## Pathway to Implementation of an Evolutionary Mileage Charging System

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## Fundamentals of Mileage Charging

## Six Things A Mileage <br> Charging System Must Do

1. Calculate miles driven
2. Access mileage data
3. Apply mileage charging rates
4. Provide a billing
5. Collect payment
6. Enforce payment


## Elements for an Evolutionary System

That allows rate structures and collection mechanisms to evolve with changing behaviors, technologies and public policies

- Ability to create geographic and temporal zones and/or identify specific roadways
- A central server/computer
- Connection to other databases containing vehicle information, such as DMV
- An open platform for evolving methods of data generation, data transfer, invoicing and payment



## VMT Data and Fee Collection Systems



Central Billing

+ Covers all vehicles
- High operational \& enforcement costs


Piggybacking
(Pay-at-the-pump) Integrated approach

+ Inexpensive operations + Does it all?
- No electric vehicles + Evolves over time


## Integrate Pay-at-the-Pump Model With Central Billing



- Open system technologies
- Attractive on-vehicle devices
- Options for data transfer and payment
- Alternative privacy protection measures


## Designer Congestion Pricing Systems



Pricing specific roadways


Area pricing

## Evolutionary Rate Structuring Ability

- Vehicle databases
- Computing
- Mathematical formulas
- Congestion pricing
- Environmental pricing



## Mileage Charge Rate Structure

## Consequences of a Flat Rate

FLAT VMT CHARGE VS. FUEL TAX


## Externality Multiplier

| MPG |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| $42+$ |  |
| 34 | 1.0 |
| 26 | 1.5 |
| 22 | 2.0 |
| 18 | 2.5 |
| 15 | 3.0 |
| 10 | 4.0 |
| 6 | 6.0 |



## Photographs of Oregon



