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**Wyoming has invested billions of dollars into roads, without providing funds to maintain and improve these investments.**

**For every dollar NOT spent on timely, preventative maintenance, \$4.00-\$8.00 will be needed for complete reconstruction a few years later.**

# 82%

**IF NOTHING IS DONE.**

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Fuel taxes, in their simplest form, are often touted as being one of the most efficient forms of taxation. As a user fee, a fuel tax provides a system of road funding by simply charging road users when they fill up their tanks. Those same road users benefit from the improvements their user taxes generate. The fuel tax provides a revenue source that is predictable, secure, and won't take revenue away from other public needs.

## 52% COMES FROM OUT OF STATE

Those who use the roads pay the tax—and similarly, users who drive more pay more. As a matter of fact, 52% of the fuel tax is paid by out of state users.

## TEMPORARY FIX = NO SOLUTION

Currently Wyoming is using pavement preservation methods to stretch the funds available for repairs and maintenance. Pavement preservation techniques are only effective when a road is in good repair, then it can extend the life of the road. For many communities, transportation managers are stuck paving over potholes for a temporary fix. This is not a good use of taxpayer dollars. It only buys time, the state should be investing the time and money to do it right the first time.

## GOOD ROADS = HEALTHY ECONOMIES

Good roads need to be a priority for the state of Wyoming. Roads are an essential infrastructure that help feed Wyoming's economy including tourism, agriculture, mining, trucking, healthcare, and education.

## PAY LESS NOW OR MORE LATER

By doing nothing to adequately invest in the roads, we are simply passing the expense to rebuild the transportation system to future generations. It is not fiscally sensible to do so and is contrary to fiscally conservative principles.

## OUR SAFETY IS AT RISK

30% of fatal crashes in Wyoming are caused by bad roads. These roads are traveled on by school buses, families, and businesses. Safety needs to be a priority!

## WHAT'S THE PRICE AT THE PUMP?

A \$.10 increase (bringing the total fuel tax to \$.24) would make Wyoming's tax comparable to surrounding states, but prices at the pump will not automatically increase by ten cents— they will continue to fluctuate as they already do. Prices at the pump will continue to reflect a competitive market for Wyoming's consumers.

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Attempts to increase long-term funding for highways have failed several times in the last decade.

WYDOT has moved to a “highway preservation” philosophy due to the current funding crisis.

Timely maintenance is the key to getting the maximum life from our pavements. For every dollar not spent on timely, preventative maintenance, \$4.00-\$8.00 will be needed for complete reconstruction a few years later.

Wyoming’s population increased 25% since 1990.

Vehicle miles traveled in Wyoming increased by 64% from 1990-2009.

It is estimated that 52% of the highway users are out-of-state travelers.

By 2030, vehicle travel in Wyoming is projected to increase by another 55%.

Annually, \$24B in goods are shipped from sites in Wyoming and another \$28B in goods are shipped to sites in Wyoming, mostly by truck.

To maintain Wyoming’s roads, highways and bridges \$135M/year is needed annually.

By 2030 82% of Wyoming’s roads will be in poor condition if nothing is done.

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## INCREASING THE FUEL TAX IS BROADLY SUPPORTED BY THE FOLLOWING ASSOCIATIONS:

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Wyoming Stock Growers Association

Wyoming Petroleum Marketers Association

Wyoming Business Alliance

Wyoming County Commissioners Association

Wyoming Trucking Association

Wyoming Contractors Association

Wyoming Association of Municipalities

Wyoming Mining Association

Wyoming Taxpayers Association

Wyoming Travel Industry Coalition

Wyoming Chamber Partnership

Wyoming Association of Realtors

Wyoming Economic Development Association

Johnson County Woolgrowers Association

Wyoming Pathways

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In order to get a fuel tax passed, you need to call or email your elected officials.  
Search below for your elected officials to get their contact info,  
and keep people safe on Wyoming's beautiful open roads!

Contact my Legislator

Contact my Governor

Let them know that you're worried about your family's safety  
and you support the fuel tax!

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