



### LOCATION

Ohio Statewide

### TASKS

- Project Management
- Public Engagement Plan Development
- Public Involvement Support
- Steering Committee Support
- Planning Support

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Facilitated Steering Committee meetings
- Prepared meeting summaries
- Coordinated file-sharing and Steering Committee communications
- Conducted stakeholder interviews
- Assisted with development and analysis of a survey

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As advancements in vehicle electrification, automation (both light and heavy duty), and shared mobility impact how we use transportation services, demand for Ohio's transportation network continues to grow and evolve. These trends provide the backdrop for a timely review of alternative revenue sources that can sustain the needed funding to maintain and evolve Ohio's transportation system into the future. For this study, the project team explored sustainable alternatives to Ohio's fuel tax.

BPS served as subconsultant on this project by assisting with stakeholder engagement and meeting facilitation. This included coordination, preparation, facilitation, and follow-up for regularly-occurring Steering Committee meetings. The BPS team also helped to design and disseminate a survey to the public and stakeholders, as well as analyze results including over 1,000 open-ended questions for which they designed a rubric. Survey responses were triple coded analyze trends and statistics of open-ended comments.

### Open-Ended Question – Codable Responses Results

Nearly a quarter of responses mentioned being in favor of a mileage-based user fee.

 **Increase gas tax**  
In favor 6%  
Against 5%

 **Increase registration fees**  
In favor 8%  
Against 1%


 **Mileage-based user fee**  
In favor 22%  
Against 6%

**Mileage-based user fee for EVs / hybrids**  
In favor 3%  
Against 0%


With more fuel-efficient and alternative fuel vehicles, drivers are purchasing less fuel, resulting in the current way Ohio funds the maintenance of its roads and bridges to be unsustainable. As the Ohio Department of Transportation explores a new way to fund Ohio's roads and bridges, what thoughts or questions do you have about that topic?

8% of responses mentioned being in favor of **all users** paying higher registration fees.

#### Registration Fees

 Drivers of hybrids should pay more 4%  
**Drivers of hybrids shouldn't pay more 4%**

 Drivers of EVs should pay more 11%  
**Drivers of EVs shouldn't pay more 4%**

 Vehicles with better fuel economy should pay more <1%

 Drivers of heavier vehicles should pay more 3%

