

**AGENDA ITEM #5: RESEARCH ON POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

During the September 11, 2014 HRTPO Legislative Ad-Hoc Committee meeting, the Committee discussed looking into potential new sources of funding for public transportation. Dr. Ravanbakht stated that staff would conduct a brief analysis and report back to the Committee. HRPDC Economics staff has compiled a list of revenue strategies (attached) that might be considered as potential revenue streams.

Mr. Greg Grootendorst, HRPDC Chief Economist, will brief the Committee on this item.

Attachment 5

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Provide recommendations and guidance on potential revenue sources that warrant further consideration.

## Potential Funding Strategies for Public Transportation

### Stand Alone Taxes and Increases to Minor Existing Taxes

- Airport use excise tax
- Alcohol tax
- Amusement taxes
- Building permit tax
- Car tax (personal property)
- Dedicated value added taxes
- Disposal tax surcharge
- Energy & utilities taxes
- Fertilizer/pesticide taxes (agricultural chemicals)
- Head tax (based on # of employees)
- Hotel excise tax
- Improvement district tax
- Insurance premium taxes
- Litter control tax
- Marine facilities tax
- Marine fuels tax
- Real estate transfer tax
- Rental car taxes
- Restaurant/prepared food tax
- Special taxing districts
- Tax on marine vessels
- Tax on personal watercraft (personal property)
- Tobacco tax
- Vehicle titling tax

### Changes to the Existing Major Revenue Sources

- Dedicate portion of commercial and/or residential real estate taxes or impose a separate special tax district
- Increase sales tax base to include more services - dedicate extra revenue to transportation
- Institute a piggyback income tax for localities with the proceeds dedicated to identified item
- Voluntary "check off" designating a portion of state income taxes to go towards identified item

### Fees

- Access rights fee
- Bicycle registration fee
- Car registration fees
- Connection fee
- Construction fee

- Fees for trucks servicing the port
- Fees on cable & high speed internet
- Franchise fee
- Inspection/monitoring/testing fee
- Licensing and recreational fee
- Local aquifer protection fee
- Local water/wastewater utility user fee
- Mortgage transaction fee
- Off and/or on-street parking space fee
- Project investment fee
- Recordation fee
- Septic system impact fee
- Solid waste disposal fee (tipping fees, septage/sludge fees)
- Special permitting fees
- State public water supply withdrawal fee
- Transportation/Infrastructure fee for non-profits/governmental organizations whose property is not subject to property taxes
- Utility rights application fee
- Vehicle registration fee for public colleges/universities
- Vehicle use fees based on mileage (payable w/ state inspection)
- Well permit/pumping fee

#### **Other Revenue**

- Container truck surcharge
- Development of public-private partnerships
- Impact fees / proffers for new development
- Leasing of air space and right-of-way
- Lottery and/or casino revenue / dedicated lottery
- Road branding / providing advertising space on public facilities
- Tourist tolls on roadways as part of toll system
- Traffic violation revenues - percentage