

Canyon County Local Option Registration Fee Proposal: 2026



The need

Local agencies in Canyon County have a combined estimated \$49 million annual shortfall in transportation funding through 2050.

There is insufficient funding to address safety, congestion, and deteriorating streets.



How can it be addressed?

Revenue Source	Allowed in Idaho for <u>local</u> agencies*
Sales tax	Resort cities <10,000
Ad valorem property tax	Yes
Parcel property tax	No
Real estate transfer tax	No
Registration fees	Yes
Development impact fees	Yes
Fuel tax	No
Vehicle excise tax	No
Vehicle sales tax	No
Income tax	No
Hotel tax	Yes

*Sales tax, fuel tax, and income tax are levied by the state, but local agencies do not have authority to levy for their own use (except sales tax in small resort cities).



Why propose a local option registration fee?

- One of very few options
- Directly tied to transportation use
- Generates local funding for local needs
- Canyon County jurisdictions jointly determine the amount of the fee and its use
- Whether or not to implement it is in the **hands of the voters**



How we got here...

- Canyon County officials met 3 times in 2024 to discuss
- Shared pros, cons, ideas, and concerns
- **Developed a proposed fee structure and distribution formula**

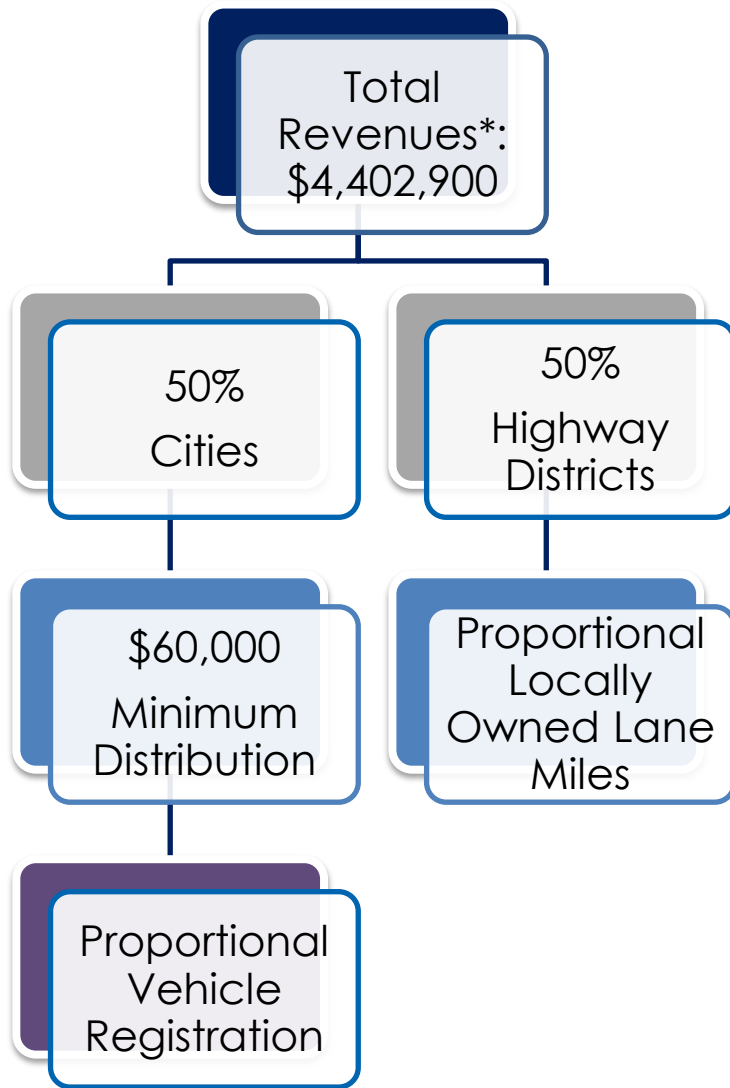


The discussion...

- Concerns over tax increases and levy rates
- Would be an alternative to property tax increases
- Keys to success include
 - Focus on safety, pavement condition, and congestion
 - Present a clear, unified message with specific recognizable projects



\$20 per vehicle per year



Jurisdiction	Distribution*
City of Caldwell	\$643,600
City of Greenleaf	\$60,000
City of Melba	\$60,000
City of Middleton	\$109,300
City of Nampa	\$1,088,600
City of Notus	\$60,000
City of Parma	\$60,000
City of Star	\$60,000
City of Wilder	\$60,000
Nampa HD #1	\$736,200
Notus Parma HD #2	\$371,000
Golden Gate HD #3	\$415,800
Highway District #4	\$678,400
Total	\$4,402,900

*Estimates based on historic registration data and are illustrative only; they do not account for off-the-top payments to ITD or Canyon County for administration

Administrative Costs

- 1.5% to ITD to collect funds (per Idaho Code)
- 1% to Canyon County (to help distribute funds)
 - We have had some initial conversations with County staff on this – estimated to be \$44k plus per year



Leverage Funds

- Source of flexible funding that is locally generated
- Grant matches, leverage dollars to do larger projects
 - \$60k match = up to \$817k project if 7.34% match
 - \$60k match = up to \$300k project if 20% match



3 Paths to the Ballot



1. Initiated by voters: A petition from 10% of voter turnout in each county commissioner subdistrict
2. Initiated by all agencies: An agreement submitted jointly by all jurisdictions with roadway authority in the county
3. **Initiated by the Board of County Commissioners**



Next Steps

- Councils and Commissions formally request the County place the fee on the ballot
 - Formal requests submitted to Canyon County Commissioners
- Canyon County Commissioners act on requests (before August 28)
- If placed on ballot
 - Public education
 - Advocacy (by third parties – NOT public agencies)



Regional Support

- **The Council and Commissioners of Nampa, Star, Middleton, Caldwell, NHD1 and HD4** have signed to approve moving forward.
 - These agencies represent the majority of voting population
- We are working on decisions from the remainder of the highway agencies
 - We do not anticipate that all 13 will be in support
- Per our interpretation of Idaho Code, the BOCC could place on the ballot
 - This is our request from the supporting agencies

Opt Out

- Councils and Commissions have option to opt out
- Requesting to maintain the agreed upon split during workshops
 - 50% Cities/50% Highway Districts



Request to Board of County Commissioners:

Place on the November 3, 2026, ballot



\$20 = approx. \$4.4M
annually



Distribution per formula
developed through
consensus of agencies



Minimum \$60,000 per year
per city



Public decides by election:
50% + 1



Today's Request:

- No decision needed from the Board today.
 - Unless of the Board ready to vote.
- Presenting details from participating agencies for voter initiative.

Discussion Points:

- **Timeline:** Request Board's input on when to return for support/decision.
- **Point of Contact:** Identify a liaison from the Clerk or Legal offices for coordination.
- **Verify Deadline:** Submission to County Clerk required by August 28 for ballot inclusion.

Agency Benefits

- **Nampa, Star, Middleton, Caldwell, NHD1 and HD4**
 - Why this is important to each agency
 - What projects to construct first year





Questions?
