

Appendix A: Oregon Road User Fee Task Force Background and Membership List

Charge by Oregon Legislative Assembly (House Bill 3946)

Recognizing that the fuel tax is a declining revenue source for Oregon's road system, the 2001 Legislative Assembly sought to address the long-term viability of Oregon road finance through the passage of House Bill 3946, which mandated the formation of the Road User Fee Task Force. The bill directs the Road User Fee Task Force, which sunsets on Jan. 2, 2010, to establish a long-term vision for Oregon road finance. The Legislative Assembly adopted the following statutory purpose for the task force:

“... to develop a design for revenue collection for Oregon's roads and highways that will replace the current system for revenue collection.” (Section 2 (2) of HB 3946, 2001)

Formation of the Road User Fee Task Force

On Nov. 21, 2001, the governor, Senate president and speaker of the House of Representatives appointed 12 members to the Road User Fee Task Force. The appointments were made according to the requirements of statute. Task force membership consists of four legislators, two Oregon Transportation Commissioners, a city mayor, a county judge, a transportation research academic, a private businessperson, a representative of the Highway Users Conference and a public policy analyst.

Mission Statement

The Road User Fee Task Force adopted the following mission:

To develop a revenue-collection design funded through user pay methods, acceptable and visible to the public, that ensures a flow of revenue sufficient to annually maintain, preserve and improve Oregon's state, county and city highway and road system.

Membership List

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