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CHARGING ELECTRIC VEHICLES... FOR PUBLIC ROADS

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"THE **SCIENTIFIC DEFINITION** OF **WORK** IS: USING A FORCE TO MOVE AN OBJECT A DISTANCE."¹

"ENERGY CAN BE DEFINED AS THE ABILITY TO DO WORK."²

- How do we pay for our roads?
- Why motor fuel taxes?
- Who pays? Who should pay?
- Threats to the motor fuel tax.
- What about electric vehicles?
 - Today
 - In the future
- How do we want to pay for our roads?

1 <u>https://education.jlab.org/jsat/powerpoint/work_and_simple_machines.ppt</u> 2 <u>www.edinformatics.com/math_science/work_energy_power.htm</u>

MOTOR FUEL TAXES PROVIDE ABOUT 40% OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURES FOR HIGHWAYS.



GAS TAXES AVERAGED 20% OF THE PRICE OF GASOLINE OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS.



WHY TAX MOTOR FUEL?

- Taxing energy is an effective way to tax transportation.
- Transportation is work.
 Work (joules) = force x distance = energy use (joules)
- Tax paid is proportional to work (transportation) done.
- What makes a good tax?
 - Certainty/reliability
 - Adequacy
 - Simplicity & administrative efficiency
 - Economic efficiency
 - Equity/fairness

WHO PAYS? WHO SHOULD PAY? (COST RESPONSIBILITY ESTIMATES FUZZY)

TN and Federal Motor Fuel Taxes Paid and "Cost Responsibility" per 100 Miles Traveled by Type of Vehicle



THREATS TO ADEQUACY & RELIABILITY? #I. INFLATION #2. FUEL ECONOMY



WHAT ABOUT ELECTRIC VEHICLES? I.4% OF SALES. 1/4% VEHICLES ON ROAD.

Annual U.S. Sales of Plug-in Electric Vehicles



THE ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION'S REFERENCE CASE PROJECTION FORESEES A GRADUAL INCREASE IN BATTERY EV TRAVEL.



IT'S EASY TO FIND MORE OPTIMISTIC FORECASTS, HOWEVER.



INFLATION AND FUEL ECONOMY REMAIN THE BIGGEST THREATS.



HOW SHOULD ALL-ELECTRIC VEHICLES PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE?

- What is an EVs fair share?
 - Based on vehicle miles traveled?
 - Based on energy use? (On road or fuel cycle?)
 - Based on cost responsibility?
 - Should environmental impacts be considered?
- How urgent is the problem of taxing EVs?
 - Practically
 - Politically
- And what about connected automated vehicles, shared vehicles and shared travel?

THANK YOU.

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Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

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An accelerating electric vehicle market presents opportunities...

Consumers are increasingly likely to shift to electric vehicles to meet mobility demands



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...But there are roadblocks on the horizon

Vehicle charging infrastructure deployment lags behind EV market penetration and will require strategic investments to alleviate consumer anxiety





Only one-fourth of the charging infrastructure required to meet electric vehicle demand in 2025 is currently constructed

The rate of deployment will need to increase 20% annually to close the gap Nearly 60% of drivers that are unwilling or unsure of purchasing an electric vehicle feel that way because of "range anxiety"

Range anxiety can come from the perception of a lack of charging locations or the concern of running out of charge



Electric vehicle charging stations networks will differ from gas stations

Strategic electric vehicle infrastructure investments must be planned now

Fundamental shifts in vehicle refueling patterns and revenue streams require a cohesive, detailed electric vehicle strategy

Charger Speed Implications



Charging speed and cost are positively correlated, but even the fastest chargers **cannot compete with traditional refueling speeds**



Trip origins and destinations might **provide better charging opportunities** than traditional gas station models based on consumer preferences





20 states have enacted special registration fees, creating **new annual revenue streams** all of which remain in-state, unlike traditional fuel taxes

One-Time Investment Opportunities



New Federal grant programs, Electrify America (\$2B) and Volkswagen Mitigation (\$2.9B) funds create a **one-time investment opportunities**

| Infrastructure | Stakeholders | Funding | Incentives/Regulations |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Station location | Uncertain commercial freight | Annual Registration Fees | Income tax credits |
| Charging level | adoption rates | User fees (vehicle miles | Charging station rebates |
| Ownership (commercial, | Transit opportunities | traveled, tolls) | Corporate Average Fuel |
| government, private) | Load balancing for utilities | Public/Private Partnerships (P3s) | Economy (CAFE) standards |

Electric vehicle strategy

Our recommended approach to a successful strategy consists of assessing opportunities, prioritizing actions, and implementing solutions



1. Assess Opportunities

Meet the challenges of disruptive technology with innovative opportunities

- Imagine and quantify new funding streams
- Benchmark current system and available resources
- Construct alternative responses

2. Prioritize Actions

Make data-driven decisions incorporating robust analysis, thought leadership, and innovative customer strategy

- **Identify and measure** the impact of potential solutions in different scenarios
- Understand location and charging level tradeoffs
- Communicate state and regional direction for commercial sector alignment

3. Implement Solutions

Act with confidence in the face of an uncertain market by investing in the right place at the right time

- Coordinate investment rollout understanding budget considerations
- **Deliver** superior asset performance
- **Shape** the future of mobility





FutureScape[™] is a modeling and simulation solution platform that creates digital replicas of large-scale infrastructure systems

States can use a Digital Twin to analyze the effects of disruptions on infrastructure and population safety and behavior, felt at real-world scale, before they occur

States investigate how local travel patterns, electric vehicle adoption rates and charging locations might interrelate and be impacted by external forces.

The Gas Tax might be running on empty

In the 25 years since the Gas Tax was last raised (and not tied to inflation) vehicles have become more fuel efficient while construction cost and inflation have risen

The Construction Cost Index and Inflation has risen as fuel efficiency has increased, meaning the relative value of funds raised from Gas Taxes has decreased

Construction Cost/Inflation and Fuel Efficiency Increases from 1993 to 2018



States are **not receiving the same level of Federal assistance** from Gas Tax revenues as they once were Many states are taking matters into their own hands. Since 2013, **27 states have risen or reformed their state gas tax policies.** Several of those that have increase their fuel taxes have instituted measures that are tied to inflation



Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) taxes may also be a source to replace gas taxes

A Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) tax

As travel behaviors change, a road usage charge, such as a VMT tax, could provide a more equitable solution but presents its own challenges and opportunities





States have choices to make when it comes to replacing gas tax revenues

Some states are piloting a VMT tax

It will be important for states to establishing a strategic plan to prepare for the uncertain future of transportation funding

| What VMT means t | | |
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| Average Monthly State Gas Tax Paid | Road Charg | Usage e Paid |
| Source Hill Control Co | Low Efficiency Vehicle | • 10 MPG Median |
| Average Efficiency Vehicle • 20 MPG Media | n Average Efficiency Vel | 15.00 hicle • 20 MPG Median |
| High Efficiency Hybrid - 35 MPG Median | High Efficiency Hybrid | • 35 MPG Median |
| Electric Vehicle - Gas not needed | Electric Vehicle • Gas | 515.00 not needed |
| | States Piloting VMT Tax | |
| California* | Minnesota* | Pennsylvania |
| Colorado* | Missouri | • Utah |
| • Delaware | Oregon* *Pilot Con | Washington |

Lessons Learned from Oregon

- Privacy concerns decreasing as cell phones become more prevalent
- Privacy can be protected through aggregation and transmission controls
- Framework should be **technology agnostic** so it can flex as the market changes
- A system that relies exclusively on devices installed in vehicles will create challenges for a mandatory tax program
- Integration with current systems can be achieved to allow a **phased introduction**
- The mileage fee could be paid at the pump with little perceived difference by motorists
- **Rural drivers tend to benefit** as they avoid higher gas tax fees from driving typically less fuel efficient vehicles

States can take a leading role in the future of transportation funding