



FAIR
TRANSPORTATION
FUNDING
COALITION



CALIFORNIA'S LOOMING TRANSPORTATION FUNDING CRISIS

California's leadership in transitioning to fuel-efficient and zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) benefits the environment, but it's important to understand the consequences of more drivers using less gasoline. This means fewer drivers are paying their fair share of the fuel taxes local communities rely on to fix essential roads, enhance safety and improve public transportation – amounting to a projected shortfall of \$31 billion over 10 years.

Most Californians agree that users of state and local roads should contribute to their maintenance, but the state's funding system for critical transportation improvements is becoming increasingly unfair, unaffordable and unreliable. The state needs to prioritize new ways to fund our multimodal system that 39 million people rely on to get from one place to another.

TRANSPORTATION DRIVES CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY

Robust and seamless multimodal transportation infrastructure is a cornerstone of economic opportunity. Nearly every trip begins on a city street or county road – whether by foot, bicycle, vehicle or mass transit. Our transportation system is critical for the movement of goods and services, supporting the world's fourth-largest economy and creating thousands of good-paying jobs statewide.



CALIFORNIA NEEDS FAIR AND AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

If we fail to close the funding gap, state and local transportation projects will be delayed, potholes will multiply, and much-needed safety enhancements will remain unfunded. California is already among the worst-rated nationally for poor road and highway conditions. However, our state and local governments cannot commit to making critical transportation safety improvements in the future without sufficient funding. California's declining transportation revenue will lead to serious consequences for drivers, public transit riders, and first responders – unless everyone pays their fair share.

BY THE NUMBERS

80%

Highway and road repairs funded by the gas tax

\$31.1 BILLION

Loss in gas tax revenue over the next 10 years

438,200

Approximate job loss over the next 10 years

\$338

Average fuel taxes gas-powered drivers pay annually

\$118

Annual fees EV drivers pay for transportation infrastructure

1-IN-3

EVs sold in U.S. registered to Californians

45%

California major roads in poor or mediocre condition

ACHIEVING FAIR, AFFORDABLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FUNDING

The Fair Transportation Funding Coalition is championing solutions that are guided by the following principles:

FAIRNESS

A fair transportation funding system ensures all drivers contribute their fair share to keeping our roadways in good repair. This includes maintaining a user-pay system, where the costs of transportation infrastructure are primarily covered by those who use it.



PUBLIC SAFETY

An effective transportation system keeps people and families safe. We must enhance roads and critical transportation infrastructure to protect first our responders and Californians alike.

COLLABORATIVE APPROACH



The Fair Transportation Funding Coalition is collaborating with state and local leaders and stakeholders to bring this issue to the forefront as part of a multi-year effort to replace declining transportation funding. Assembly Transportation Committee Chair Lori Wilson (D-Suisun City) is convening a series of informational hearings and regional workshops across the state to cast a wide net of input from all Californians toward achieving a fair, affordable and effective solution to this problem for all Californians.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY & GROWTH

Robust, efficient and seamless multimodal transportation infrastructure is an economic cornerstone. Millions of Californians rely on the state's multimodal transportation system every day for access to economic opportunity, and the movement of goods and services people rely on. We must ensure transportation infrastructure projects have the funding necessary to support a thriving economy.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Transportation funding must be transparent, data-driven and fiscally responsible.

California's transportation future depends on policies that safeguard public trust and are practical and understandable.

ENDURING SOLUTIONS

California needs transportation funding strategies that are forward-looking and effective in the long term. As consumer preferences and vehicle technologies evolve, we must ensure our state's approach to transportation funding can keep – and maintain – pace.

