SAAR) in January.

New light-vehicle sales volume increased 8.5 percent in February month-over-month but still decreased 1.5 percent year-over-year. According to Kelly Blue Book, the average transaction price (ATP) for a new vehicle increased 0.3 percent this month compared to

January and increased 3.4 percent year-over-year. Sales of used vehicles, from franchised and independent dealers, decreased 2.6 percent in February, but grew 1.6 percent compared to this month last year. According to the Manheim Used Vehicle Value Index, wholesale prices were up 0.8 percent month-over-month in February, which is also a 0.8 percent increase compared to this month last year.

According to Cox Automotive, 68,951 new electric vehicles (EV) were sold during February, which denotes an increase of 5.8 percent from January, but a 26.8 percent year-over-year decrease from this month last year. Used EV sales totaled 30,879 for the month, a 4.2 percent increase from January, and a year-over-year increase of 28.8 percent over February of last year. The average transaction price for a new electric vehicle decreased 0.6 percent month-over-month from January to about \$55,300, which is a decrease of 1.4 percent compared to February 2025. The average transaction price of a used electric vehicle decreased 1.9 percent month-over-month to about \$34,800 which is a decrease of 8.5 percent year-over-year.

State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of state retail sales tax collections increased by 3.1 percent in February.

Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections increased 28.5 percent in February.

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Summary Statement of Selected Revenue Estimates & Collections
For the Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026
(Dollars in Thousands)

Revenue	FY 2026 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	February			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2026	FY 2025	% Change	FY 2026	FY 2025	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$1,660,100	19.73	\$118,234	\$57,155	106.9	\$1,123,356	\$1,005,784	11.7	5.4
Insurance Premiums Tax	256,704	3.05	0	0	-	256,704	228,661	12.3	12.3
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	1,365,400	16.23	89,571	97,171	(7.8)	883,848	881,984	0.2	2.6
State Sales and Use Tax	1,457,400	17.32	104,894	101,724	3.1	998,275	945,085	5.6	3.2
Motor Vehicle License Fees	235,200	2.80	19,554	15,221	28.5	148,219	146,296	1.3	4.0
Highway Use Fee	96,000	1.13	8,039	5,629	42.8	61,858	53,602	15.4	14.4
International Registration Plan	117,100	1.39	11,090	8,164	35.8	70,825	70,115	1.0	0.4
Recordation Tax	60,200	0.72	4,700	3,726	26.1	44,175	37,712	17.1	0.5
Interest Earnings	36,700	0.44	75	102	(26.5)	29,884	28,588	4.5	(32.8)
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	20,100	0.24	1,892	1,781	6.2	14,885	14,936	(0.3)	(10.8)
Total State Taxes and Fees	<u>\$5,304,904</u>	<u>63.05</u>	<u>\$358,049</u>	<u>\$290,673</u>	<u>23.2</u>	<u>\$3,632,029</u>	<u>\$3,412,763</u>	<u>6.4</u>	<u>3.8</u>

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COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND									
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Recordation Tax	60,200	0.72	4,700	3,726	26.1	44,175	37,712	17.1	0.5
Total Commonwealth Transportation Fund	\$5,248,104	62.37	\$356,082	\$288,790	23.3	\$3,587,260	\$3,369,239	6.5	4.2
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND									
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	\$20,100	0.24	\$1,892	\$1,781	6.2	\$14,885	\$14,936	(0.3)	(10.8)
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	302,212	3.59	13,937	38,939	(64.2)	357,066	412,517	(13.4)	(38.8)
Federal Grants and Contracts	0	0.00	2,798	7,156	(60.9)	26,100	41,699	(37.4)	(100.0)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	532,639	6.33	0	0	-	247,836	254,000	(2.4)	1.1
Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	\$854,951	10.16	\$18,627	\$47,876	(61.1)	\$645,887	\$723,152	(10.7)	(22.8)
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
Interest Earnings	\$36,700	0.44	\$75	\$102	(26.5)	\$29,884	\$28,588	4.5	(32.8)
Federal Grants and Contracts	1,657,155	19.69	61,119	39,437	55.0	1,166,632	977,545	19.3	21.7
Receipts from Cities/Counties	1,044,700	12.41	76,286	32,413	135.4	502,927	360,705	39.4	77.6
Toll Revenues	92,526	1.10	3,779	2,657	42.2	34,917	34,244	2.0	42.2
Miscellaneous Revenues	13,467	0.16	4,625	11,279	(59.0)	216,487	236,721	(8.5)	(96.6)
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	(532,639)	(6.33)	0	0	-	(247,836)	(254,000)	2.4	(1.1)
Total Transportation Trust Fund	\$2,311,909	27.47	\$145,884	\$85,888	69.9	\$1,703,011	\$1,383,803	23.1	19.3
TOTAL COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND, HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND, AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
	\$8,414,964	100.00	\$520,593	\$422,554	23.2	\$5,936,158	\$5,476,194	8.4	4.1

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