**Gas Tax Facts**
State Transportation and Your Fuel Tax Dollars

**How much do I pay?**

- Our state gas tax is 20¢ per gallon.
- Of this, a nickel goes to public education.
- The average driver pays $9.52 a month in state fuel taxes.

After the nickel for public education, the monthly net to the highway fund is $7.14.

**Monthly state fuel tax examples**

- **2012 Ford F-150 Truck**
  - 18.5 miles per gallon
  - 1,000 miles driven per month
  - $10.81

- **2012 Nissan Altima Sedan**
  - 23.5 miles per gallon
  - 1,000 miles driven per month
  - $8.51

**Did you know?**

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

Because of inflation, we have less and less money available to pay for roads and bridges.

**What is the problem?**

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

In the past 40 years

- **125%** population
- **172%** vehicles
- **238%** highway use
- **19%** highway space

The average Texan loses nearly $1,000 and 44 hours every year due to traffic jams.
How does Texas compare to other states?

State Fuel Tax Rates

- California: $0.53
- Florida: $0.35
- Louisiana: $0.20
- Texas: $0.20
- New Mexico: $0.19
- Oklahoma: $0.17

State Vehicle Registration Rates

- $50.75 Texas Registration Fee

Source: American Petroleum Institute, State Motor Fuel Taxes, October, 2013

Sources of State Highway Fund Revenue
Estimate for 2014

- Motor Fuel Lubricants Tax: $43,275,000
- Motor Vehicle Certificates of Title Fees: $29,385,000
- Motor Vehicle Registration Fees: $1,390,378,000
- Special Vehicle Permit Fees: $105,927,000
- Sale of Publications/Advertising: $6,570,000
- Supplies/Equipment/Services—Federal/Other: $160,000,000
- Interest on State Deposits/Investments, General Non Program: $10,000,000
- Motor Fuel Taxes: $2,372,742,000*
- Other Revenue: $96,707,000
- Federal Sources: $4,310,198,000

TOTAL $8,525,182,000*

*Amount adjusted due to action by the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session


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How does the gas tax compare to other monthly expenses?

Eating Out $209
Utilities $309
Vehicle Insurance $93
Cell Phone Service $71
Routine Dog Care $86
Gym Membership $55
Cable Bundle (internet, television and telephone) $128

State Fuel Taxes $10
Federal Fuel Taxes $9

Motor Fuel Taxes $50.75

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