

Long-Term Ferry Funding Study
List of Potential Funding Sources for Discussion and Initial Screening

Funding Source	Possible Area of Application	Comments / Specific Examples / Options
Taxes		
Fuel tax	Statewide, sub-state*	Examples: raise fuel tax; index fuel tax; sales tax on fuel; county fuel tax (counties are currently authorized to charge additional fuel taxes).
Vehicle property tax	Statewide, sub-state	Note: similar to motor vehicle excise tax. Counties are currently authorized to levy a percentage on assessed value annually.
Sales taxes	Statewide, sub-state	Examples: general sales tax increase; on vehicle parts, on vehicle sales.
Tax on tourism-related businesses	Statewide, sub-state	Examples: rental car tax; hotel tax; other forms of tourism-related taxes. State-levied taxes must apply statewide.
Special assessment districts; benefit assessment district	Sub-state	Examples: Special tax (property, sales, parcel, hotel, restaurant) in areas benefiting from ferry service. County Ferry Districts (funded by property or ad valorem taxes) are a specific example currently authorized in law.
Commercial parking tax	Sub-state	Note: counties / cities / districts can levy taxes on commercial parking.
Transit district tax	Sub-state	Note: transit districts may levy household utility taxes and business and occupation taxes.
Fees		
Vehicle fees	Statewide	Examples: vehicle license, registration, and weight fees.
Commercial vehicle / freight related fees	Statewide	Examples: weight-distance fee or container fee.
Tolls	Statewide, sub-state	Note: state law currently does not authorize use of toll revenues outside the tolled facility.
Roadway user fees based on VMT	Statewide	Note: Oregon DOT has conducted a pilot test of a mileage-based user fee.
Development or transit impact fees	Sub-state	Example: one-time fee on new development with purpose of maintaining or improving transit service.
Ferry System Earned Revenue		
Increase revenue from fares	Ferry system	Examples: flat fare increase; peak pricing; route-pricing; seasonal pricing; fuel surcharge fare additive; vehicle size/space surcharge; eliminate or reduce certain discounts.
Increase revenue from concessions	Ferry system	Examples: increase revenue from parking, advertising, on-board and terminal concessions.
Fees on new offerings	Ferry system	Examples: reservation system fees; preferred loading lane fees.

* "Sub-state" means the tax or fee may be applied either at the city level, the county level, or on a combination thereof. Some taxes or fees (such as special assessment districts) may also be applied on portions of cities or counties.