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**To:** [Devon Jones](mailto:Devon.Jones@DOT); [Road Charge Pilot Program@DOT](mailto:Road.Charge.Pilot.Program@DOT)  
**Cc:** [Chew, Florence F@DOT](mailto:Chew.Florence.F@DOT); [Pennebaker, Laura@DOT](mailto:Pennebaker.Laura@DOT)  
**Subject:** RE: TAC Meeting #9: North State Area  
**Date:** Friday, May 08, 2015 7:51:52 PM

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Hello Devon,

I am cc-ing your question to California Transportation Commission staff who are familiar with, and responsible for, arranging all the meeting locations. I will ask Laura to provide a response when she returns to the office on Monday.

Thank you for your question and your interest in the California Road Charge Pilot.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Devon Jones [mailto:[mendofbdirector@pacific.net](mailto:mendofbdirector@pacific.net)]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 08, 2015 4:59 PM  
**To:** Road Charge Pilot Program@DOT  
**Subject:** TAC Meeting #9: North State Area

Has there been consideration for where the meeting may be located in the North State Area that is scheduled for September 25th?

Outside of the Sacramento Meetings, there does not appear to be any meeting location for citizens of Northern California to attend. This proposed road charge program will have greater impacts on rural residents who have to travel further to reach employment or other resources. Due to this, it is suggested that it would be beneficial to plan on adding an additional meeting in Northern California to cover both the North Coast and North East.

For the North Coast locations such as Santa Rosa, Ukiah or Fortuna/Eureka would be suggestions. For the North East, perhaps the Redding area.

We strongly encourage you to consider an additional meeting location in the North State Area.

Thank you

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**From:** [Gutierrez, Gary F@DOT](mailto:Gutierrez, Gary F@DOT)  
**To:** [Pennebaker, Laura@DOT](mailto:Pennebaker, Laura@DOT)  
**Cc:** [Pourvahidi, Carrie@DOT](mailto:Pourvahidi, Carrie@DOT)  
**Subject:** FW: California Road Charge Pilot Program Public Comments  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2015 9:25:23 AM

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Public comment submitted Saturday 5/9.

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-----Original Message-----

From: dan.jordan@ventura.org [<mailto:dan.jordan@ventura.org>]  
Sent: Saturday, May 09, 2015 3:51 AM  
To: Road Charge Pilot Program@DOT; Hinson, Philip@DOT; Chhimi, Jigme@DOT; Gutierrez, Gary F@DOT; brady.tadcol@dot.ca.gov  
Subject: California Road Charge Pilot Program Public Comments

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Daniel Jordan, PhD (dan.jordan@ventura.org) on May 9th, 2015 at 03:50AM (PDT).

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lastname: Jordan, PhD  
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comments: Do I understand this correctly? Road use is a measure of just one externality. Gas tax includes a number of externalities. Let's say I travel 30,000 miles in my Prius (I don't) and someone else travels 30,000 in his super-duper 6 wheel four-ton high rise truck. We'd both get charged the same because we're "using" the same amount of road? Hmm. No, we are not using the same amount of road. Our two cars would be using very different amounts of road, in terms of wear and tear on the road. Gas tax is much more realistic measure of "use." Yes, I know, older cars get less mileage, but they also pollute more, and thus use the public space more, we can go around and around. But just miles driven is a less good measure than gas tax. Gas tax is a much better reflection of both road and total "externalities" costs than road use, because it includes the costs of extraction, delivery (the road use to get the gas to my car), air pollution, etc. This proposal seems a move backward because it is a measure of only one externality.

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**From:** [lilliehotmail@yahoo.com](mailto:lilliehotmail@yahoo.com)  
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**Subject:** California Road Charge Pilot Program Public Comments  
**Date:** Saturday, May 09, 2015 11:21:43 AM

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Lillie Herrera ([lilliehotmail@yahoo.com](mailto:lilliehotmail@yahoo.com)) on May 9th, 2015 at 11:21AM (PDT).

firstname: Lillie  
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email: [lilliehotmail@yahoo.com](mailto:lilliehotmail@yahoo.com)  
comments: Stop giving TAX BREAKS to the companies so we can fix our roads. We already pay taxes for.

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**From:** [Huntnfooltwo@yahoo.com](mailto:Huntnfooltwo@yahoo.com)  
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**Subject:** California Road Charge Pilot Program Public Comments  
**Date:** Monday, May 11, 2015 2:01:22 PM

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Bob Varner (Huntnfooltwo@yahoo.com) on May 11th, 2015 at 02:01PM (PDT).

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comments: This Pilot Program for the Road Charge is Shocking. Here our government wants to be less dependent on fossil fuels, we are showing signs of improvement, then they realize they aren't generating enough money to fund the needed repairs to the roads. Here's my solution cut all non essential bodies of the government and farm it out to the private sector which would surely be more efficient. Balance the budget so that we have a surplus of revenue and run the state like a business. you cant spend more than you bring in.

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**From:** [Davis, Dave](#)  
**To:** [Pennebaker, Laura@DOT](#)  
**Cc:** [Pourvahidi, Carrie@DOT](#); [Gutierrez, Gary F@DOT](#); [Chew, Florence F@DOT](#); [Johnson, Anne@DOT](#); [California Transportation Commission@DOT](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Pilot Program  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015 11:03:30 AM

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I thank you for the response. Appears that I added myself to the email list again by joining the interest list (feel free to delete on if necessary).

I chose not to post any comments to the webpage as you have my current comments and if you would like me to place these on the website just say the word.

Just a little background

- I have been a 7 passenger vanpool operator for over 18 years.
- My van is full (6 riders plus me = 7) but I average six riders per day (5 riders plus me), which means that on average we take 5 cars off the road per day.
- The van operates on average 20 days per month and travel approximately 100 miles roundtrip per day.
- Therefore when you do the math we travel between 24-25K miles per year.

Fyi I can provide a fair amount of detail on vanpools. You may already have this but I have some data on costs, average ridership, alternates riders and so on.

I would hope that vanpools are given some serious thought and consideration. I am not suggesting that vanpools should be exempt but the impact of taking vehicles off the road does have a significant impact on the amount of road use attributable to the vanpool.

Thanks for taking the time to consider my comments. It is appreciated.

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**From:** Pennebaker, Laura@DOT [mailto:[laura.pennebaker@dot.ca.gov](mailto:laura.pennebaker@dot.ca.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 11, 2015 2:33 PM  
**To:** Davis, Dave  
**Cc:** Pourvahidi, Carrie@DOT; Gutierrez, Gary F@DOT; Chew, Florence F@DOT; Johnson, Anne@DOT; California Transportation Commission@DOT  
**Subject:** RE: Pilot Program

Good afternoon Dave,

Thank you for your comments and your interest in the Road Charge Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Pilot Program.

We will share your feedback with the TAC members for their consideration at the next TAC meeting which will be held Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3:00pm in Fresno at the Doubletree Hotel located at

2233 Ventura Street Fresno, CA. The meeting will be webcast live and the video feed will be also be archived to watch at a later date if needed.

We have added you to our email distribution list so that you will receive email updates regarding all Technical Advisory Committee meetings and materials.

Regarding your interest in pilot program information and potential impacts to the cost of operating a vanpool, the TAC is currently in the process of developing recommendations on road charge pilot program design features such as the type of mileage and reporting methods that will be explored in the pilot, as well as how the pilot will operate and what types of vehicles will participate. Now would be a great time for you to engage and provide feedback to the TAC as a vanpool operator.

Please note that the California Road Charge Pilot Program also has a new, interactive [website](#) that has been established to serve as the web platform during the actual pilot program implementation. Please feel free to visit this site where you can: [join the Interest List](#), [submit Comments](#), and [sign-up to Volunteer](#) for the pilot program when it launches.

Thanks again for your interest in this effort.

Sincerely,  
Laura

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**From:** Remedios, Douglas@DOT **On Behalf Of** California Transportation Commission@DOT  
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**To:** Pennebaker, Laura@DOT  
**Subject:** FW: Pilot Program

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**From:** Davis, Dave [<mailto:Dave.Davis@boe.ca.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2015 7:06 AM

**To:** California Transportation Commission@DOT

**Subject:** Pilot Program

I drive a vanpool and would like to gather some information about the program, especially how this might impact the cost of operating a vanpool. I might also be interested in being a volunteer in the pilot program.

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**From:** [Pennebaker, Laura@DOT](mailto:Pennebaker.Laura@DOT)  
**To:** [Pennebaker, Laura@DOT](mailto:Pennebaker.Laura@DOT)  
**Subject:** California Road Charge Pilot Program Public Comments  
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-----Original Message-----

From: wwjohnson5@me.com [<mailto:wwjohnson5@me.com>]  
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2015 8:35 AM  
To: Road Charge Pilot Program@DOT; Hinson, Philip@DOT; Chhimi, Jigme@DOT; Gutierrez, Gary F@DOT; brady.tadcol@dot.ca.gov  
Subject: California Road Charge Pilot Program Public Comments

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by william johnson (wwjohnson5@me.com) on May 12th, 2015 at 08:34AM (PDT).

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lastname: johnson

city: placerville

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comments: I see no need to have a program other than the gas tax. It already covers miles driven. I understand with more fuel efficient vehicles the state may not be collecting enough tax to cover repairs. But if that's the case propose raising the gas tax. Let the people of CA decide if they are willing to pay more. Having to report miles driven to the state is intrusive and is ripe to be gamed.

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**From:** [jfitch@woodrogers.com](mailto:jfitch@woodrogers.com)  
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**Subject:** California Road Charge Pilot Program Public Comments  
**Date:** Thursday, May 14, 2015 11:12:19 AM

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jerry Fitch (jfitch@woodrogers.com) on May 14th, 2015 at 11:12AM (PDT).

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comments: It's nice to see some efforts like this on updating roadway funding. I support the mileage charge, but I feel it should be by weight also, since wear and tear on roads is directly related to vehicle weight, maybe more so than mileage. The unit of charge should be ton-miles (tons x miles), not just miles.

Also, the ton-mile fee should be phased in concurrent with phase-out of per-gallon taxes, so that the gas tax savings will somewhat offset the new ton-mile fee and avoid the appearance of taxes piled on top of taxes, which would be politically troublesome.

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