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# Integration of Road User Charging & Free-Flow Tolling

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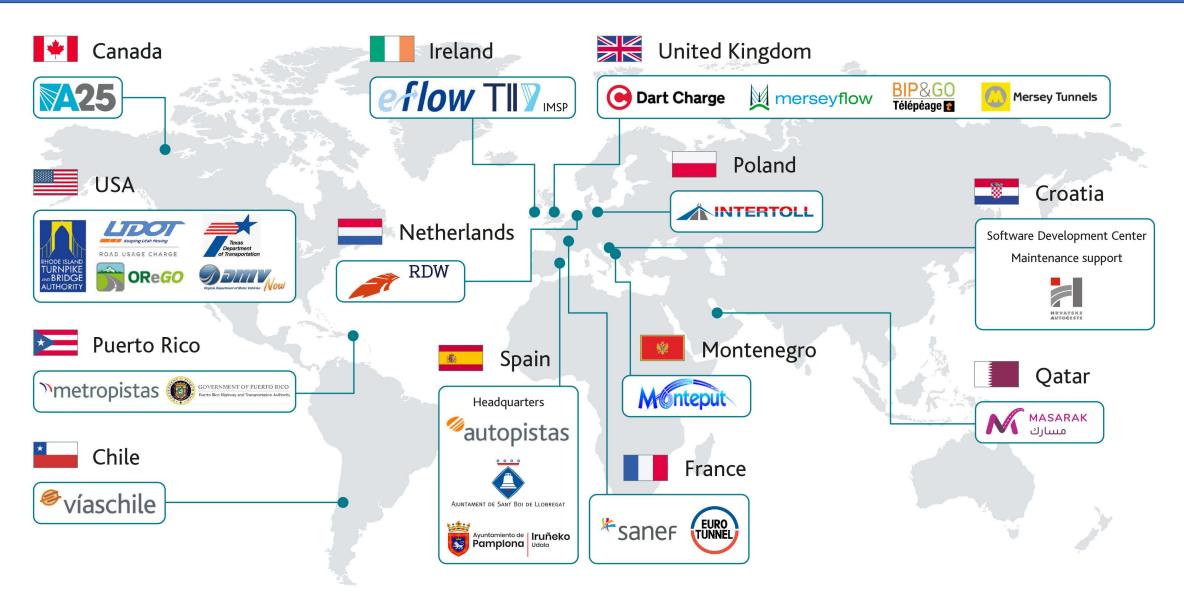
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### Road User Charging – Programs in the US





#### Oregon

In 2015 the State of Oregon, as a pioneer, deployed a pilot project (capped at 5,000 vehicles) based on RUC as a potential alternative to fuel tax revenues.

emovis is present since 2015.



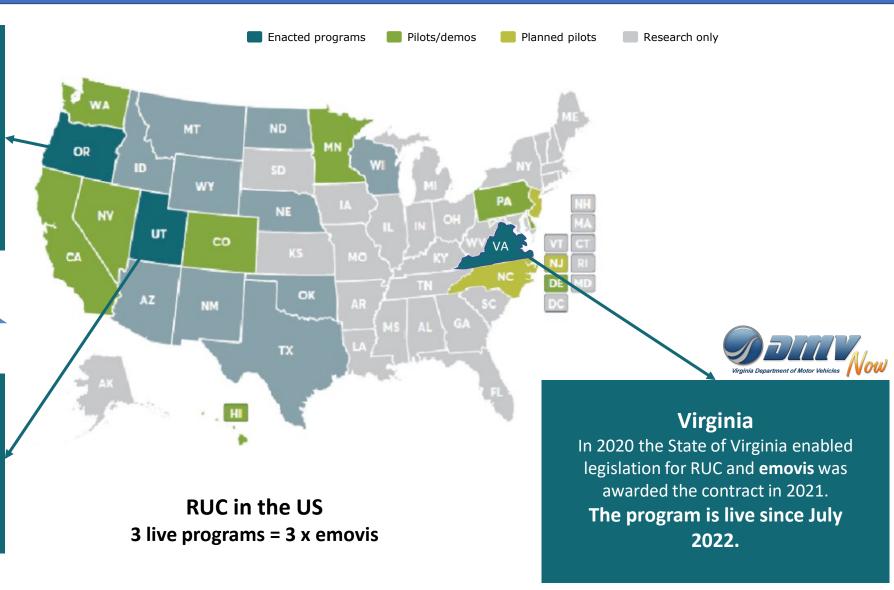


ROAD USAGE CHARGE

#### Utah

In 2017 the State of Utah enabled legislation for RUC and **emovis** was awarded the contract in 2019.

The program is live since 2020.



# Road User Charging – Why doing RUC?







#### Fairness

Users pay proportionately for the exact amount of the road they use and spread out their payments over their registration period



#### Choice

Users control how, when and what they pay



#### Flexibility

Agencies can adjust revenues as economic conditions, demand and technology changes



#### Better Incentives

RUC creates incentives for users and agencies to evaluate the efficiency, quality and cost of transportation

# Road User Charging – Why doing RUC?







#### Infrastructure

Helps reduce traffic congestion and air pollution Reduces road wear



#### Sustainability

Applies to all vehicle types, no dependency on fuel usage and gas tax

# Road User Charging – Technology Options









These types of applications use factory-installed components, systems, and interfaces that are wholly contained in the vehicle and accessible to users through an indashboard display. In the long term, it is anticipated that embedded systems will dominate the telematics market since they are an increasingly common feature in newer-model vehicles. They also provide very reliable and accurate data and are difficult to tamper with.



#### **OBD-II Dongles**

These applications generally take the form of a dongle that is **self-installed by the driver** through the vehicular onboard diagnostic (OBD) port. The dongle then receives and stores vehicular data through this connection.



#### **Blackbox**

These applications require the hard installation of an in-vehicle device to the chassis of a vehicle, which typically requires the services of a professional installation technician. Blackbox applications provide very detailed and reliable data, but they are relatively difficult to install and are not expected to be a significant telematics-based technology services platform in the long term.

# Road User Charging – Technology Options







#### **Smartphones**

They are primarily a communication medium but they are used by consumers for numerous noncommunication-related applications, including the provision of in-vehicle services. Smartphone apps enjoy significant utilization, primarily due to the popularity of smartphones. Location data gathered from apps tend to be less accurate, and devices can be turned off or removed from the vehicle, lowering the reliability of any data gathered in terms of accurately assessing distance traveled.



#### **Hybrid Approaches**

Hybrid applications occur when two different technologies are combined to provide vehicle telematics-based services. Smartphones are a component of 5 most hybrid approaches because they can be coupled to both embedded and **OBD-II based technologies.** The challenges of smartphone applications can be addressed in hybrid systems; for example, OBDbased devices can maintain logs of vehicle starts and stops, which can be paired with smartphone data to identify gaps in usage data.

# Freeflow and RUC – Is coexistence possible?





- Tolling will continue to exist
  - **Tolling** it is the best way to sustainably finance specific infrastructure: motorways, tunnels, bridges.
  - Free-flow is expanding in Europe in the "traditional tolling countries" (France for example) or in new countries (Netherlands)
- RUC schemes can fund large road network (other than just highway)

#### **CHALLENGES**

- It has to be simple for the users:
  - Technically
  - Contractually
- EETS framework provide a good basis for RUC in Europe
- Connected vehicles are key for the deployment and convergence
  - Easy to install (nothing to do)
  - Easy to enforce as telematics is not supposed to stop
  - Hybrid solution with connected vehicle are possible too: mobile phone linked to the car

# Freeflow and RUC are converging





- Utah is now starting a pilot for RUC / Freeflow convergence
  - Integration of Road Usage Charge and Express Lanes (I-15) Tolling
    - Synchronizing and harmonizing tolling and RUC systems
    - Combining toll and RUC payments into a single wallet.
  - Local Overlay of RUC
    - Demand Management or Corridor Pricing.
    - Data accessibility and control mechanisms necessary for distributing revenue to local communities, individual cities or counties, or between states.
    - Technological feasibility of charging a supplement to the Base RUC for thuse of local roads.



# Freeflow and RUC – One single system

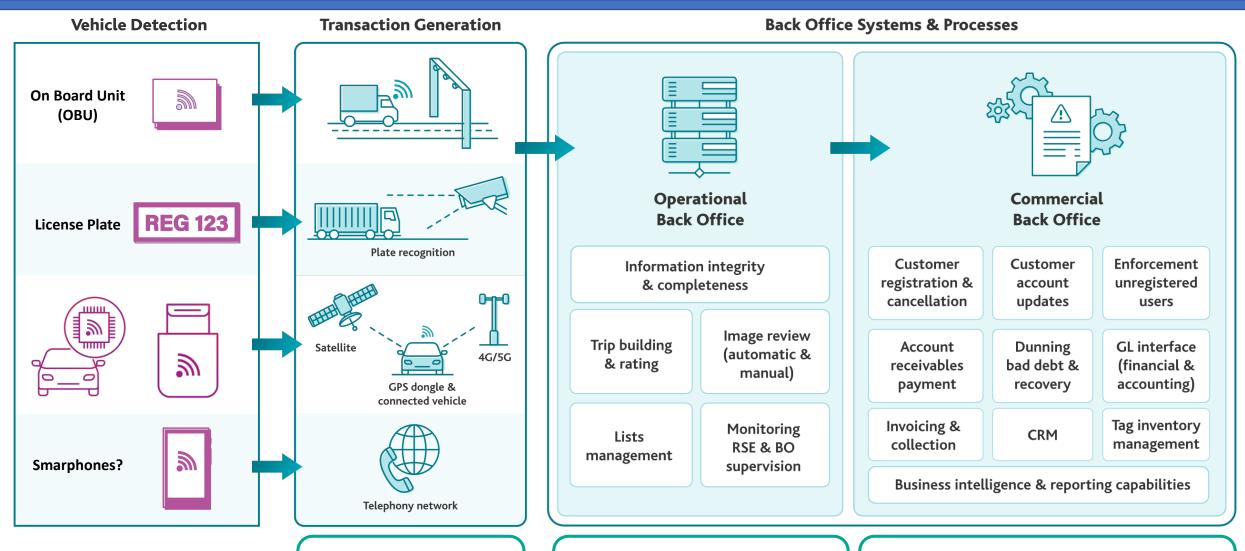
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