



ROAD USER FEE PILOT PROGRAM

Volunteer Update

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We have entered the test phase.

This month marks the midpoint of our study. We have now transitioned from the control phase to the test phase. This change has brought about new information and some changes to most of you. Thank you for your patience as we make this transition. There have been and probably will be some more bumps along the way. We are working to keep these to a minimum. If you have any questions, please know that you can call us at 1-866-520-3344.

What should you be looking for at Leather's? It's all about the receipt. If your receipt shows a discount called "ST Tax Discount" then your transaction was successful. If your transaction is successful you DO NOT need to keep your receipt because you have already received your discount.

What if your transaction is not successful? You will know if your transaction is not successful because the discount will not appear on the receipt. If that happens KEEP your receipt to send it to ODOT later as described in your instruction packet.

⚠ Debit/credit cards vs. cash. Please know that you owe LESS than the pump says that you owe. The discount is taken after the gas is pumped and cannot be visible from the pump but only from the cash register (this was an oversight and something that we would like to change in the future).

- **Debit/credit card.** If you use a debit/credit card the discount is automatically taken and you will see this on your receipt. **This is the easiest and fastest way to pay for everyone.**
- **Cash.** If you pay cash at the pump, you might need to ask the attendant for your change and mention that you are a participant in the program. Here is why. If, for example, you ask for \$10 of gas, the attendant will pump that amount and will owe you roughly \$1 in change from the discount. If you pay inside, however, the cash register will tell the attendant that you are due the discount in change.

We realize that this may be confusing and awkward. It is one of the lessons learned that we have identified and will need to be further worked through after this pilot program.

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

or visit our **web site:**
NEW ADDRESS — www.oregon.gov/rufpp

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📞 **Call ODOT first.** If you have any strange experiences with your equipment or at Leathers please give us a call first at 1-866-520-3344. We are here to help resolve issues before they become major problems.

📅 **Next milestone payment \$\$\$**

You can expect to see your next milestone payment of \$25 per vehicle for going through the independent mileage reader at the DMV by December 6, 2006.

The U.S. Secretary of Transportation

The Road User Fee Pilot Program was paid a visit by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Mary Peters, on October 28. She, along with her Secret Service escorts and entourage of aides, visited the Powell station for a live demonstration of a fueling transaction. She commented that Oregon is a world leader in this area of research and that she was impressed with our study. Secretary Peters even met one of our pilot participants. Thanks Lee!

📄 **Lose your instructions?** Check out our website at www.oregon.gov/rufpp for copies of this newsletter, instruction packets, the participant manual and more.



U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters met with one of the pilot project participants (left) as she learned about the study. She was joined by ODOT Director Matt Garrett.