

Monthly Revenue Release

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Montpelier, VT - Secretary of Administration Susanne Young releases Vermont's Revenue Results for October 2018. In total, the three major funds - General Fund, Transportation Fund, and Education Fund – were above their monthly target, with the General Fund and Transportation Funds exceeding their targets and the Education Fund falling below its target.

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Revenue collections for the month of October 2018 have been compiled. General Fund tax revenues collected for the month totaled \$100.13 million, or \$6.48 million above the monthly consensus revenue target, according to Secretary of Administration Susanne Young. "General Fund performance, particularly in the personal income tax, continues to be very strong through October," stated Secretary Young. "Year-to-date, fiscal year 2019 revenues are \$21.84 million, or 5.73% above forecast. Whether these results are sustainable through the 2019 fiscal year and into fiscal 2020 is the key question; especially given the under-performance of the corporate income tax this month." Corporate income tax collections were below forecast by -\$4.76 million for the month of October but remain above forecast by \$7.63 million for the year-to-date.

The Transportation Fund collected \$28.34 million for the month of October, or \$4.15 million above target. The Fuel Tax receipts, including the Gas Tax and Diesel Tax, and the Motor Vehicle Purchase and Use Tax, exceeded monthly projections for October – offsetting lower-than-expected collections in September, which may be attributable to end-of-month timing of collections in September. This fiscal year-to-date, the Transportation Fund is above target by \$1.41 million, or 1.47%.

The Education Fund collected \$46.77 million for the month, or -\$1.52 million below target. For the year, the fund is -\$4.56 million, or -2.52%, below forecast. "As we noted last month, underperformance in the Sales and Use Tax, which is now directed one hundred percent to the Education Fund, may be attributable to a slower than expected e-commerce sales tax collections required by the June 2018 U.S. Supreme Court decision in the *Wayfair* case. We will continue to monitor performance in the Sales and Use Tax," stated Young.

The State's three largest funds, in the aggregate, are above the consensus forecast by \$18.69 million over the first four months of fiscal year 2019. On a year-over-year basis, after adjusting for legislative changes noted below, the three funds in aggregate continue to reflect solid gains in a broad range of tax categories. Of note, Act 11 of 2018 made several key changes to existing State revenue and expenditure distributions effective July 1 and implemented in the current fiscal year. The most significant changes were the shift of the entirety of the Sales and Use tax and 25% of the Meals and Rooms tax from the General Fund to the Education Fund offset by the elimination of a lump sum annual transfer of General Fund dollars to the Education Fund. Adjusting these changes, for comparison purposes only, the year-to-date fiscal 2019 revenues represent increases of 14.31%, 3.53%, and 2.12% for the General Fund, Transportation Fund, and Education Fund, respectively, from the corresponding first four months of fiscal 2018. Personal Income tax - the largest component of the General Fund - increased by 11.49% over the corresponding period in fiscal 2018.

State of Vermont Revenue, by Major Fund	Month: October
vs. Consensus Revenue Forecast Target	FY: 2019

General Fund By Majo		(In Million onth	s)*		Fisc	al YTD			Prior Fiscal YTD Restated (1)		
Tax Component	Target	Revenue	\$ Change	% Change	Target	Revenue	\$ Change	% Change	Revenue	\$ Change	% Change
Personal Income	65.97	75.62	9.65	14.63%	250.55	265.75	15.19	6.06%	238.37	27.38	11.49%
Sales & Use (1)	*	*	*	N/A	*	*	*	N/A	*	*	N/A
Corporate	3.83	-0.93	-4.76	-124.38%	26.29	33.92	7.63	29.03%	13.42	20.51	152.83%
Meals & Room (1)	12.10	12.20	0.10	0.80%	49.95	50.26	0.32	0.63%	48.18	2.08	4.32%
Insurance Premium	0.48	1.28	0.80	165.28%	8.92	9.23	0.31	3.47%	8.77	0.45	5.16%
Inheritance & Estate	1.53	1.58	0.05	3.48%	6.82	3.96	-2.86	-41.92%	4.95	-0.99	-20.03%
Real Prop. Transfer	1.35	1.72	0.38	27.94%	4.74	4.99	0.25	5.24%	4.30	0.69	16.08%
Other	8.39	8.66	0.27	3.16%	33.98	34.97	1.00	2.94%	34.63	0.34	0.99%
Total	93.65	100.13	6.48	6.92%	381.24	403.08	21.84	5.73%	352.62	50.46	14.31%

*Differences due to rounding

Transportation Fund By Major Element (In Millions)*

	M	onth			Fisc	al YTD			Prior Fi	scal YTD	
Tax Component	Target	Revenue	\$ Change	% Change	Target	Revenue	\$ Change	% Change	Revenue	\$ Change	% Change
Gasoline	6.63	8.58	1.94	29.31%	27.81	27.54	-0.27	-0.99%	27.69	-0.15	-0.52%
Diesel Fuel	1.59	1.71	0.12	7.83%	6.31	6.31	0.00	-0.03%	6.51	-0.20	-3.09%
MV Purchase & Use	7.01	8.33	1.31	18.68%	26.19	26.24	0.05	0.18%	24.58	1.66	6.76%
Motor Vehicle Fees	7.13	7.36	0.23	3.30%	28.05	28.53	0.48	1.73%	28.61	-0.08	-0.27%
Other	1.83	2.37	0.54	29.41%	7.11	8.26	1.15	16.20%	6.20	2.06	33.27%
Total	24.19	28.34	4.15	17.16%	95.48	96.88	1.41	1.47%	93.58	3.30	3.53%
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TIB Fuel Fees/Gasoline	1.33	1.64	0.30	22.82%	5.48	5.14	-0.33	-6.06%	4.43	0.71	16.13%
TIB Fuel Fees/Diesel	0.17	0.18	0.0138	8.18%	0.61	0.69	0.08	12.88%	0.67	0.02	2.59%

*Differences due to rounding

Education Fund By Major Element (In Millions)*							Prior Fiscal YTD				
Non-Property Tax	M	onth			Fisc	al YTD			Resta	ted (1)	
Component	Target	Revenue	\$ Change	% Change	Target	Revenue	\$ Change	% Change	Revenue	\$ Change	% Change
Sales & Use (1)	38.71	36.02	-2.69	-6.94%	143.60	138.71	-4.89	-3.40%	136.62	2.10	1.54%
Meals & Room (1)	4.03	4.07	0.03	0.80%	16.65	16.75	0.11	0.63%	16.06	0.69	4.32%
MV Purchase & Use	3.51	4.16	0.66	18.68%	13.09	13.12	0.02	0.18%	12.29	0.83	6.76%
Lottery Transfer	1.94	2.50	0.57	29.27%	7.18	7.41	0.23	3.14%	7.43	-0.02	-0.30%
Investment Income	0.1029	0.0191	-0.0838	-81.40%	0.33	0.30	-0.03	-9.23%	0.24	0.06	23.33%
Total	48.29	46.77	-1.52	-3.14%	180.86	176.30	-4.56	-2.52%	172.64	3.66	2.12%

Comparative Statement of Revenues General Fund As of October 31, 2018

	Total to Date Last Year	Total to Date This Year	% of Change
Taxes			
Personal Income Tax	238,369,035	265,747,026	11.5%
Sales & Use Tax	88,800,760	0	-100.0%
Corporate Income Tax	13,417,880	33,924,365	152.8%
Meals & Rooms Tax	64,239,918	50,262,857	-21.8%
Liquor & Wine Tax	6,193,624	6,377,071	3.0%
Insurance Premium	8,773,221	9,225,745	5.2%
Telephone Gross Receipts	105,890	107,843	1.8%
Telephone Property Tax	1,502,702	1,347,140	-10.4%
Beverage Tax	2,572,058	2,549,024	-0.9%
Electric Generating	0	0	0.0%
Inheritance & Estate Tax	4,950,270	3,958,800	-20.0%
Real Property Transfer Tax	4,299,109	4,990,457	16.1%
Bank Franchise Tax	4,718,637	4,150,376	-12.0%
All Other Taxes	498,424	1,040,723	108.8%
Total Taxes	438,441,527	383,681,427	-12.5%
Other Revenues			
Business Licenses	29,732	36,056	21.3%
Fees	14,579,785	15,528,661	6.5%
Services	944,628	938,772	-0.6%
Fines, Forfeits & Penalties	991,301	806,180	-18.7%
Interest, Prem	759,755	1,870,248	146.2%
Special Assessments	0	0	0.0%
All Other Revenues	1,735,359	221,593	-87.2%
Total Other Revenues	19,040,559	19,401,511	1.9%
Total General Fund	457,482,087	403,082,938	-11.9%

Comparative Statement of Revenues Transportation Fund As of October 31, 2018

	Total to Date Last Year	Total to Date This Year	% of Change
Non-Dedicated			
Taxes			
Gasoline	27,685,083	27,539,950	-0.5%
Diesel Fuel	6,513,019	6,311,783	-3.1%
MV Purchase & Use	24,573,408	26,237,274	6.8%
Total Taxes	58,771,510	60,089,006	2.2%
Other Revenues			
Motor Vehicle Fees	28,603,540	28,531,019	-0.3%
Other	6,049,965	8,263,429	36.6%
Total Other Revenues	34,653,505	36,794,448	6.2%
Total Non-Dedicated	93,425,015	96,883,454	3.7%
Dedicated			
Federal Aid	140,479,795	127,493,355	-9.2%
Intrastructure Bond Fund Revenue	5,099,134	5,830,772	14.3%
Transportation Impact Fee	54,739	85,989	57.1%
Other	1,570,758	706,537	-55.0%
Total Dedicated	147,204,425	134,116,652	-8.9%
Total Transportation Fund	240,629,440	231,000,107	-4.0%

Comparative Statement of Revenues Education Fund As of October 31, 2018

	Total to Date Last Year	Total to Date This Year	% of Change
Non-Dedicated	·		
Estimated Revenues:			
Sales & Use Tax	47,815,794	138,714,701	190.1%
Meals & Rooms Tax	0	16,754,286	100.0%
Purchase & Use Tax	12,288,263	13,118,637	6.8%
Lottery Transfer	7,430,280	7,408,355	-0.3%
Investment Income	244,298	301,300	23.3%
Total estimated revenues	67,778,634	176,297,278	160.1%
Other Revenues:			
Education Property Taxes	584,439	191,631	-67.2%
Electric Energy Educ Prop Tax	0	0	0.0%
Uniform Capacity Tax	50,773	184,607	263.6%
Medicaid Reimbursement	0	0	0.0%
All Other Revenues	712,390	277,450	-61.1%
Total other revenues	1,347,602	653,688	-51.5%
Total Education Fund	69,126,236	176,950,967	156.0%