



Road User Fee Task Force: Administrative Structure, Mission and Decision Making

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The Road User Fee Task Force

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The Road User Fee Task Force

- Created by legislative enactment in 2001
- Ten members appointed to four year terms by Governor, Senate President and House Speaker
- Two members appointed to four year terms by Chair of Oregon Transportation Commission
- Ceasing term of office ceases term on RUFTF for legislators, local government officials and transportation commissioners
- Made recommendations to Oregon legislature for a new road revenue funding system in 2003
- Guided policy development and set evaluation criteria for Road User Fee Pilot Program in 2003
- Legislature removed sunset clause in 2009



Purpose of Road User Fee Task Force



Legislative Mandate

“To develop a design for revenue collection for Oregon’s roads and highways that will replace the current system for revenue collection.”



RUFTF Responsibilities and Authorities

- **Responsibilities:**

- ✓ ➤ Study alternatives to current system of taxing highway use through fuel taxes and consider all potential revenue sources
- ✓ ➤ Gather public comment on alternative approaches
- ✓ ➤ Make recommendations to ODOT and OTC on design of pilot programs to test alternative approaches
- ✓ ➤ Report to each regular session of legislature on progress of pilot programs
- ✓ ➤ Present preliminary report to legislature by September 30, 2002 on alternatives to current road revenue system
- ✓ ➤ Propose to 72nd Legislative Assembly options for design of new road revenue system to replace current system

- **Authorities:**

- ✓ ➤ Recommend criteria for evaluating pilot programs
- ✓ ➤ Evaluate pilot programs implemented and report results to legislature
- ✓ ➤ Recommend legislation by official action

HB 3946(2001)

HB 2001(2009) [ORS 184.841 et seq.]

✓ **Accomplished**



RUFTF Legal and Administrative Structure

- Subject to *Open Meetings* and *Public Records Laws*
- Legislative members entitled to per diem and travel expense reimbursement from legislative funds
- Non-legislative members entitled to travel expense reimbursement
- Non-legislative members who are not full-time public employees entitled to \$30 per diem
- ODOT required to staff RUFTF
- Organizational Issues
 - Official action requires majority approval
 - Role of ex officio appointees
 - Governance: Appointment of RUFTF Chair



***Website for
Road User Fee Task Force***

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/rufft/>