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Just as states once followed Oregon’s example in adopting a gasoline excise tax, soon — and clearly within a decade — they will follow other examples in implementing a new, modern road finance system likely based on some form of mileage toll. Perhaps even Vickery’s vision of monthly or quarterly road-use bills will become just as common as electricity or water bills. I suspect most drivers will be quite pleasantly surprised to get such a road use bill each month — for perhaps \$20. Seems quite a bargain.

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