



Mileage Based User Fees in Rural Areas

The Colorado View

Why MBUF?

- Federal gas tax is declining Nationwide.
- Higher mileage, more efficient engines.
- Decreased buying power of the dollar.
- Higher maintenance, construction, and material costs.
- Hybrid, electric and natural gas fleet vehicles.

Public Perceptions and Problems Concerning MBUF

- What is it????
- What's the problem?
- Public lack of knowledge of how roads are funded.
- Sounds very expensive.
- Sounds like “Big Brother”.
- Social engineering.

MBUF Issues in Rural Areas

- Rural drivers average 44 miles per day while urban drivers average 11 miles per day.
- Rural incomes are generally lower than urban incomes requiring more expense for transportation.
- No access to transit and alternatives.

MBUF Rural Issues Cont.

- Rural residents drive long distances for jobs, goods, and services
- Rural residents generally drive older, heavier vehicles.
- Possible impact to tourism.

Possible Rural Solutions

- Public survey suggestions and perceptions.
- Charge less in defined rural areas.
- Charge only in urban areas where there is alternate transportation.
- Raise and index the gas tax.
- Others