

Air Quality Division

Vehicle Inspection Program Fee Increase Temporary Rulemaking

Environmental Quality Commission Meeting
May 7, 2020
Teleconference and Internet Meeting

Temporary Rule Presentation Overview

- Vehicle Inspection Program Purpose
- Recent Rulemaking Status
- COVID-19 Station Closures
- Need for Temporary Rule
- Justification for Temporary Rule
- Cost Effectiveness Analysis Acknowledgement
- Recommendation

Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

- Portland and Medford areas
- 1.3 million biannual tests
- 7 stations



2018 - 2019 Rulemaking Background and Status

- **Fiscal Advisory Committee**
October 2018
- **Public Hearings and Comment**
January 2019
- **2019 Legislative Presentations**
Fee increase not approved (8 positions)
- **Cost Effectiveness Analysis**
October 2019
- **EQC Rule Adoption and Finding**
November 2019
- **State Fee Bill – February 2020**
Legislature failed to ratify

Vehicle Inspection Program Status During Pandemic

Station Closures

- March 17 – at least May 17

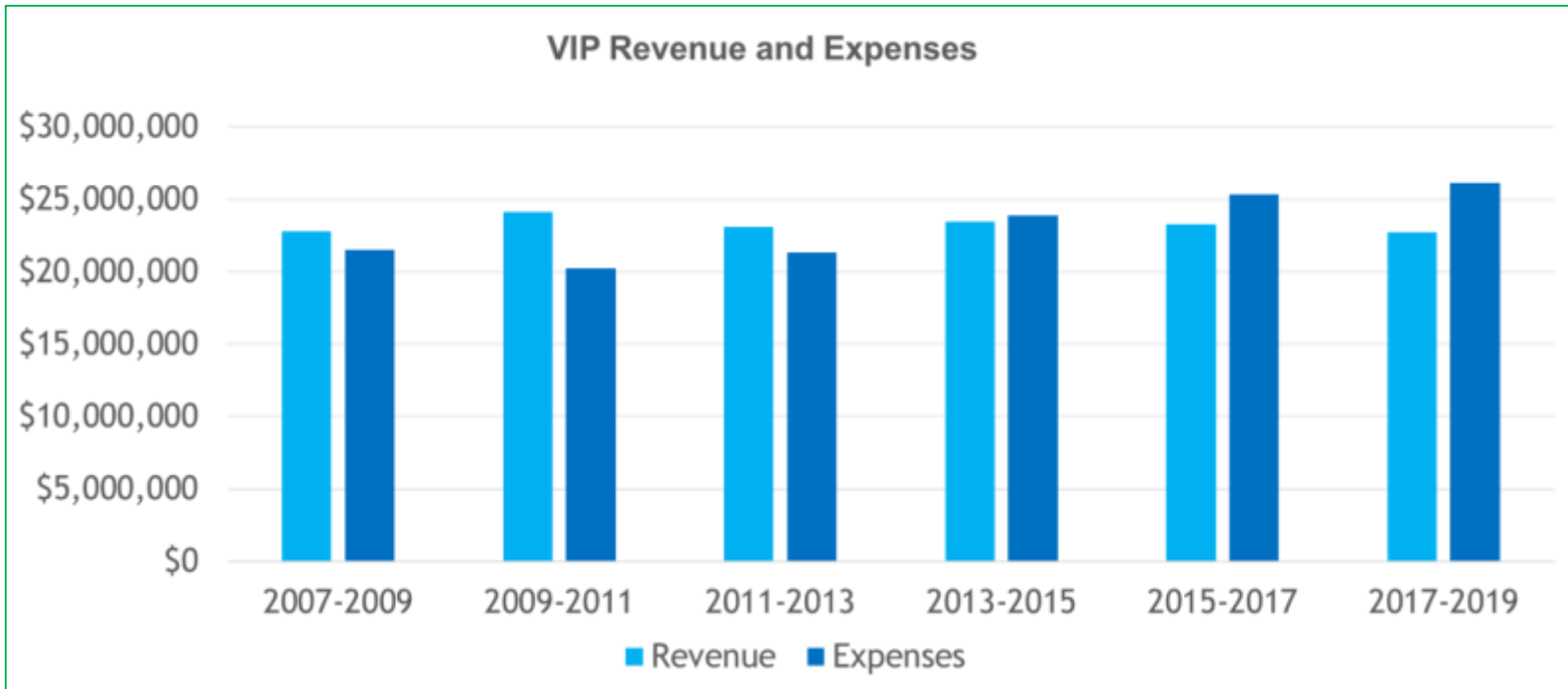
DEQ Director and EQC Orders

- Certain vehicle owners may delay inspection until 12/31/20

Alternative Means to Obtain Certification

- Online payment
- DEQ Too locations

Need for Temporary Rule



- Expenses exceed revenue
- Substantially reduced spring 2020 revenue
- VIP entirely fee funded – receives no General Fund
- Rebuilding staffing and fund balance

Justification for Temporary Rule

Affected parties

VIP employees · Vehicle owners · Business · Public

Consequences

Lane or station closures · Reduced customer service · Reduced safety

Fee Increase Allows

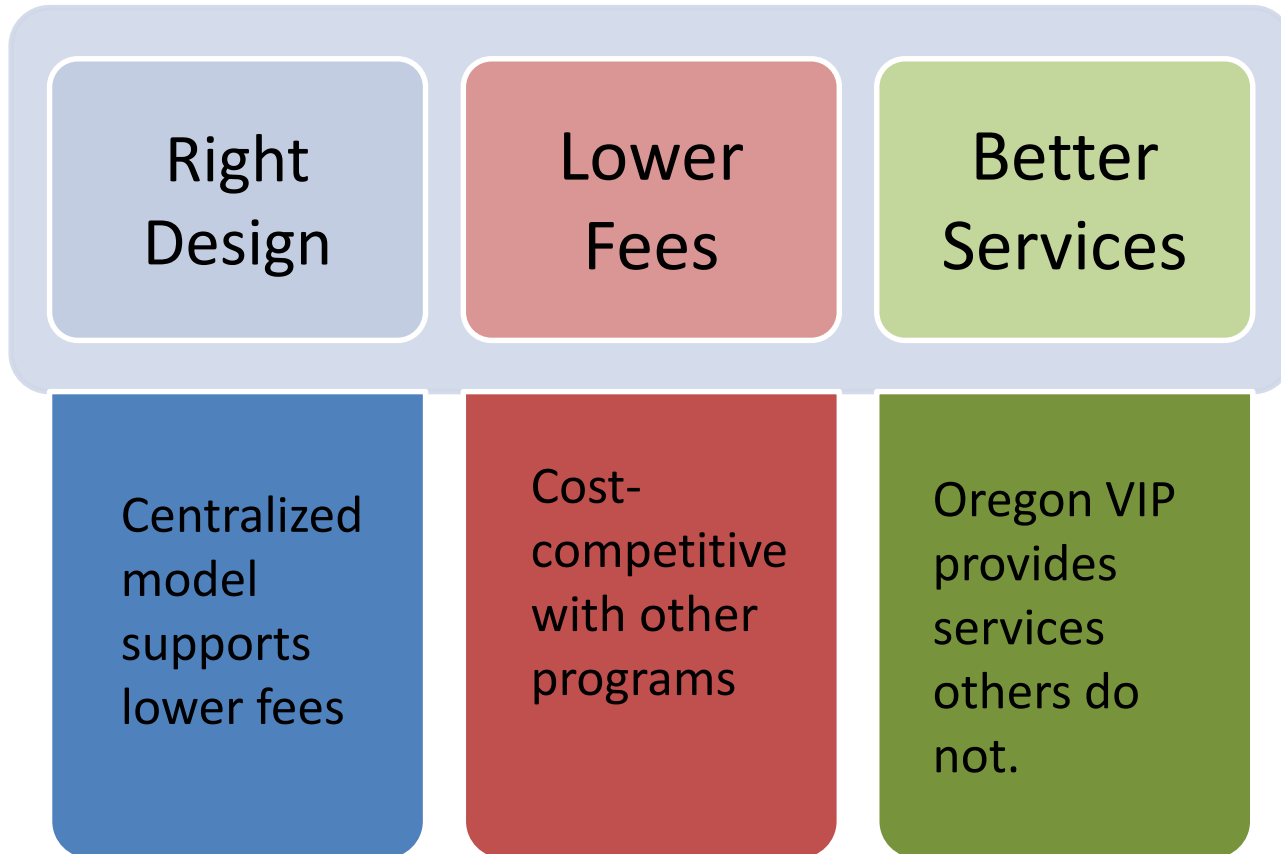
Rebuild staffing · Rebuild fund balance



Proposed Biennial Fee Structure

- **Portland Metro Area** - \$25 per certificate; \$4 increase
- **Medford–Ashland Area** – \$15 per certificate; \$5 increase
- **Mobile On Site Dealer Testing** - \$30 per certificate; \$4 increase
- New fees to become effective June 1, 2020

Cost Effectiveness Findings



Recommendations

DEQ recommends that the Environmental Quality Commission:

Determine that failure to act promptly would result in serious prejudice to the public interest or the interests of the affected parties for the reasons stated in the Justification section of the staff report for this item.

Adopt a temporary rule as proposed in Attachment A of the staff report for this item, as part of Chapter 340, Division 256 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

Reaffirm the November 2019 finding that in accordance with ORS 468A.400 and ORS 468A.370, the Vehicle Inspection program, including the proposed 2020 fee increase, is the most cost effective program consistent with Clean Air Act requirements.