



ROAD USER FEE PILOT PROGRAM

# Volunteer Update

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## Only six weeks left in the pilot study!

### Remaining Tasks

- **Final time through the Independent Reader.** The Road User Fee Pilot Program officially ends on March 25. We ask that all participants go through the reader at the DMV one last time between Wednesday, March 21 and Sunday, March 25. By driving through the reader during the above time period you will earn \$25 per vehicle. You receive a reminder call with these dates.
- **Final Survey.** You will be contacted one last time to participate in the final survey between March 15 and April 15. Please plan to participate when called.
- **Equipment Removal.** You will need to call the Gateway Car Toys, (503) 256-0030, and schedule a time get the equipment removed from your vehicle. The equipment removal period is March 26 - April 30, 2007. If you fail to schedule an appointment during that time period, your final compensation check will be delayed.

- **Gas Tax Refund.** If you are in the Rush Hour or VMT group, please mail in your last packet of receipts no later than April 15, 2007. The last date on gas receipts that will be accepted for processing is March 21, 2007. Any receipt dated March 22 or later will not be accepted. In you need another envelope, please let us know at 1-866-520-3344.

### 🔑 Compensation schedule (per vehicle)

#### Check 1

Mileage read at the independent reader at the DMV	\$25*
Uninstall equipment and participate in survey	\$175*

\*These will be combined into one check and mailed after you have successfully completed the survey and have had the equipment uninstalled.

#### Check 2

##### *Rush Hour and VMT groups only:*

Gas tax refunds submitted by April 15, 2007, and remaining balance in your endowment account will be combined into one check and mailed in May 2007.

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

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

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### **Questions about taxes and 1099 forms.**


Some of our participants have called to ask if ODOT is sending out 1099 forms that report how much money was earned in 2006 for participation in the pilot study. The answer is that ODOT will NOT be sending out a 1099 form or any report listing individual earnings in the pilot study. ODOT cannot legally give out tax advice and therefore recommends that if you have any questions about reporting income earned in the study, please consult your personal tax advisor or the IRS web site.

The compensation schedule is listed in your participant manual, but generally all participants received \$50 per car for equipment installation and \$25 per car for each of the two times through the independent mileage reader in 2006. Also, if you got your equipment installed before May 31, 2006, you received \$40 in gas vouchers per car.

### **Debrief Session/ Pilot Study Feedback**

**Opportunity.** ODOT is looking to schedule a debriefing session where participants can meet up with ODOT officials and have the chance to ask questions and give feedback in person. Stay tuned for date, time and location in a future newsletter. If you would like to participate please let us know by calling 1-866-520-3344.

 **Lose your instructions?** Check out our web site at [www.oregon.gov/rufpp](http://www.oregon.gov/rufpp) for copies of this newsletter, instruction packets, the participant manual and more.

 **Questions?** As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call our toll free number at 1-866-520-3344. We really appreciate your great participation in this important and highly visible research study.