

Future issue.....
Gas Tax conversion to VMT???

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Why do we care????

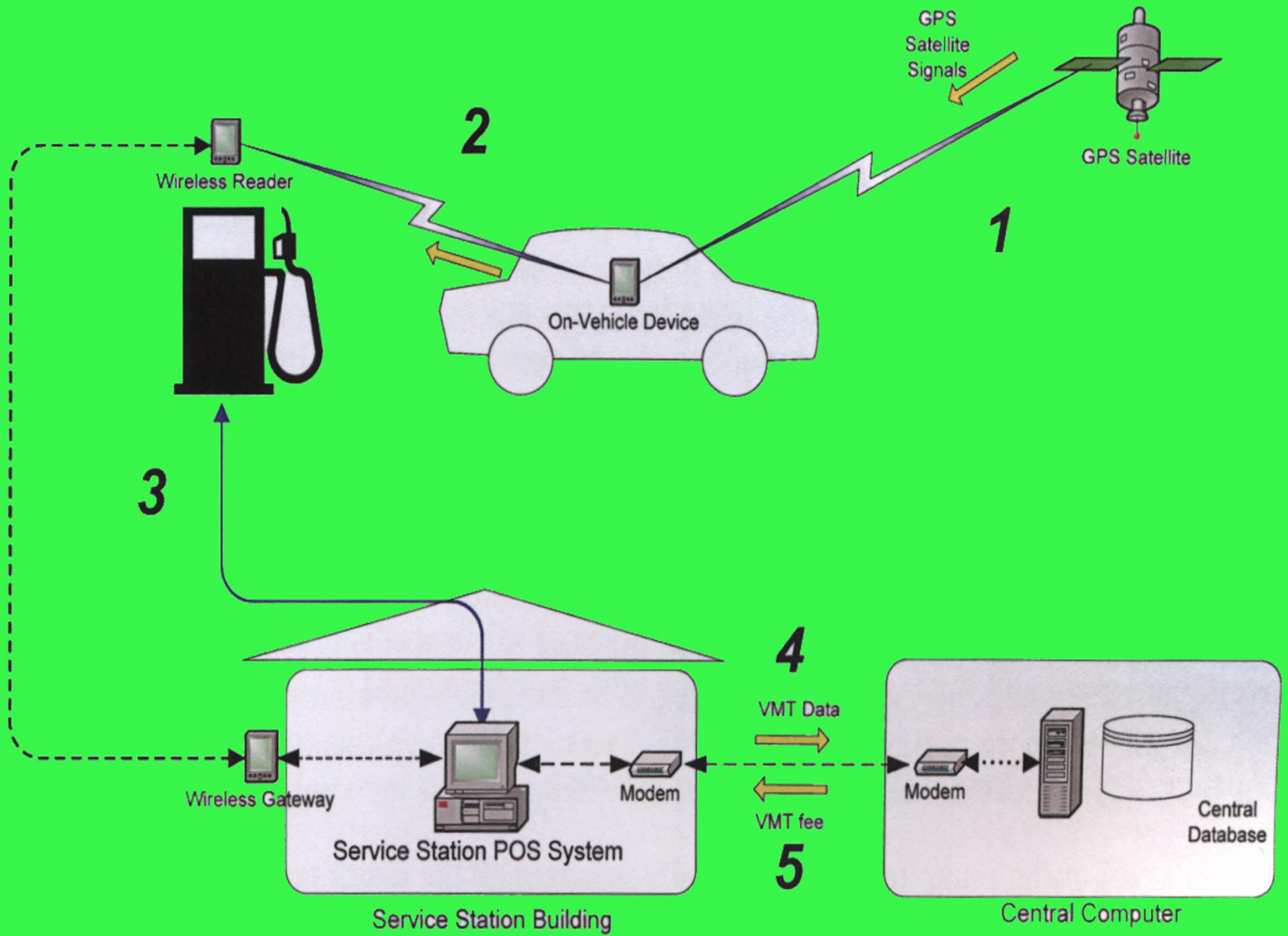
- From 1985 to 2007 the Federal gas tax earnings rose 46% (assuming a constant rate)
- From 1985 to 2007 the number of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) increased 71%
- Electric cars pay no gas tax
- Hybrids pay partial gas tax
- CAFE standards will improve MPG– 20% “improvement” by 2030

Update on VMT Fee

- 6 states have some level of independent activity- MN, TX, WA, OR, IA, NV
- In addition, the I-95 corridor states are working together to explore possibilities
- Oregon has completed a pilot project
- VMT for electrics proposed in at least OR & WA asked for flat tax on electrics (no go)
- Several ways to implement-w & w/o GIS

How Does It Work?

- Electronics on board vehicle I.D.'s geographic zones and the miles driven in zones
- When fueling begins, the vehicle's stored miles are electronically transferred to gas station's point of sale.
- Mileage fees added to the bill.
- Station gives receipt showing fees
- Station's computer sends info to Fed data base



Issues for Transit

1. Privacy- 3rd Rail Issue
2. Too much accuracy could trigger “Devolution” debate
3. Initial program—Federal V. State—transit acce\$\$
4. Electrics and Hybrids—Environmental conflict
5. Exposing the true cost of driving
6. Congestion pricing????
7. Hidden Agendas.....