WHAT ARE OUR LEADERS SAYING?

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT
“I am going to add four to five billion dollars a year to building out more roads in the state of Texas to get people moving without raising a single penny in taxes, fees or tolls...”

LT. GOVERNOR DAN PATRICK
“Everyone knows traffic is terrible and only getting worse, but finding a funding source to keep up with roads has been challenging. I believe it should be more of a budget priority in our budget, but so far it has not...Quick recap: We need more funding for transportation.”

SPEAKER JOE STRAUS
“Growth also drives another key priority heading into the new session: transportation. That’s why the House will propose using all of our gas tax revenue and other money in our state highway fund for transportation, which will create an additional $1.3 billion for mobility-again without a tax increase.”

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SEN. ROBERT NICHOLS
“I believe there are five critical elements the Legislature should look for when identifying additional funding sources for transportation. These include ensuring the funding is (1) predictable, (2) constitutionally dedicated, (3) transportation related, (4) independent of fuel source and (5) able to adjust to inflation. This state motor vehicles sales tax is a revenue stream which meets all of these elements.”

COMPTROLLER GLENN HEGAR
“Texas is growing by leaps and bounds and the need to invest in infrastructure to keep pace with this significant expansion is imperative.”

SEN. JANE NELSON
“Transportation will always be a top priority in Texas because it impacts commerce, economic development, our quality of life and the air we breathe.”

REP. JOE PICKETT
“We want to prioritize transportation as the No. 1 investment to make with your money.”

REP. LARRY PHILLIPS
“Investment in our state’s infrastructure is critical to our continued economic prosperity.”

REP. TREY MARTINEZ FISCHER
“In a state as large as ours, we need a modern and efficient transportation system to keep up with the demands of our growing population.”

San Antonio Express-News
September 17, 2014
“Texas finds itself behind the transportation eight ball for a number of reasons. The state has been growing by about 1,000 people a day. That’s a lot of congestion and wear-and-tear on our roads, even without future growth.”

Austin American-Statesman
September 6, 2014
“There are several options available to lawmakers for funding roads, all familiar from previous legislative sessions…Lack of options isn’t the problem. Lack of political will is.”
SEN. CHUY HINOJOSA
“Our highways made Texas the economic powerhouse it is today.”

SEN. CHARLES PERRY
“As more people and more businesses relocate to Texas, we need to ensure that our transportation infrastructure can keep up with our growing state.”

SEN. JOHN WHITMIRE
“We cannot continue to grow our economy without investing in our roads and highways.”

SEN. JUDITH ZAFFIRINI
“Fixing our roads is costly, but the cost of doing nothing is even greater.”

REP. CINDY BURKETT
“Funding transportation systems that are safe, accessible and reliable throughout the state of Texas is paramount.”

REP. TONY DALE
“...we must act now or our traffic problems will get even worse. At the end of the day what many of us want is less time in our cars and more time with our families.”

REP. DREW DARBY
“Good roads and bridges keep your family safe and the Texas economy moving.”

REP. DONNA HOWARD
“...our state’s financial commitment to sound transportation infrastructure has not kept pace.”

REP. SYLVESTER TURNER
“Transportation funding must be one of our priorities...we simply can’t afford to fall further behind if we want our state’s economy to keep growing.”

February 8, 2015

“Texans typically need little convincing on the need for highway money. They voted overwhelmingly in November to ratify Proposition 1, a separate road-funding amendment that earmarked oil-production taxes for roads.”

February 16, 2015

“The Legislature has many challenges in this session, but one that cannot be put off any longer is our underfunded state roads. The math is simple: Texas needs at least $5 billion a year just to maintain the roads and highways we have now.”
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