General and Education Fund revenue collections totaled $4.9 billion for the first nine months of FY 2019, representing a year-over-year (YoY) growth of 2.3%. The 2.3% is the second month of improvement following January’s low of –0.1% and December’s –0.3%, but far from the strong growth rates of November’s 11.1%, October’s 11.2%, and September’s 13.8%. The current revenue target is 5.7%. With sales tax on target, and corporate tax/withholding on or above target, the factors behind the weak overall collections in March continues to be income tax. In next month’s report, we will have a much better view of where income tax revenue may end the year.

### Summary

General Fund

General Fund collections totaled $2.0 billion for the first nine months of FY 2019. This represents a YoY growth rate of 5.0%. The prior month had revenue growing at 5.8%. The current consensus target is 5.3%. Overall, sales tax and the other sources to the General Fund are generally on target.

### Education Fund

Education Fund collections reached $3.0 billion through nine months of FY 2019, a YoY increase of 0.5%. Revenue has been abnormally volatile this year. The first report of the year had Education Fund revenue up 18.0% YoY. The growth rate then decelerated to 12.9% and 13.0% in October and November 2018, respectively. The strong revenue picture then flipped in December to –4.6% because final payments were much lower this year compared to last year’s payments. This was mostly due to incentives created by federal tax reform. Since bottoming at –4.6% in December, growth has continually rebounded, going to –3.9% (January), then to –2.7% (February), and then to 0.5% (March). April’s report (due out the third week of May) should answer how strong final payments may end the year.

### Transportation Fund

Transportation Fund collections reached $449 million for the first nine months (+4.7% YoY), above the 3.4% target. Overall, Transportation Fund revenue growth has floated in a narrow range this year, going from a low of 1.8% in January to a high of 5.8% in December. The current growth rate of 4.7% is well within the range of the revenue target.