



## PAYING FOR TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS

# States are Leading the Charge— Why Not Washington?

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**“MAP-21 is a five-year policy bill  
with two years of funding.”**

# MEANWHILE...

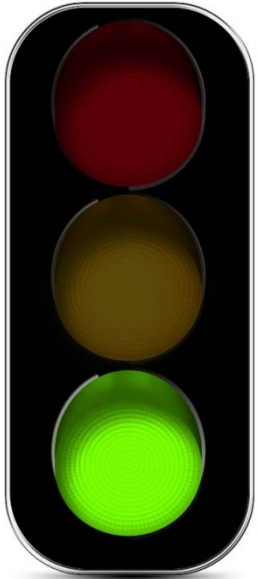
## STATES ARE GETTING IT DONE



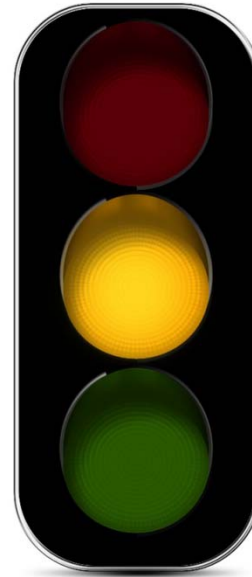
Governor signs Wyoming fuel tax increase into law



# GAS TAX INCREASE

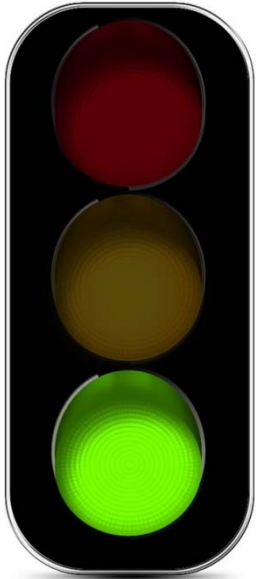


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- Vermont
- Wyoming

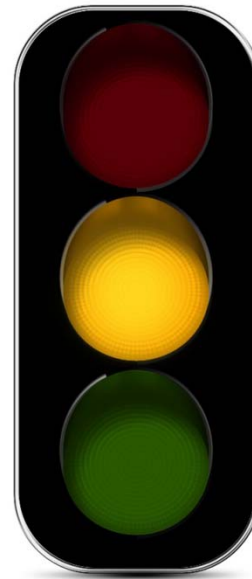


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- Indiana
- Massachusetts
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- Pennsylvania
- Utah
- Wisconsin

# GENERAL SALES TAX

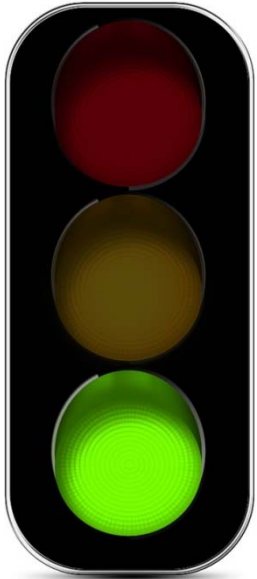


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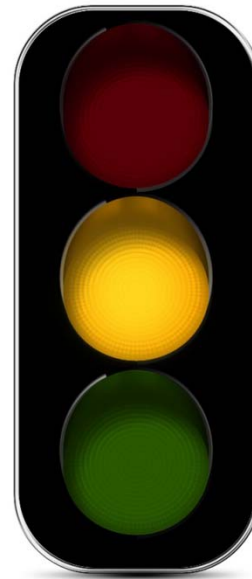


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- Missouri

# VARIABLE/SALES TAX ON FUEL

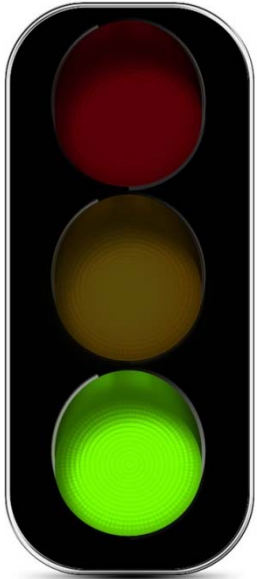


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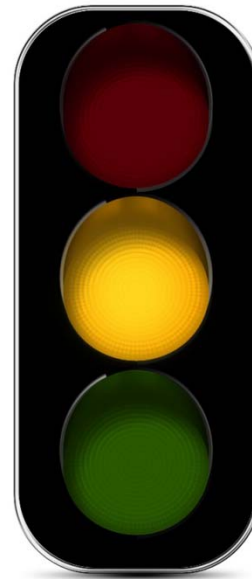


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# VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE

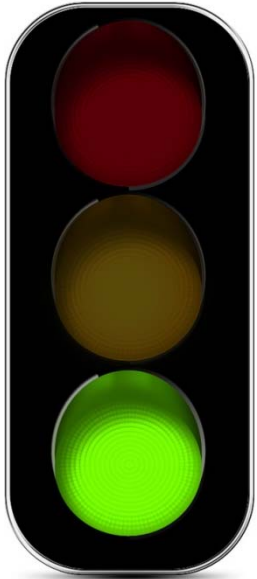


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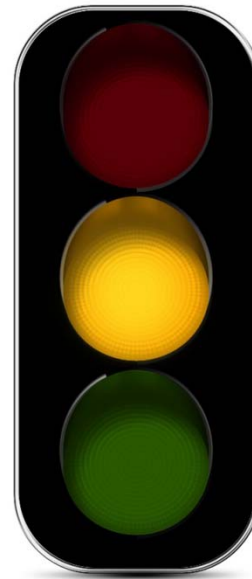


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- Texas
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# VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED FEE



- Oregon



- Arizona
- Florida
- Minnesota



# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- What does this all mean?
- Is this a trend, or has this been going on for some time?
- Does this reduce the need to provide the federal program?



# THEMES FOR SUCCESS

- Needs are reasonable and relatable to the public
- Potential benefits of investment are clear
- Political leadership from the executive branch
- Broad coalition of supporters beyond self-interested groups



# AASHTO'S REAUTHORIZATION STRATEGY

- **Engagement**: State DOT leaders to educate Congressional members and staff on value of federal investment
- **Support**: Assiduously help Congressional committees to get their job done and provide political comfort for members
- **Flexibility**: “All options are on the table”: Remain agile to take advantage of window of opportunity

# Questions?