



California proposes charging motorists based on miles driven rather than per-gallon gas tax

Description

In California, the revenue from gas taxes used to maintain roads is decreasing due to the rise in electric vehicles. To address this issue, a new pilot program is being introduced to charge drivers based on how much they drive, replacing the gas tax with a mileage tax. Caltrans spokesperson, Lauren Prehoda, explained that road maintenance costs between \$8 to \$9 billion annually, mostly funded by gas taxes. With over 1.2 million electric vehicles registered in the state, there is a \$200 million loss in gas tax revenues. The proposed California Road Charge program would tax drivers based on their mileage, tracked through various methods like electronic devices or odometer photos. Caltrans will start a pilot program in June to test this system, offering volunteers up to \$400 for participation. The final decision to replace the gas tax with the Road Charge will be up to the state legislature.

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Vocabulary List:



1. **revenue** // (noun): Income especially when of a company or organization and of a substantial nature.
2. **taxes** // (noun): Compulsory contributions to state revenue levied by the government on workers' income and business profits or added to the cost of some goods, services, and transactions.
3. **electric vehicles** // (noun): Automobiles that run on electric power stored in batteries instead of internal combustion engines.
4. **pilot program** // (noun): A small-scale experiment or test of a new project or program.
5. **mileage tax** // (noun): A tax calculated based on the number of miles driven by a vehicle.
6. **road maintenance** // (noun): The upkeep and repair of roads to ensure their safe and efficient use.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is a topic of widespread disagreement or argument that often leads to public debates called?
Option: Issue
Option: Solution
Option: Consensus
Option: Controversy
2. What type of digital or virtual currency that uses cryptography for security is known as?
Option: Stock
Option: Cryptocurrency
Option: Bond
Option: Commodity
3. In the context of cryptocurrency what term is used to refer to an individual or entity holding large amounts of a specific coin?
Option: Shark
Option: Dolphin
Option: Whale
Option: Octopus
4. In trading what do analysts refer to when analyzing a company's financial statements management competitive advantages and other factors?
Option: Technical analysis
Option: Margin trading
Option: Market trends
Option: Fundamentals
5. What type of vehicles are propelled by one or more electric motors using energy stored in rechargeable batteries?



- Option: Hybrid vehicles
- Option: Electric vehicles
- Option: Diesel vehicles
- Option: Petrol vehicles

6. What term is commonly used in online contexts to describe behaviors or content that is harmful malicious or inappropriate?

- Option: Friendly
- Option: Toxic
- Option: Harmless
- Option: Positive

7. In stock trading what is the term used to describe the consistent upward movement of a stock's price over time?

- Option: Bullish
- Option: Uptrend
- Option: Bearish
- Option: Consolidation

8. What is a word often used to describe a robbery especially involving the theft of large sums of money or valuable items?

- Option: Burglary
- Option: Theft
- Option: Heist
- Option: Larceny

9. What term is used to describe a small-scale experiment or trial of a new idea or project before full implementation?

- Option: Launch program
- Option: Pilot project
- Option: Trial run
- Option: Pilot program

10. What is the term used to describe a strong and adverse reaction by a large number of people especially to a social or political development?

- Option: Outcry
- Option: Support
- Option: Applause
- Option: Backlash

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)



11. The suspect was accused of _____ money from the company for several years.
12. Despite the challenges there is a sense of _____ among the team about achieving their goals.
13. The company saw a significant increase in _____ after the new product launch.
14. It is important to file your income _____ before the deadline to avoid penalties.
15. The defendant kept _____ any involvement in the crime.
16. The limited edition product release caused a buying _____ among consumers.
17. After the positive news announcement the stock experienced a sharp price _____.
18. The employee was _____ of leaking confidential information to a competitor.
19. The cyber attack was carried out using highly _____ techniques to bypass security measures.
20. Some propose implementing a _____ to fund road maintenance based on the distance traveled by each vehicle.
21. The children enjoyed watching the funny _____ characters on Saturday mornings.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

22. After the announcement of a new partnership the company experienced a sudden and significant increase in sales.
23. The two siblings who were close in age were known for their strong bond and often worked together on projects.
24. The sudden drop in website traffic was seen as a key that there may be technical issues affecting the site.
25. The marathon was described as a race due to its challenging course and extreme weather conditions.



26. The famous athlete agreed to the new sports drink claiming it helped improve performance.
27. The investigation into the financial fraud is and is expected to last several more months.
28. Despite the recent setbacks there is a strong sense of within the team that they can overcome challenges.
29. The new policy faced strong from various stakeholders who disagreed with its implementation.
30. Investors turned as negative economic indicators led to a drop in stock prices across the board.
31. The online platform implemented measures to address behavior and promote a healthier community environment.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Controversy 2. Cryptocurrency 3. Whale 4. Fundamentals 5. Electric vehicles 6. Toxic 7. Uptrend 8. Heist 9. Pilot program 10. Backlash

Gap-Fill: 11. stealing 12. optimism 13. revenue 14. taxes 15. denying 16. frenzy 17. surge 18. accused 19. sophisticated 20. mileage tax 21. cartoon

Matching sentence: 1. surge 2. brothers 3. indicator 4. grueling 5. endorse 6. ongoing 7. optimism 8. resistance 9. bearish 10. toxic

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