# Air Quality Division

Informational Item

Vehicle Inspection Program Proposed Updates and Fee Increase

Environmental Quality Commission meeting Nov. 14-15, 2019 Portland, Oregon



## Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program Overview

- Portland and Medford areas
- 1.3 million biannual tests
- 7 stations
- 90 staff people



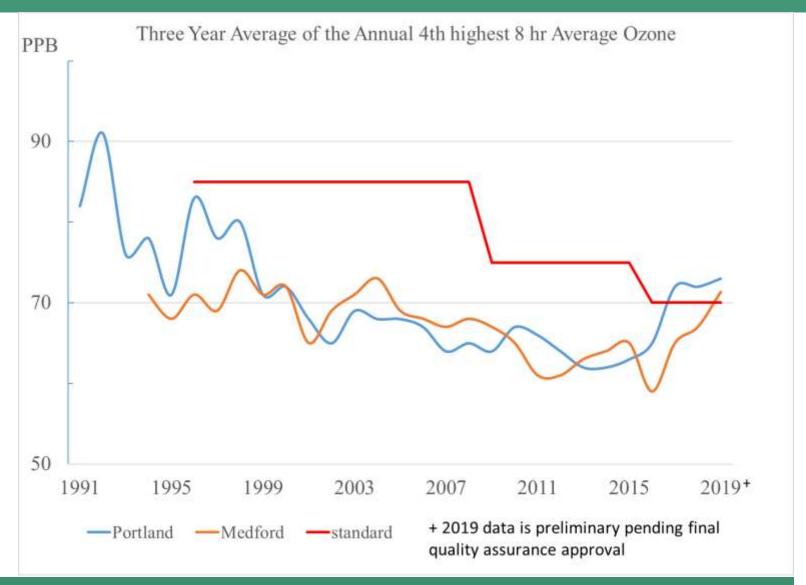








#### **Ozone Status**





## Summary of Rulemaking Process

• Fiscal Advisory Committee Oct. 4, 2018

Public hearings
Jan. 15 (Portland) and Jan. 28 (Medford),
2019

Public Comment Period
Dec. 14, 2018, through Feb. 4, 2019



## Summary of Public Comments

- Seven written comments received
  - Two supporting
  - Five opposing
- DEQ did not make changes to proposed rules in response to comments



## VIP Fee Approval Update

 April 4, 2019 - presentation to the legislative Ways and Means Committee

- May 16, 2019 informational presentation to the EQC
- June through October 2019 legislative session feedback from LFO RE: Process

2020 inclusion in the State Fee Bill



## Cost Effectiveness Requirement

ORS 468A.400

ORS 468A.370



## Cost Effectiveness Findings

Right Design

Lower Fees Better Services

Centralized model supports lower fees

Costcompetitive with other programs

Oregon VIP provides services others do not.



#### Fee Evaluation/Cost Effectiveness

#### Model

- Centralized
- Decentralized

#### **Funding**

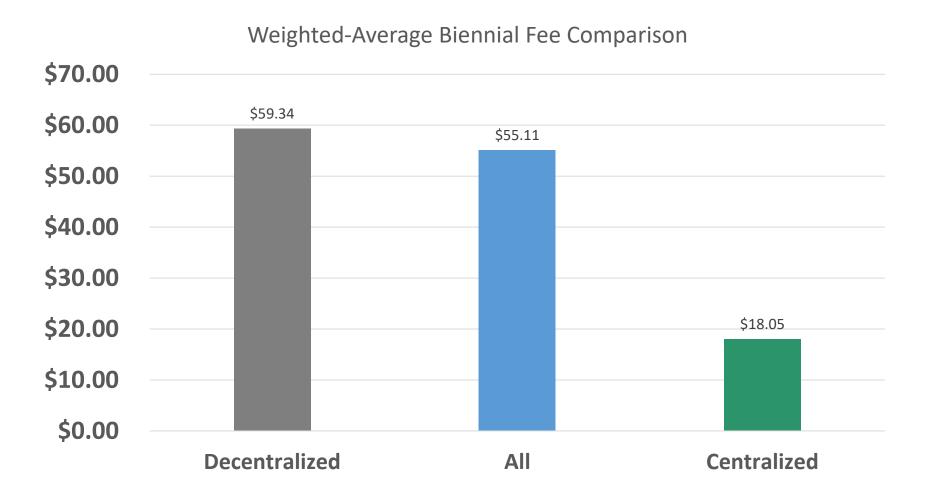
- Fees
- Other sources

#### Features

- Retests
- Waivers and Testing Options



## Testing Models – Centralized vs Decentralized





## **VIP Unique Services**

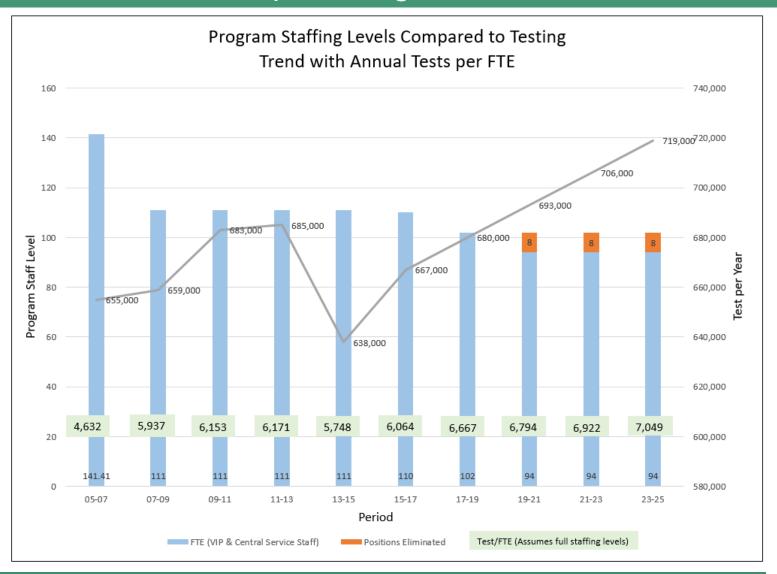
Timeliness and Customer Service measures

Hybrid – "DEQ Too"

Self-service lanes



## VIP Unique Design and Services

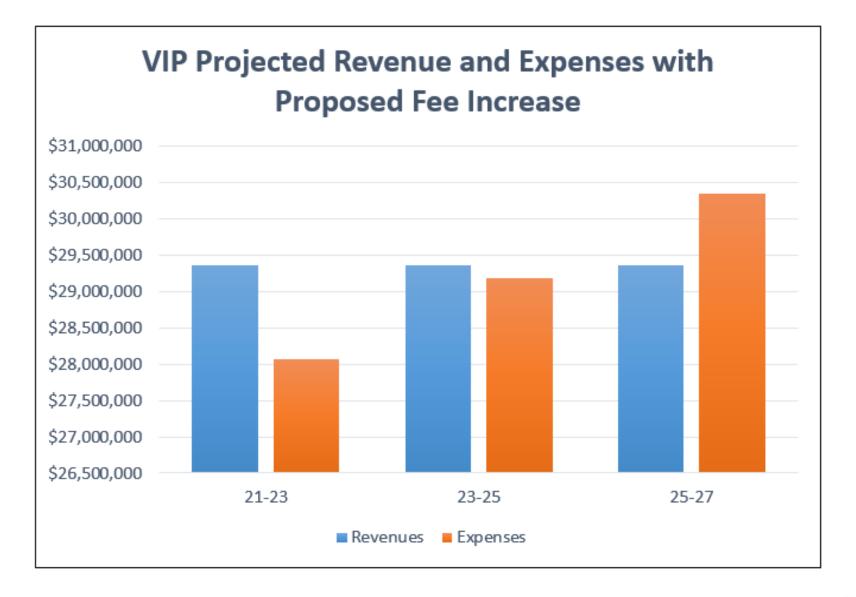




## Proposed Biennial Fee Structure

- Portland Metro Area \$25 per certificate; \$4 increase
- Medford—Ashland Area \$15 per certificate; \$5 increase
  - Effective July 1, 2021, the certificate will increase to \$20 and then capped in the near term
- Mobile On Site Dealer Testing \$30 per certificate; \$4 increase
- New fees to become effective upon Legislative approval
- Expected to sustain the program through the 23-25 biennium.







#### Questions?

# Oregon VIP

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Dynamic and flexible

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Outcome- and customerfocused

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Cost Effective Long-term



#### Recommendations

DEQ recommends that the Environmental Quality Commission:

Find 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.

Adopt the proposed rules on pages **33 through 85** as part of Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules; and

Approve incorporating these rule amendments into the Oregon Clean Air Act State Implementation Plan under OAR 340-200-0040; and

Direct DEQ to submit the SIP revision to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

