# Transportation Funding and California Road Charge Pilot Program Updates



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# California Infrastructure Report Card

Pay By The Mile – Road Charge – Mileage Based User Fee
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\$59 Billion - Deferred Transportation Maintenance

Source: Governor Brown's 2015 Five-Year Infrastructure Plan

√ 45th - State Ranking for Overall Highway Performance

Source: Reason Foundation's 21st Annual Report on the Performance of State Highway Systems

**\$296 Billion** - Ten-Year Project Funding Shortfall

Source: California Transportation Commission's 2011 Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment

of California Roadways Require
Rehabilitation or Pavement
Maintenance

of California's Counties have an Average Pavement Rating of "At Risk" or "Poor"

of Local Streets and Roads will be in "Failed" Condition by 2022 under our Current Funding Levels

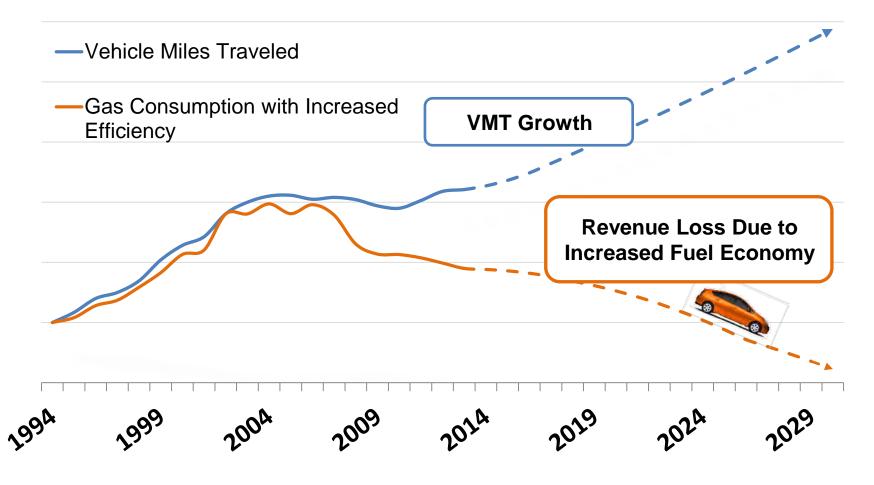
of the Nation's 10 Worst Urban Area Pavement Conditions

# ...But our transportation system is in financial crisis

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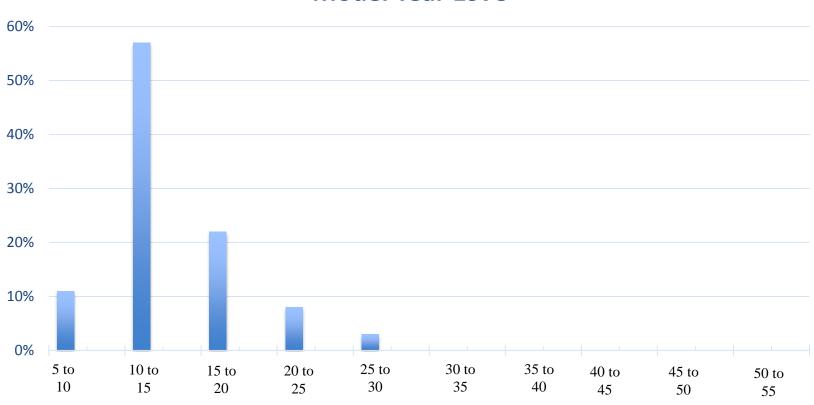
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#### **Model Year 1975**

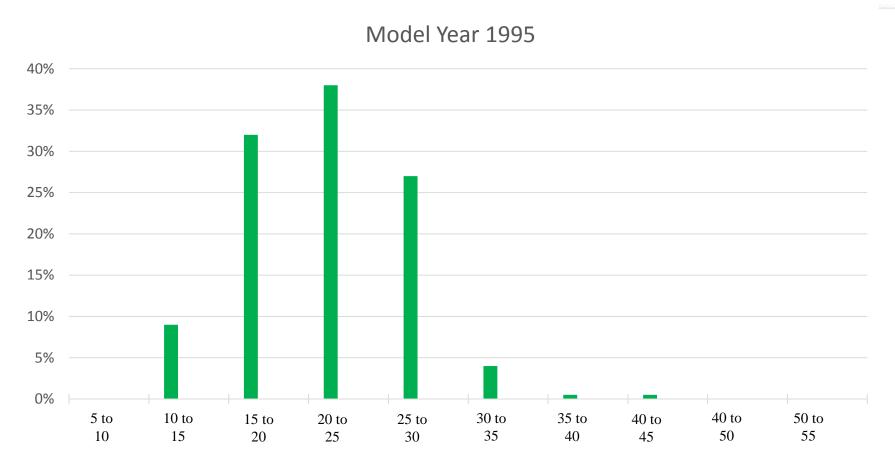


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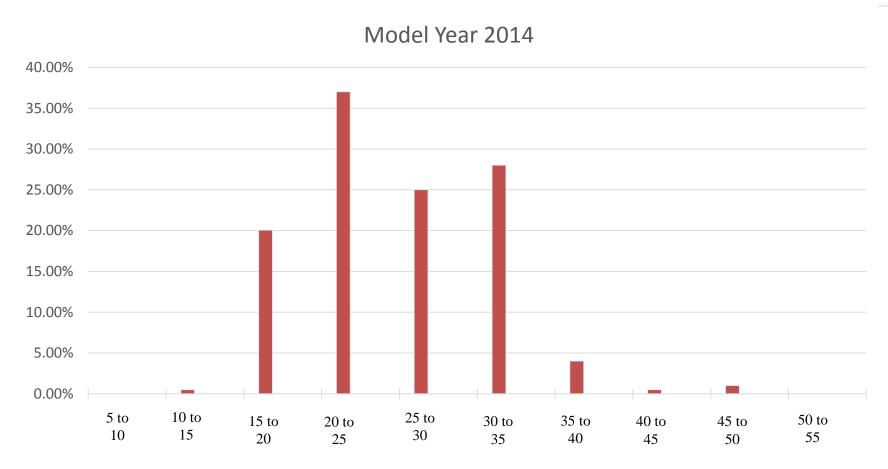


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# Why Explore a Road Charge?





Aging Infrastructure

Shrinking Funding





**Increased Requirements** 

Fuel Efficiency





### The Evolution of Road Charge in the United States

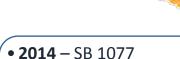


- 2006 & 2012 Researched and conducted two pilots
- 2015 OReGO launches first mileage-based program for light vehicles

Oregon

### **RUC West**

 2013 – The Western Road Usage Charge Consortium formed a voluntary coalition of 14 western state departments of transportation



- 2016 Launched largest live pilot with over 5,000 participants statewide
- 2017 Final Report to the Legislature

California

### **FHWA**

- 2015 FAST Act signed into law by President Obama
- The strength of a Federal partner moving forward







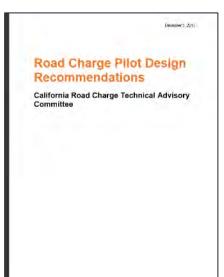
### Pilot Background

#### **Included:**

- Senate Bill 1077 passed in September 2014
- CTC formed a Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- The TAC developed their pilot design recommendations in 2015
- CalSTA in charge of implementing the Road Charge Pilot Program









# The Pilot by the Numbers



#### Pilot breakdown:

- 9 month pilot period
- 5,000+ participating vehicles
  - 4,540 private vehicles
  - 55 heavy commercial trucks
  - 243 light commercial trucks
- 5 different reporting methods
  - 83% using an automated method
  - 17% using a manual method



Total miles driven in the pilot so far!



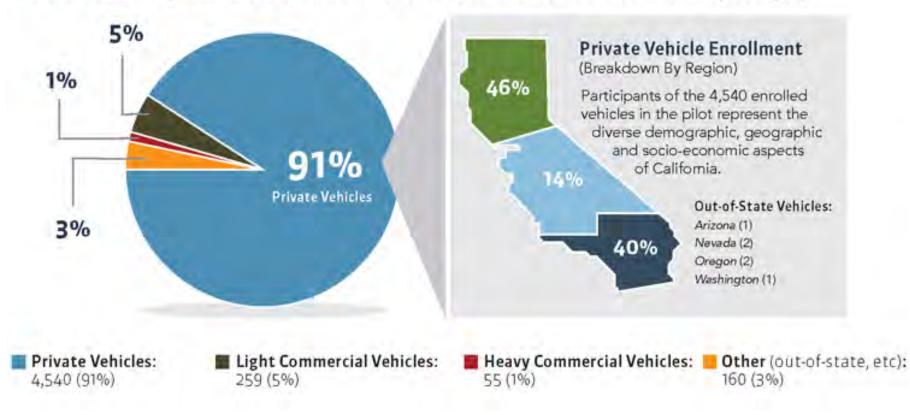




### **CA Pilot Enrollment Overview**

#### ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW

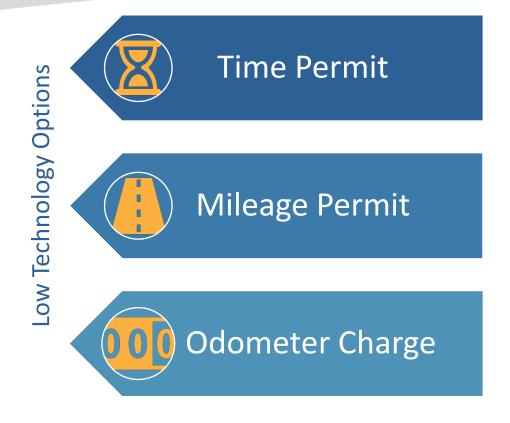
The chart below represents the breakdown of the 5,014 total vehicle enrollments by category:





# Mileage Reporting Methods









### Vehicles by Account Manager











57%

22%

20%

1%

- Plug-in Device (with and without location)
- Smartphone App (with and without location)
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- Smartphone App (with and without location)
- Telematics

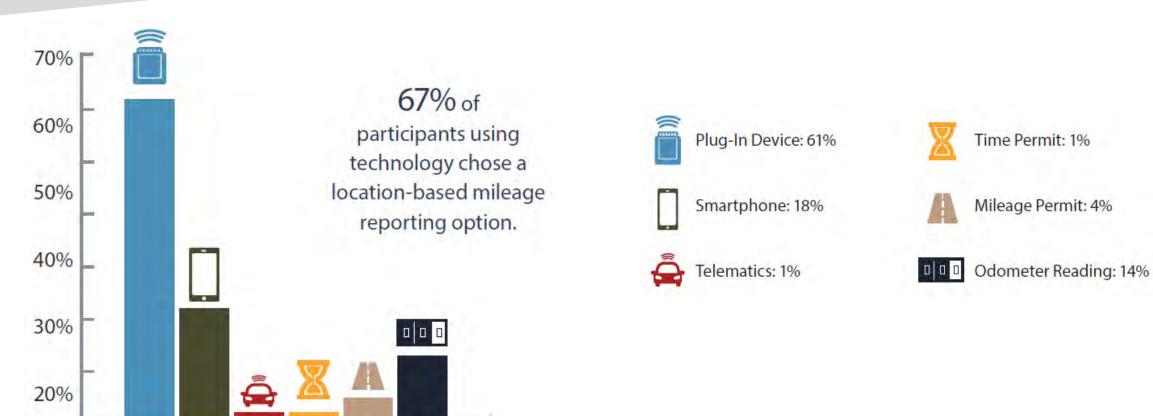
- Time Permit
- Mileage Permit
- Odometer Charge
- 350 agency vehicles

- 55 Heavy Commercial Trucks
- EROAD's FMCSAcompliant electronic logging device



# Enrollments of Private Vehicles by Method







# Participant Feedback



### **Survey results:**

- 90% Satisfied with reporting method
- 86% Found participated in the pilot easy
- 83% Overall satisfied with the pilot
- 71% Think a road charge is more fair than a gas tax





### The CA Pilot Timeline



#### Phase 1 Complete

- Establish a pilot program design
- Evaluation criteria

#### Phase 2 Complete

- Pre-pilot planning
- Develop pilot program test plan
- Procure independent evaluator

#### Phase 3 Current

#### July 2016 - March 2017

- Conduct live pilot
- Concurrent independent evaluation

#### Phase 4 Next

#### April 2017 - July 2017

- Report findings and evaluation results
- Next steps





### What's Next?



#### The timeline includes:

- March 31, 2017 pilot closeout
- April through June 2017 develop final findings report
  - Caltrans and CalSTA
- June 2017 CalSTA releases the final report
  - To the Fiscal and Policy Committee's of the Legislature, CTC and the TAC
- December 2017 CTC Annual Report
  - Includes recommendations to the Legislature

### The RCPP final report will include:



- Insights and findings from the pilot
- Pilot volunteers' feedback
- Stakeholder input



# Final Report Policy Perspectives



















### Pilot Insights – What Has Worked?



- 1. Successful Stakeholder Relationships
- Diverse Input from the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- 3. Cohesive Program Branding
- 4. Continuing the Conversation











### FAST Act Grants – Additional RUC Studies



### The RUC West Regional Study:

- Builds on RUC West-funded projects
- Includes 11 western states
- Leverages state DOT relationships and agreements
- Utilizes lessons learned from existing road charge projects





### The CA pilot enhancement:

- Education and outreach plan
- Organizational Structure & Compliance Program Development
- Pay-at-the-Pump/Charging Station Investigation

