

California Road Charge Overview



Tri-State Commission Meeting

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Road Charge 2014 - 2018



- 2014 - California enacted legislation (SB 1077) to form a 15-member technical advisory committee; and conduct a statewide road charge demonstration program.
- 2016/2017 - California Road Charge Pilot Program: (5,000+ vehicles)
- April 2017 - California implements Senate Bill 1, which increased transportation revenue by approximately \$5 billion annually.
- November 2018 – Proposition 6 attempt to repeal SB 1.

California Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)



- 15 members representing: highway users, telecommunications; data security and privacy; highway user groups; social equity advocates; regional and local government.
- Study alternatives to the gas tax.
- Advise Legislature, Administration, Commission on road charge issues.
- The TAC's role was extended to 2023 following the passage of **SB 1328 (2018)**.

Road Charge 2019



- We are “ramping-up” on road charge
- Received federal Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives (STSFA) round 2 & 3 grants of \$3.78 million
- State Government Roles
 - ✓ Calif. State Transportation Agency
 - ✓ Calif. Transportation Commission
 - ✓ Caltrans
 - ✓ Others – DMV, DGS, CHP

Issues to Address



- New Administration & Staff
- Longevity of staff with focus & expertise
- Coordination within state government
- Determining next steps –
 - State vehicle & regional toll authorities road charge demonstration
 - Identifying road charge related research areas

Focus Areas – Next Steps



- Develop sound recommendations for Legislature and Administration to consider.
- Scope for state government vehicle demonstration program & determine the feasibility to include regional toll authorities in a road charge demonstration.
- Obtain funding for road charge related research.
- Educate key stakeholders and opinion leaders on the need for a road charge.
- Coordinate with other states on their road charge efforts.

Thank You



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