

## Oregon's Fuel Tax Increase *from 24 cents/gallon to 30 cents/gallon*

**E**ffective January 1, 2011, Oregon's fuel tax is increasing by 6 cents, bringing it to 30 cents per gallon for passenger and light vehicles. The tax for commercial trucks and other heavy vehicles was raised proportionately effective Oct. 1, 2010. These increases, created by the 2009 Jobs and Transportation Act, are aimed at helping the state improve safety on Oregon's roads, support family-wage jobs all over the state, and keep Oregon's economy moving.



Here are some vital facts about the fuel tax:

- The 2009 Legislature passed the *Jobs and Transportation Act* which included a provision to raise Oregon's state gasoline and diesel tax by 6¢ from 24¢/gallon to 30¢/gallon.
- State fuel taxes have not been increased since 1993. In that time, inflation has increased consumer prices by 51 percent, twice the current percentage increase in the fuel tax.
- Oregon still has the lowest rate of all the Western states for combined auto-related taxes and fees ([see comparisons](#)).
- The tax and fee increases in the Jobs and Transportation Act will raise about \$300 million per year which will be shared as follows:
  - \$3 million per year to the Travel Information Council for rest area management.
  - \$24 million per year to a program for highway projects and related planning activities.
  - 20 percent of the balance (about \$54.6 million/year) to city street programs based on population.
  - 30 percent of the balance (about \$81.9 million/year) to county road programs based on vehicle registration.
  - The remainder (about \$136.5 million/year) to ODOT for the state highway system.
- ODOT will use funds for the state highway system as follows:
  - About 33 percent (approximately \$45 million/year) will go to maintain roadways, preserve investments and improve safety on Oregon's roads and bridges.
  - About 16 percent (approximately \$21.5 million/year) will go to highway modernization (congestion reduction, traffic systems, etc.)
  - About 51 percent (approximately \$70 million/year) to bond repayment and the 2009 Transportation Projects Account for the 2009 Transportation Projects program. This includes 51 projects around the state to be built earlier than they could have otherwise been constructed (see [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/JTA.shtml](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/JTA.shtml) for project lists and information).

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