We depend upon our highways for nearly everything we need and do. Every day.

But those highways:
- Are getting more crowded, threatening our economy
- Are wearing out, threatening our safety

The demand for roadway space has grown much faster than the supply of that space. It’s that simple.

The average Texan:
- Pays $22 in taxes and fees each month to use those highways
- Loses nearly $1,000 and 44 hours every year due to traffic jams

While fuel costs have tripled, the gas tax — the primary way we pay for our roads — has stayed the same (since 1991).

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So thanks to inflation, we have less and less money available to pay for roads and bridges. And some of that money goes to pay back the $17 billion the state borrowed to build highways.

There is a price to solving the problem. But the cost of doing nothing will be even higher — more time sitting in traffic, wasted fuel, higher prices for goods, and slower emergency response times.

Texas is facing huge transportation challenges, and how we meet those challenges is partly up to you.

Be better informed and more involved.

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