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ROAD USE TAX FUND RECEIPTS AND OCTOBER DISTRIBUTIONS

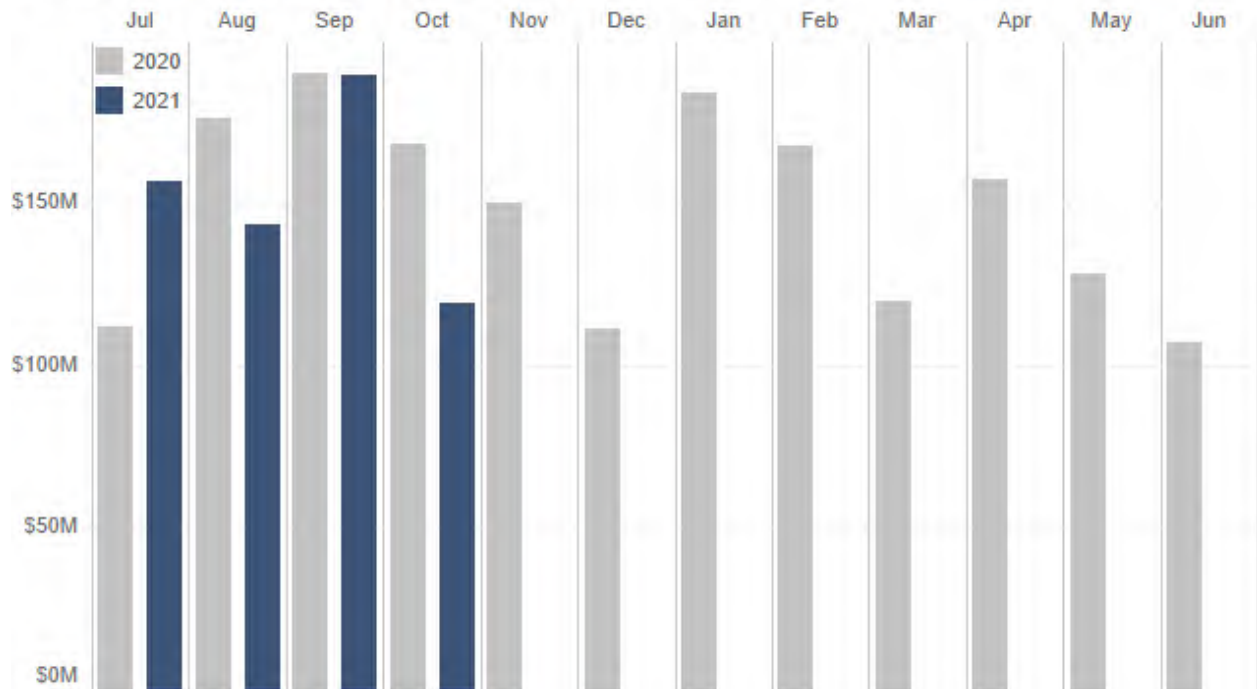
Revenue. This document tracks October distributions from the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) to various appropriations and road funds. These distributions are made at the beginning of the month from revenues deposited in the RUTF through the end of September.

\$645.8M
2020 Total RUTF
Distributions in October

\$608.3M
2021 Total RUTF
Distributions in October

The chart below displays distributions from the RUTF by month for cash years 2020 and 2021. Distributions for October 2020 are down \$48.9 million compared to October 2019. The decrease is due to a decline in two revenue sources. The first is a decline in fuel taxes compared to receipts distributed in October 2019. Receipts for October 2019 were among the highest on record. The second revenue source that declined is the fee for new registrations, which declined by \$27.7 million compared to distributions in October 2019. This decline appears to be due to delayed payments in October 2020.¹

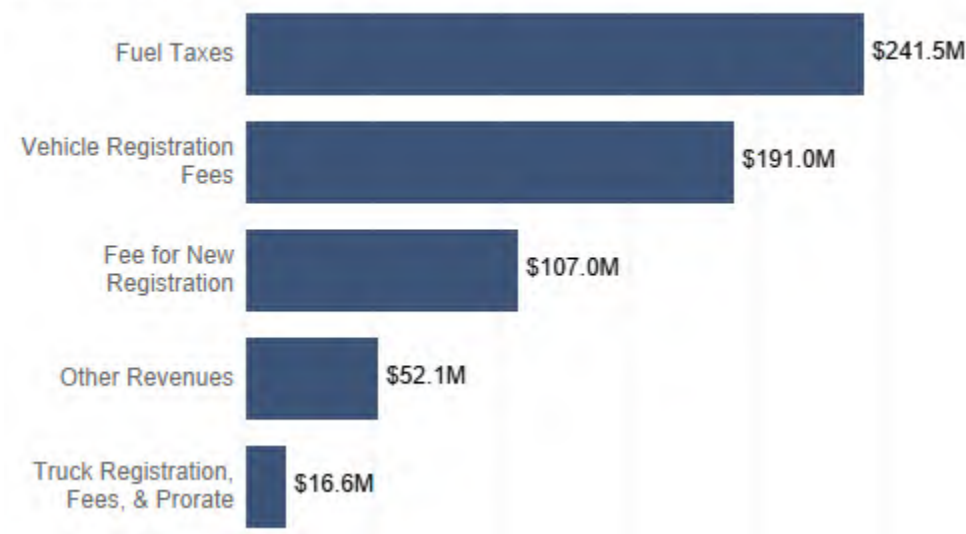
Road Use Tax Fund and TIME-21 Fund Distributions by Month



¹ "Cash year 2020" refers to cash deposits between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020, without regard to accrual adjustments.

The majority of funding allocated to the RUTF is provided through fuel taxes, annual registration fees, and new registration fees. These three revenue sources have provided 91.4% of all revenue distributed in the RUTF September 30. Cash year 2021 revenues by type are displayed below.

Road Use Tax Fund Revenue by Source – 2021



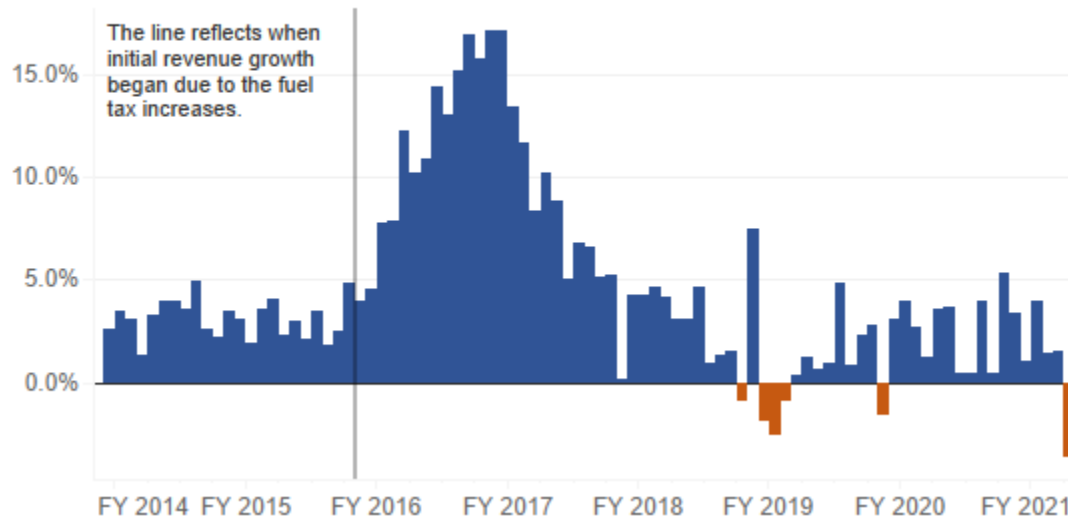
Distributions. Prior to distribution, the RUTF receipts are allocated to fund appropriations from the annual Transportation Appropriations Act, standing appropriations, and codified allocations. In September 2020, the Treasurer of State distributed \$119.2 million to allocations and appropriations. This included \$5.4 million to annual appropriations, \$10.8 million for statutory allocations and appropriations, and \$102.9 million to road funds. Additional information on distributions from the RUTF is available [here](#).

RUTF October Distributions

Off-the-Top Distributions		
	2020	2021
TIME-21	\$1,807,696	\$1,735,372
Statutory Distribution	\$11,652,690	\$10,827,647
Appropriations	\$5,353,658	\$5,418,283
Other Adjustments	(\$840,830)	(\$1,759,512)
Final RUTF Distributions		
Primary Road Fund	\$71,306,166	\$48,891,420
Secondary Road Fund - Counties	\$36,778,969	\$25,217,680
Farm-to-Market Road Fund	\$12,009,459	\$8,234,344
Street Construction Fund - Cities	\$30,023,649	\$20,585,861
Grand Total	\$168,091,457	\$119,151,095

Year-Over-Year Comparison. The chart below shows RUTF and TIME-21 Fund revenue growth based on a 12-month rolling total. The chart shows changes that resulted from the fuel tax increase in February 2015 and continued revenue growth from increased fuel consumption and growth in vehicle registrations. Revenues collected through the end of September 2020 decreased, but some of this decline is due to payment delays. Revenue collections for October are expected to offset some of this decline.

Road Use Tax Fund and TIME-21 Fund — Revenue Growth by Month
12-Month Rolling Total



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