

COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND REVENUE REPORT

September 2026

Summary

Commonwealth Transportation Fund (CTF) revenues increased by 4.6 percent (\$25.8 million) in September compared to the same month last year. The overall growth is primarily attributable to increased Retail Sales & Use Tax, Motor Fuels Taxes, and Insurance Premium Tax collections. These gains are slightly offset primarily by decreased collections of Motor Vehicle License Fees and the Highway Use Fee.

Motor Fuels Tax

Motor fuels taxes collections increased 5.4 percent (\$9.0 million) in September compared to the same month last year.

The Brent Crude Oil Spot Price average increased to \$114.16 per barrel in September from \$97.31 in August. The Energy Information Administration's (EIA) most recent forecast for the Brent Crude Oil Spot Price suggests that the price of oil will increase in 2026 to an average of \$96.32 per barrel from an average of \$69.04 per barrel in 2025, an increase of 39.5 percent.

The average retail price of a gallon of regular gasoline increased to \$4.35 in September. The EIA estimates that the price shocks from supply chain disruptions originating from the war in the Middle East will drive the price of a gallon of gasoline to an average of approximately \$3.91 in Calendar Year 2026, an increase from the \$3.10 average price in 2025, which equates to about 26.1 percent price growth.

Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax

Motor vehicle sales tax collections increased 3.3 percent (\$3.8 million) in September.

Total U.S. light vehicle sales decreased to 16.0 million (SAAR) units in September from 16.8 million (SAAR) in August.

New-vehicle sales decreased approximately 6.5 percent month-over-month in September but grew 4.0 percent year-over-year. According to Kelly Blue Book, the average transaction price (ATP) for a new vehicle increased 0.9 percent in September compared to August, rising to an average of \$50,562, which is a 0.7 percent increase compared to September last year. The used-vehicle retails sales pace declined 6.3 percent in September month-over-month but grew 2.0 percent year-over-year. According to the Manheim Used Vehicle Value Index, wholesale prices decreased 1.1 percent month-over-month in September and decreased 0.6 percent compared to this month last year.

According to Cox Automotive, 86,632 new electric vehicles (EV) were sold during September, which denotes a decrease of 0.8 percent from August and a 40.7 percent decrease from this month last year. Used EV sales totaled 47,862 for the month, a 12.3 percent increase from August, and a year-over-year increase of 21.2 percent. The average transaction price for a new electric vehicle increased 2.3 percent month-over-month from August to about \$54,842, which is a decrease of 3.1 percent compared to September 2025. The average transaction price of a used EV decreased 1.8 percent month-over-month to about \$36,767, which is an increase of 6.4 percent year-over-year.

State Retail Sales Tax

The transportation portion of state retail sales tax collections increased by 7.8 percent (\$9.6 million) in September.

Motor Vehicle Licenses

Motor vehicle registration fee collections decreased 8.3 percent (\$1.8 million) in September.

**Commonwealth of Virginia/Department of Accounts
Commonwealth Transportation Fund
Summary Statement of Selected Revenue Estimates & Collections
For the Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027
(Dollars in Thousands)**

Revenue	FY 2027 Estimate	As a % of Total Fund	September			Year-To-Date			% Annual Growth Required By Estimate
			FY 2027	FY 2026	% Change	FY 2027	FY 2026	% Change	
Motor Fuel Taxes	\$1,725,939	21.29	\$176,365	\$167,366	5.4	\$444,476	\$450,400	(1.3)	3.8
Insurance Premiums Tax	257,151	3.17	173,593	167,310	3.8	206,333	191,966	7.5	0.2
Motor Vehicle Sales and Use Tax	1,419,183	17.51	119,862	116,056	3.3	368,048	364,229	1.0	5.8
State Sales and Use Tax	1,490,058	18.38	132,341	122,714	7.8	405,356	373,999	8.4	(0.7)
Motor Vehicle License Fees	232,500	2.88	20,160	21,978	(8.3)	66,344	62,531	6.1	4.1
Highway Use Fee	103,400	1.28	9,161	9,448	(3.0)	28,828	25,958	11.1	9.6
International Registration Plan	117,800	1.45	7,416	6,824	8.7	21,728	25,188	(13.7)	(2.8)
Recordation Tax	67,100	0.83	5,367	5,409	(0.8)	17,008	16,717	1.7	(3.3)
Interest Earnings	35,680	0.44	30	94	(68.1)	75	181	(58.6)	(36.6)
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	20,100	0.25	2,920	1,544	89.1	6,823	5,547	23.0	(16.2)
Total State Taxes and Fees	\$5,468,911	67.48	\$647,215	\$618,743	4.6	\$1,565,019	\$1,516,716	3.2	2.2

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		As a %	September			Year-To-Date			% Annual
	FY 2027	of Total			%			%	Growth
Revenue	Estimate	Fund	FY 2027	FY 2026	Change	FY 2027	FY 2026	Change	Required
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COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND									
Motor Vehicle Fuels Taxes									
(Includes Aviation & Road Taxes)	\$1,725,939	21.29	\$176,365	\$167,366	5.4	\$444,476	\$450,400	(1.3)	3.8
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Recordation Tax	67,100	0.83	5,367	5,409	(0.8)	17,008	16,717	1.7	(3.3)
Total Commonwealth Transportation Fund	\$5,413,131	66.79	\$644,265	\$617,105	4.4	\$1,558,121	\$1,510,988	3.1	2.7
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND									
Misc. Taxes, Fees, and Revenues	\$20,100	0.25	\$2,920	\$1,544	89.1	\$6,823	\$5,547	23.0	(16.2)
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	38,755	0.48	125,753	193,855	(35.1)	303,530	314,100	(3.4)	(90.3)
Federal Grants and Contracts	0	0.00	4,930	6,361	(22.5)	15,798	12,023	31.4	(100.0)
Transfer (to) / from Transportation Trust Fund	366,749	4.52	82,002	133,000	(38.3)	82,002	133,000	(38.3)	(43.6)
Total Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	\$425,604	5.25	\$215,605	\$334,760	(35.6)	\$408,153	\$464,670	(12.2)	(64.4)
TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
Interest Earnings	\$35,680	0.44	\$30	\$94	(68.1)	\$75	\$181	(58.6)	(36.6)
Federal Grants and Contracts	1,638,738	20.22	294,747	416,041	(29.2)	670,338	768,414	(12.8)	11.5
Receipts from Cities/Counties	836,975	10.33	78,511	53,760	46.0	186,491	189,906	(1.8)	15.7
Toll Revenues	114,260	1.40	5,630	5,628	0.0	13,767	14,082	(2.2)	80.7
Miscellaneous Revenues	7,420	0.09	61,942	117,924	(47.5)	157,092	176,109	(10.8)	(97.5)
Transfer (to) / from Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund	(366,749)	(4.52)	(82,002)	(133,000)	38.3	(82,002)	(133,000)	38.3	43.6
Total Transportation Trust Fund	\$2,266,324	27.96	\$358,858	\$460,447	(22.1)	\$945,761	\$1,015,692	(6.9)	15.6
TOTAL COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION FUND, HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING FUND, AND TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND									
	\$8,105,059	100.00	\$1,218,728	\$1,412,312	(13.7)	\$2,912,035	\$2,991,350	(2.7)	(3.8)

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