



ROAD USER FEE PILOT PROGRAM

# Volunteer Update

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📄 **New web address!** We have created a shortcut to the participant web site. It is [Oregon.gov/rufpp](http://Oregon.gov/rufpp). Please visit for updates, packet contents and contact information.

☎ **The HOTLINE 1-866-520-3344.** Please call the HOTLINE with any questions. Your call will be returned within one business day. We will keep the message up-to-date with the latest pilot information.

💰 **Compensation \$\$\$.** With this mailing, you should have received \$25 per vehicle that went through the Independent Mileage Reader between June 12 and June 18. If you have not received payment, please call the HOTLINE at 1-866-520-3344.

You should have received your \$50 per vehicle check and \$40 in “Leathers Bucks” via U.S. Mail from ODOT by now. If you have not received payment please call the HOTLINE 1-866-520-3344.

**Buying Gas at Leathers.** Please continue your twice-per-month visits to Leathers to purchase *some* gas (any amount is fine).

Please space your visits out during the month. The mileage equipment is up and running at the stations. You do not need to do anything different from a regular gas purchase. You do not need to give the attendant any special instructions and you do not need to use your reader card from your glove box packet (that is for the independent reader at DMV only). **This is a wireless, invisible transaction.**

**Social Security Numbers.** The ODOT accountants have mailed you a form to report your Social Security Number to the agency. Please follow the instructions to prevent delay in future payments.

**Battery Alert!** If you plan on not driving your vehicle for more than two days in a row, you might want to unplug your device from under the dash to prevent draining your battery. To do this, follow your cord from the unit on your dashboard down near your steering column where you will locate a plug that you can remove. **However, please remember to plug it in before you drive! If you have any issues with your battery please call the HOTLINE at 1-866-520-3344.**

For more information, call  
the **HOTLINE** at **1-866-520-3344**

or visit our **web site:**  
**NEW ADDRESS** — [www.oregon.gov/rufpp](http://www.oregon.gov/rufpp)

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**We're in the News.** You may have seen recent news reports of the Road User Fee Pilot Program in the media. The program has been featured in the *Denver Post*, *Oregonian*, *Seattle Times*, KGW news (Channel 8), KATU news (Channel 2) and KOIN news (Channel 6). The Chicago Tribune and FOX news are also working on stories.

Please know that we do not give out participants' contact information to the media without prior permission. If you are at Leathers or the independent reader and a reporter wants to interview you, it is totally your decision whether or not to do so. If you are uncomfortable, feel free to politely decline and refer them to ODOT.

### **Tips on Understanding Your Mileage**

**Display.** What you may see on your display when your vehicle is running:

- When the vehicle is on and moving, the backlight on the display should be turned on. With the current display this is very hard to detect in daylight.
- When it is dark, a display with the backlight on will have bright gold/yellow lettering and a blue background.

- If the vehicle does not move (but the engine is running), the backlight should turn off within a minute. The mileage numbers should still be displayed.
- Wearing sunglasses may make it difficult to see the readings on the display.

What you may see on your display after turning your vehicle off:

- After turning your vehicle off, the backlight should go off within a minute. Again, this is hard to detect in daylight.
- The mileage numbers displayed when the vehicle is running may or may not turn off. This depends on the type of vehicle and/or the type of device installed (there are multiple versions of the device). In general:
  - *Ford vehicles with a mileage number next to the "No Signal" category* – The mileage numbers will stay displayed after the vehicle is turned off and the backlight automatically turns off.
  - *GM/Chrysler/foreign vehicles with a mileage number next to the "No Signal" category* - The mileage number display should turn off

when the backlight automatically turns off.

- If the device has no mileage number next to the "No Signal" category, the mileage numbers will stay displayed after the vehicle is turned off and the backlight automatically turns off. This should occur independent of the vehicle make and model.

**Next Task.** You will be asked to go through the Independent Mileage Reader in late fall of 2006. You will be notified before hand by phone, e-mail or mail. Until then, please continue going to Leathers at least twice per month and notifying ODOT of any questions or malfunctions.

**Keep us Posted.** If your address, cars, phone numbers or e-mail address change, please leave a message on the HOTLINE at 1-866-520-3344 with the new information.