



## **Butler County PA Local Use Fee Implementation FACTS**

Act 89 of 2014 established a provision that authorizes counties to implement a \$5 local use fee for each vehicle registered within the county to fund critical county infrastructure projects. For Butler County, this fee will produce over \$900,000 annually.

Here are some important facts for our community to remember as we proceed in taking this step to ensure we have a safe transportation network for future generations.

1. The local use **funds will be retained and used in Butler County** – not statewide.
2. The local use funds **can only be used for transportation infrastructure**. The fee will support infrastructure projects throughout the entire county. Eight municipalities will be impacted directly at inception. (Donegal Twp. – Bridge; Cherry Twp.- Road improvement; Worth Township – Road safety upgrades; Jefferson -Road resurfacing; Summit – Road resurfacing; Butler City- Bridge; Clearfield – Bridge; Oakland-Bridge). Future improvement projects are anticipated in multiple municipalities to include the Route 228 corridor; I-79/Route 528 interchange; and Route 68 corridor.
3. **A retired person earning less than \$19,200 per year may be eligible for a flat \$10 state registration fee for one vehicle** in accordance with PA MV-371, and if eligible, would not be charged the \$5 fee in addition to the same.
4. The local use funds can be **used to leverage millions of additional state and federal dollars**. Most state and federal programs require a match of at least 20% of the project cost. The County will now have funds to assist municipalities with matches that will improve scores and increase the success rate of our grant applications, ultimately improving our transportation network and quality of life.
5. **President Donald J. Trump has proposed spending "one trillion dollars" on infrastructure. Trump's Administration officials shared with Butler County Commissioners that the key to unlocking this fund is providing new sources of local funding as match.**
  - a. For example, Butler is currently applying for a Federal BUILD grant of \$25 million to improve our local infrastructure and the utilizing a portion of the use fee as new local matching revenue will be a key component to our success.
6. The local use funds can be used to fix our deteriorating bridges. Governor Wolf and PennDot Secretary Leslie Richards launched the Road Map program that provides a \$2 million grant to counties who have enacted the \$5 for Local Use Ordinance. These funds are critical in assisting the County in rehabilitating deficient bridges in each of our municipalities. **Adopting this fee allows us to access the \$2 million available in PennDOT grant funds, initially targeting three bridges in Clearfield and Oakland Townships for replacement.**
7. **Safeguards to constituents include:**
  - a. **The use fee will legally sunset in 10 years and no longer be collected.**
  - b. **The fee cannot be increased even if increases are approved by the legislature.**
  - c. **An Annual report of revenue along with a list of completed projects and project expenditures will be made annually to the public.**
8. Transportation improvements promote and support our County's growth. Butler County is one of the fastest growing Counties in Pennsylvania in terms of population, housing, tourism, business development & education.
9. Butler County joins **20 other Counties** that have approved the Use Fee.