

What can the money be used for?

By law wheelage tax money can be used for any transportation related needs.

Are other counties implementing a wheelage tax?

47 counties statewide – which are home to more than 70% of Minnesotans – have implemented the wheelage tax.

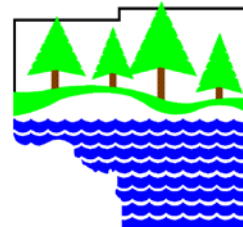
Does the wheelage tax apply to all vehicles?

Several categories of vehicles are not subject to the wheelage tax, including: motorcycles, mopeds, trailers and semitrailers and vehicles not subject to annual registration (i.e. collector vehicles).

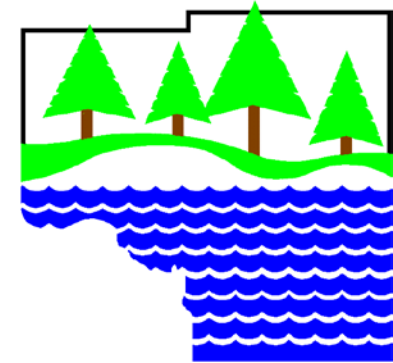
Why is a wheelage tax needed in Itasca County?

Itasca County is responsible for 1,350 miles of road and 140 bridges. State Aid funding from the state gas tax funds approximately half of this system. The funding for the remaining roads and bridges comes from the local property tax levy. The wheelage tax is meant to supplement the maintenance and construction of those roads not qualifying for State Aid funding.

Wheelage tax proceeds are deposited into the county road and bridge fund, which moneys shall be used for purposes authorized by law for highway improvements.



Itasca County



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The Wheelage Tax in Itasca County

What is a “Wheelage Tax?”

It is a tax added to your current vehicle registration fee (license plate tabs) that is paid to the county to provide funding for transportation needs. The Itasca County Board of Commissioners approved the collection of the wheelage tax beginning in 2014.

How much is it?

Current Minnesota law (MN 163.051) allows \$10 per registered vehicle. Trailers and motorcycles are exempt from this tax.

How much money will it generate?

A \$10 wheelage tax is estimated to generate \$420,000 a year for funding transportation needs in Itasca County. The County Board decided to implement the wheelage tax

instead of raising additional property taxes to fund the needed transportation projects.

How is this money going to be used?

With the \$420,000 generated by the new wheelage tax, the County will be able to supplement the existing funding for highway projects, bridge projects, the calcium chloride program, and gravelling projects to improve the county road system.

