NEW PATHS TO ROAD FUNDING

RUC West is a leading authority on road usage charging in the United States. The membership includes 17 state transportation organizations who share resources to investigate road usage charging as an appropriate revenue collection method for their respective state.

The group formed to grow agency expertise, increase preparedness and collaborate on projects of mutual interest. RUC West offers participating agencies the opportunity to achieve economies of scale in their road usage charging projects or research by offering joint testing and evaluation over wide territories.

With a wealth of cooperative research, case studies and best practices, RUC West serves as central host for the latest information on road usage charging.

Visit www.RUCWest.org for project news and more details.

What is road usage charging?

Road usage charging (RUC) is a pay-by-the-mile concept where drivers pay for miles driven instead of gallons of fuel consumed. For nearly two decades, gas tax revenues have declined significantly due to increased fuel efficiency (including electric and hybrid vehicles). In addition the decreased purchasing power of tax dollars for construction materials has resulted in many states cannot keep pace with the costs of operating, maintaining, and improving their vital transportation system.

RUC West Priorities

Western states are working together to study the viability of per-mile charging. RUC West allows state departments of transportation to pool resources to study outcomes and share best practices. RUC West has already funded 18 projects related to the feasibility and evaluation of road usage charging, with more on the way.

AREAS OF WORK

 ✓ Technical research and development
 ✓ Legal and policy issues
 ✓ Research of fiscal and economic issues
 ✓ Standards and certifications
 ✓ Administrative and operational issues
 ✓ Inter-jurisdictional concerns
 ✓ Stakeholder outreach and communications
 ✓ Platforms and operations for state or regional pilots
Interested in learning more?

RUC West welcomes state members to stay informed about RUC trends. A membership in RUC West connects your organization with the most current tools, resources and information on road usage charging. Whether watching the concept unfold or considering implementation of a state program, RUC West is the go-to source for all things RUC.

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