Mileage-Based User Fees

Findings from the 2009 Symposium on Mileage-Based User Fees

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2009 Symposium Format

- Vision
  - Advance the discussion on mileage-based user fees
  - Articulate a possible path forward
- 80 professionals participated
- Format:
  - Presentations and panel sessions
    - U.S. pilot projects
    - International applications
    - Federal perspective
    - Institutional issues
    - Public acceptance
    - Technology applications
    - State and local perspectives
    - Stakeholder perspectives
  - Interactive discussion
Three Questions

1. What are the greatest challenges or barriers to transitioning from the fuel tax to a per-mile fee?
2. What would the transition look like and who would lead?
3. What additional research, testing and demonstration are needed?
Challenges and Barriers

- Public acceptance
  - Privacy
  - Need
  - Trust
- Political leadership
- Fuel tax to mileage fee transition
  - Standards
  - Resources
Transition: What and Who

- Federal vs. State Roles
  - Federal: policies, frameworks, legislation, funding
  - States: testing

- Consortium to develop road map

- Timeframe – no consensus
  - Near term: DMV-based system
  - Long-term: incremental

- Listen to public for “value proposition”
Research Needs

- Pilot projects with multiple technology platforms
- System objectives
- Framework for implementation and cost estimates
- Equity and fairness
- Public acceptance issues
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