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GENERAL FUND AND ROAD FUND RECEIPTS FOR MARCH 2009 General Fund receipts flat Road Fund receipts fell 2.8 percent

FRANKFORT, KY (Friday, April 10, 2009) – The Office of State Budget Director reported today that March's General Fund receipts were flat compared to March of last year. Total revenues for the month were \$637.8 million, compared to \$637.7 million during March 2008. Receipts are also running completely even for the first nine months of the fiscal year.

The November 2008 revised revenue forecast by the Commonwealth's Consensus Revenue Forecasting Group called for a 2.7 percent decline for the entire fiscal year. To meet the revenue estimate, receipts would need to decline 9.6 percent over the last three months of the fiscal year.

Road Fund receipts for March totaled \$94.6 million, a 2.8 percent decrease from March 2008 levels. Year-to-date receipts are down by 6.8 percent.

State Budget Director Mary Lassiter remains concerned about the health of General Fund receipts. "While General Fund collections in March did not lose ground relative to last year's activity, that is primarily due to a poor performance last March, in which receipts were down 5.7 percent. Additionally, individual income tax receipts, which are strongly tied to Kentucky economic conditions, continue to decline as the state economy lingers in a national recession. April will be a pivotal month as we monitor the revenue performance in comparison to the official estimates rendered last November."



Among the major accounts:

- Sales and use tax receipts were up 2.1 percent for the month and are up 0.1 percent for the year.
- Corporation income tax receipts were off 27.2 percent for the month and down 38.5 percent for the year.
- Individual income tax collections fell by 13.5 percent in March and have grown 1.3 percent thus far in FY09.
- Property tax collections increased 10.4 percent for the month and 3.4 percent through the first nine months of the fiscal year.
- Cigarette tax receipts declined by 0.5 percent in March and are down 6.4 percent for the year.
- Coal severance tax receipts increased by 28.3 percent in March and 30.7 percent year-to-date.

Road Fund receipts fell 2.8 percent in March with collections of \$94.6 million. The officially revised Road Fund estimates call for a decline in revenues of 3.4 percent for the fiscal year. Based on year-to-date tax collections, revenues would need to increase by 6.6 percent for the remainder of FY09 to meet the estimate. March was the thirteenth consecutive month that the Road Fund has declined, but the rate of decline has begun to moderate. Unfortunately, the mainstays of the Road Fund, motor fuels and motor vehicle usage tax receipts, continue to underperform.

Among the accounts, motor fuels fell by 6.5 percent but has posted annual growth of 1.0 percent in the first nine months of FY09. Motor vehicle usage revenue was off 11.7 percent in March and has fallen 17.3 percent this year. License and privilege receipts grew 44.2 percent in March due to timing issues in the motor vehicle license category, but the total collections for license and privilege taxes have fallen 5.6 percent through the first nine months of the fiscal year.

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KENTUCKY STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE <u>1. GENERAL FUND REVENUE</u>

		MARCH		JULY THROUGH MARCH		
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>% Change</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>% Change</u>
OTAL GENERAL FUND	\$637,848,999	\$637,679,283	0.0%	\$6,217,076,623	\$6,216,498,410	0.0%
Tax Receipts	\$613,059,890	\$610,478,755	0.4%	\$5,986,163,877	\$5,983,235,161	0.0%
Sales and Gross Receipts	\$271,798,980	\$262,509,260	3.5%	\$2,503,963,505	\$2,506,378,145	-0.1%
Beer Consumption	488,984	502,491	-2.7%	4,766,175	4,847,095	-1.7%
Beer Wholesale	3,459,562	3,271,061	5.8%	38,391,194	36,861,675	4.1%
Cigarette	15,009,234	15,091,323	-0.5%	120,297,469	128,529,418	-6.4%
Distilled Spirits Case Sales	8,097	7,359	10.0%	81,004	78,290	3.5%
Distilled Spirits Consumption	803,633	723,773	11.0%	7,987,403	7,805,802	2.3%
Distilled Spirits Wholesale	2,104,966	1,817,214	15.8%	20,846,469	19,958,913	4.4%
Insurance Premium	28,868,475	25,127,834	14.9%	86,037,875	89,102,485	-3.4%
Pari-Mutuel	184,143	222,935	-17.4%	2,407,598	2,641,374	-8.9%
Race Track Admission	2,921	3,660	-20.2%	196,579	181,075	8.6%
Sales and Use	213,941,592	209,596,368	2.1%	2,159,142,170	2,158,003,755	0.1%
Wine Consumption	184,137	170,833	7.8%	1,793,650	1,785,206	0.5%
Wine Wholesale	905,359	863,398	4.9%	9,303,184	9,037,972	2.9%
Telecommunications Tax	5,104,883	4,461,378	14.4%	46,122,026	40,919,336	12.7%
Other Tobacco Products	732,960	649,633	12.8%	6,590,677	6,625,749	-0.5%
Floor Stock Tax	35	0		35	0	
License and Privilege	\$116,488,950	\$91,719,296	27.0%	\$422,766,391	\$333,988,390	26.6%
Alc. Bev. License Suspension	21,900	61,820	-64.6%	263,800	650,310	-59.4%
Coal Severance	24,275,961	18,918,485	28.3%	217,930,637	166,721,196	30.7%
Corporation License	541,511	499,148	8.5%	8,312,346	2,194,213	278.8%
Corporation Organization	0	2,459	-100.0%	34,065	236,191	-85.6%
Occupational Licenses	14,278	11,949	19.5%	141,404	89,454	58.1%
Oil Production	238,138	758,118	-68.6%	7,098,885	6,811,470	4.2%
Race Track License	3,675	4,725	-22.2%	301,875	194,510	55.2%
Bank Franchise Tax	73,589,954	58,810,255	25.1%	73,050,284	70,292,713	3.9%
Driver License Fees	56,849	57,173	-0.6%	438,321	464,486	-5.6%
Minerals Severance	744,603	705,655	5.5%	10,393,068	12,659,132	-17.9%
Natural Gas Severance	4,753,163	2,827,281	68.1%	36,213,643	23,039,052	57.2%
Limited Liability Entity	12,248,917	9,062,226	35.2%	68,588,063	50,635,665	35.5%
Income	\$194,043,122	\$230,162,239	-15.7%	\$2,542,667,569	\$2,632,224,634	-3.4%
Corporation	26,628,712	36,566,983	-27.2%	190,926,762	310,281,749	-38.5%
Individual	167,414,409	193,595,257	-13.5%	2,351,740,807	2,321,942,885	1.3%
Property	\$23,529,187	\$21,303,818	10.4%	\$458,882,480	\$443,876,736	3.4%
Building & Loan Association	8,000	(33,108)		223,978	235,501	-4.9%
General - Real	4,714,700	4,684,756	0.6%	233,494,545	228,933,223	2.0%
General - Tangible	13,078,410	11,238,770	16.4%	167,913,551	160,735,503	4.5%
Omitted & Delinguent	4,686,830	4,605,270	1.8%	16,995,108	18,867,448	-9.9%
Public Service	761,696	620,512	22.8%	39,102,470	34,065,974	14.8%
Other	279,551	187,618	49.0%	1,152,828	1,039,087	10.9%
Inheritance	\$3,902,124	\$1,592,361	145.1%	\$29,944,496	\$39,177,097	-23.6%
Miscellaneous	\$3,297,528	\$3,191,782	3.3%	\$27,939,436	\$27,590,159	1.3%
Legal Process	2,144,883	2,114,362	1.4%	17,888,047	18,343,730	-2.5%
T. V. A. In Lieu Payments	1,139,910	1,055,161	8.0%	10,012,861	9,223,859	8.6%
Other	12,735	22,259	-42.8%	38,527	22,569	70.7%
Nontax Receipts	\$23,542,613	\$27,056,986	-13.0%	\$227,747,424	\$226,560,832	0.5%
Departmental Fees	3,484,306	2,954,303	17.9%	23,084,371	22,626,119	2.0%
PSC Assessment Fee	5,822	4,390	32.6%	9,374,179	10,671,543	-12.2%
		2,648,030	14.4%	21,857,780	21,421,267	2.0%
Fines & Forfeitures	3,029,749					111.6%
	3,029,749 85,667	82,410	4.0%	2,350,308	1,110,908	
Fines & Forfeitures			4.0% 6.3%	2,350,308 141,500,000	139,761,591	
Fines & Forfeitures Interest on Investments	85,667	82,410				1.2% -100.0%
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2. ROAD FUND REVENUE

	MARCH			JULY THROUGH MARCH		
	<u>2009</u>	2008	<u>% Change</u>	FY 2009	FY 2008	<u>% Change</u>
TOTAL STATE ROAD FUND	\$94,566,927	\$97,290,453	-2.8%	\$875,395,883	\$939,393,949	-6.8%
Tax Receipts-	\$91,919,237	\$93,538,750	-1.7%	\$851,799,769	\$907,979,273	-6.2%
Sales and Gross Receipts	\$74,596,870	\$81,528,704	-8.5%	\$713,067,149	\$761,079,180	-6.3%
Motor Fuels Taxes Motor Vehicle Usage	46,962,019 27,634,851	50,249,177 31,279,527	-6.5% -11.7%	461,622,810 251,444,339	456,944,570 304,134,610	1.0% 17.3%
License and Privilege	\$17,322,367	\$12,010,046	44.2%	\$138,732,620	\$146,900,093	-5.6%
Motor Vehicles Motor Vehicle Operators Weight Distance	14,140,352 1,331,625 1,072,007	9,841,267 1,225,664 443,235	43.7% 8.6% 141.9%	60,120,472 11,614,204 58,495,309	64,553,657 11,475,607 64,000,667	-6.9% 1.2% -8.6%
Truck Decal Fees Other Special Fees	38,804 739,578	3,957 495,923	880.6% 49.1%	125,820 8,376,814	60,358 6,809,804	108.5% 23.0%
Nontax Receipts	\$2,418,766	\$3,596,481	-32.7%	\$22,712,002	\$29,945,563	-24.2%
Departmental Fees In Lieu of Traffic Fines Investment Income Miscellaneous	1,699,926 87,891 597,809 33,139	1,546,486 95,927 1,894,623 59,445	9.9% -8.4% -68.4% -44.3%	14,188,152 721,218 7,391,032 411,601	14,804,231 848,182 13,582,803 710,348	-4.2% -15.0% -45.6% -42.1%
Inter-Agency Motor Pool	\$0	\$0		\$295,108	\$60,225	
Motor Carrier Taxes - Undistributed	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	
Redeposit of State Funds	\$228,923	\$155,222	47.5%	\$884,112	\$1,469,113	-39.8%

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