Why do we need to find a new way to fund transportation?

The problem:
The cost to build, maintain and operate our roads and bridges is increasing, while funding for these needed investments is decreasing.

Americans pay for transportation infrastructure primarily with a tax on fuel each time they fill their tank, though that is not widely understood by the general public. Most people surprisingly believe transportation funding is increasing or staying the same and that roads are in good or excellent condition.*

As fuel efficiency increases and more electric vehicles are on the road, the amount motorists pay to use our transportation system becomes more linked to amount of fuel purchased versus the number of miles they drive. A mileage-based user fee (MBUF) provides a different approach: pay for what you use.

I understand that the cars are getting more efficient, but the problems are still the same. We still have to fix stuff and we have to pay for it.”**

Delaware resident

The I-95 Corridor Coalition is leading the way forward

In 2019, the I-95 Corridor Coalition led a MBUF pilot to bring the insights and concerns of the general public along the eastern seaboard into the national discussion of how to establish a sustainable and equitable transportation funding approach. The Pilot ran from July through October and is one component of on-going work by the Coalition under the USDOT’s “Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives” program. Visit the project website to learn more:

www.i95coalitionmbuf.org

You just need to say, ‘You’re driving on the road, so you need to pay for it.’ It’s a very simple idea.”**

Pennsylvania resident

The Coalition was uniquely able to examine four focus areas

1 Managing out-of-state mileage
2 Interoperability with tolling
3 Value-added benefits
4 Multi-state trucking

Through focus groups, surveys and educational materials like the video above, the 2019 Pilot brought the voice of the general public into the MBUF conversation.

Value-added benefits, such as trip logs, safe driving scores and engine condition, may help with public acceptance.

*Findings based on representative statewide surveys in DE and PA.
The I-95 Corridor Coalition is a partnership of 17 states and DC focused on connecting for solutions to support the economic engine of the US. The Coalition represents 40% of the US population and GDP. The I-95 Corridor Coalition is neutral if MBUF is the ultimate solution to establishing a sustainable and equitable transportation funding approach.