



THE FACTS ABOUT THE DEMOCRAT TRANSPORTATION BILL

Republicans who voted with the DFL: Abeler, Erhardt, Hamilton, Heidgerken, Peterson, Tingelstad

DEMOCRAT GAS TAX

- Gas tax increased to 8 ½ cents, with 5 ½ cents of that before the fall election.
- Total Minnesota gas tax would reach 28 ½ cents per gallon.
- Minnesota would have the 7th highest gas tax in the nation. (compared to other 49 states)
- The state's current 20 cent gas tax compares to the national weighted average gas tax of 19.25 cents
- Gas tax increase estimated to raise taxes \$2.474 BILLION over ten years.

DEMOCRAT SALES TAX

- Sales tax in seven-county metro area will be raised by county boards by a quarter of a cent with no referendum.
- With all seven counties, the tax increase would be \$1.132 BILLION over ten years.
- Entire amount raised would be dedicated to mass transit projects, both capital & operating.
- Up to ½ cent sales tax for transportation in greater Minnesota counties authorized with referendum required. Why it is fair to allow a referendum in part of the state, but not all, is unclear.
- If all 80 non-metro counties authorized at ½ cent the tax increase would be \$1.457 BILLION over 10 years.

DEMOCRAT LICENSE TAB TAX

- License tab tax increased on newly purchased cars and trucks.
- Tax based on the value of the vehicle, and bears no relationship to the use of roads.
- Tax increase for tabs estimated at \$1.979 BILLION over ten years.
- Purchaser of a new \$15,000 vehicle (Chevrolet Cobalt) would pay an extra \$117 over the first five years of registrations, but an extra \$70 over a total of 11 years since the depreciation schedule would be more advantageous for those additional years than existing law.
- Purchaser of new \$25,000 vehicle (Ford F-150) would pay an extra \$492 over the first five years of registrations and an extra \$579 over a total of 11 years.
- Purchaser of new \$35,000 vehicle (Ford Explorer) would pay an extra \$867 over the first five years of registrations and an extra \$1,129 over a total of 11 years.

*****THERE IS A BETTER WAY: THE REPUBLICAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN CONTAINS NO TAX INCREASES & OFFERS MORE MONEY FOR OUR ROADS & BRIDGES*****

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