

Caltrans seeks 5,000 motorists for mileage fee pilot program

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Caltrans is seeking 5,000 volunteers for an experimental program that will charge motorists a fee based on how far they drive – a proposal that could replace the state gas tax as a way to fund highway maintenance and repairs.

Volunteers will participate in the California Road Charge Pilot Program, which was created by the Legislature in 2014 to test the feasibility of so-called mileage-based user fees.

The dry run is scheduled to begin this summer and last for nine months. Participating motorists will test various mileage reporting methods, but they won't be charged fees for the distances they drive.

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