Mileage Based User Fees in Rural Areas

The Colorado View
Why MBUF?

- Federal gas tax is declining Nationwide.
- Higher mileage, more efficient engines.
- Deceased buying power of the dollar.
- Higher maintenance, construction, and material costs.
- Hybrid, electric and natural gas fleet vehicles.
Public Perceptions and Problems Concerning MBUF

• What is it????
• What’s the problem?
• Public lack of knowledge of how roads are funded.
• Sounds very expensive.
• Sounds like “Big Brother”.
• Social engineering.
MBUF Issues in Rural Areas

• Rural drivers average 44 miles per day while urban drivers average 11 miles per day.
• Rural incomes are generally lower than urban incomes requiring more expense for transportation.
• No access to transit and alternatives.
MBUF Rural Issues Cont.

• Rural residents drive long distances for jobs, goods, and services

• Rural residents generally drive older, heavier vehicles.

• Possible impact to tourism.
Possible Rural Solutions

• Public survey suggestions and perceptions.
• Charge less in defined rural areas.
• Charge only in urban areas where there is alternate transportation.
• Raise and index the gas tax.
• Others