



City of Grants Pass

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Proposed Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Information Sheet

In the May 21, 2019 special election, Grants Pass voters will decide whether to implement a \$0.03 per gallon motor vehicle fuel tax to replace the City Transportation Utility Fee. The \$0.03 per gallon tax is estimated to raise approximately \$1.48 million per year. If the measure passes, this would eliminate the Transportation Utility Fee on the City's monthly utility bills which currently provides annual revenue of approximately \$966,444 per year. If the measure fails, the City would continue to assess the utility bill customers a transportation utility fee that supports the maintenance and repair of the City's street infrastructure and the City would not increase the current level of street repair and maintenance.

- If the measure passes, the tax would be paid by users of the city streets in place of utility users/property owners.
- If the measure passes, the motor vehicle tax would be implemented and the current utility fee, which is \$3.68/month for a single family residential and \$12.26 - \$1,104.50/month for commercial/industrial would no longer be assessed.
- If the motor vehicle fuel tax is approved by the voters, the Transportation Utility Fee would no longer be assessed, lowering the average single-family house utility bill by \$41.43 per year. Note: The Transportation Utility Fee is increased by Consumer Price Index (CPI) each year. The motor vehicle fuel tax is not affected by CPI.
- Based on average consumption of around 91 gallons of gas per month per household, at 20 miles per gallon a family could drive 21,840 miles per year and their cost, based on \$0.03 per gallon would, if passed, be \$2.73 per month.
- The City maintains 175 miles of streets and rights of way.
- After a comprehensive study of each street segment of City-maintained roads, it is estimated that over 22% of City streets are rated as "Fair", "Poor" or worse.
- The City currently budgets \$500,000 per year for repair and overlay maintenance. The estimated repair and overlay maintenance costs are \$4,400,000 per year.
- Revenue from the motor vehicle fuel tax shall only be used for the activities related to the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, and maintenance, operations and use of city streets.
- Additional questions or comments, please contact City Hall at 541-450-6000 or for questions about the condition of City streets contact Wade Elliott at welliott@grantspassoregon.gov
- We all benefit from our transportation system; drivers, bicyclists, transit user, and pedestrians.
- Don't forget to **Vote!**