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**TO: House Appropriations Committee, House Committee on Ways & Means,
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SUBJECT: Submission of AOT's Final Fee Report for 2026 Legislative Session

The Agency of Transportation has completed a final submission of the fee report required under 2025 Act 27 E. 127.3. Some key caveats and assumptions included within the submission are explained below:

Caveat – Previous fiscal year receipts:

In the compilation of this report, the Agency strove to be as comprehensive as possible while maintaining Vision as the 'source of truth' and reporting all fees specified in statute. There are many fees specified in statute which roll up into one singular account code in Vision. In order to estimate revenue by each fee specified in statute, to the great extent possible, the Agency pulled data from VT Trips, calculated a percentage amongst all VT Trips fees in an account code, and applied that percentage to Vision actuals by account code for fiscal years 2021 through 2025. Additional columns were included beyond the standard template to precisely show how this method was applied. These additional columns also highlight fees which do not have interactions with VT Trips and are instead entered into Vision.

It is important to highlight that most of the fiscal year 2021 through 2025 data presented, while accurate in the aggregate, are calculated estimates for the individual rows. Calculated figures likely do not reflect several significant changes which have occurred in the Department of Motor Vehicles' (DMV) revenue collection processes including:

- Phasing out the acceptance of out-of-state registrations in FY23. This change likely impacted the revenue from purchase and use taxes, registrations, title fees, and clean air fees;
- Implementing the 20% in all fees effective January 1, 2024; and
- Expanding the titling requirements to include all vehicles, not just those of a certain age, effective July 1, 2024.

Given the close timing of these changes, it is challenging to isolate and accurately assess the impact of each change on the individual revenue categories. Therefore, applying a blanket percentage to data of previous fiscal years may not accurately reflect the true financial landscape. The Agency urges caution in interpreting these figures, as they may not provide a precise portrayal of the actual dollars collected in each fee.

Assumption – Percent of total fund revenue:

The total FY25 Transportation Fund receipts figure was used as a denominator in calculating the percent of total fund revenue for all fees depositing solely into fund code 20105. This figure

includes receipts from fuel taxes, motor vehicle purchase and use taxes, motor vehicle other fees, and TIB proceeds. Only motor vehicle and miscellaneous other fees are reflected in this report, meaning the percentage for 20105 fees in the report equals less than 100%.

Assumption - Future fiscal year receipts:

The Agency welcomes JFO's ideas on how to estimate FY26 and FY27 projected receipts. The report currently applies percentages from the July 2025 Transportation Fund consensus revenue forecast for FY26 and FY27 to all fees reflected on the report – 1.7% and 1.1%, respectively.

Please be in touch with Candace Elmquist and Renee Cota to further discuss this report.