

There's A BETTER ROAD FORWARD.



Tolling is a Very Real Threat in Missouri

Did You Know?

There is an effort in the Missouri legislature to implement a toll road scheme on our Missouri roads. The effort could circumvent the will of the people by passing a toll road scheme **WITHOUT** a vote of the people.

We already pay a gas tax. Now they want us to pay tolls too. This effort would only cover up the mismanagement of our road funds and will further damage local roads as drivers, including large trucks, use our local roads to avoid expensive tolls.

Stop Double Taxation:

A Better Road Forward is comprised of concerned citizens, small businesses, organizations and communities who are committed to solving Missouri's transportation crisis. We support increased transportation investment in Missouri, but we believe tolling fees on hard-working Missourians constitutes double taxation and will cost our communities jobs by increasing transportation costs. Tolling is not a solution to funding our transportation system. We believe efforts to increase taxes in the form of tolls without giving the public the right to vote is taxation without representation. **We are committed to stopping the efforts of unelected Jefferson City Bureaucrats from pressuring our legislature to implement toll roads without a vote of the people.**

Tolling Has a Significant Impact on Communities:

- *The threat is real, and it's happening right now* – Transportation department bureaucrats and special interests groups have laid the groundwork to execute on a toll road plan in



the coming months. They are pressuring the legislature and some groups have hired lobbyists to support a toll road in Missouri.

- It's not just I-70 – Transportation department bureaucrats have already mentioned the possibility of tolling projects on I-44 and U.S. Route 71.
- We already pay a gas tax, requiring us to pay a toll tax without a vote of the people is double taxation without representation!
- Toll roads are nothing more than an additional tax on hard-working Missourians and will lead to job losses and increased costs on Missouri small businesses.
- Toll roads and Public Private Partnerships have collapsed in states around the country, leaving taxpayers like us on the hook while wealthy corporate interests and foreign companies make billions on the backs of hard-working Missourians.
- In one particularly notable example, a foreign owned toll road operating in Indiana went bankrupt and was bought out by yet another foreign company. The organization that operated the Indiana tolling project has hired lobbyists in Missouri for tolling efforts.
- Without a public vote, toll roads are simply another big government tax that will end up in the pockets of unelected bureaucrats.
- Missourians should have the right to vote on how to fund transportation!
- Toll roads can cause delays and make roadways less safe by disrupting traffic patterns and forcing more traffic on to secondary and side roads.
- Tolling has been shown to divert traffic to county roads, costing counties surrounding tolling projects significant money in road maintenance and repair.
- A 2009 study in Pennsylvania found that shippers, truckers, and consumers would suffer a combined dead weight loss of between \$8 and \$15 million per year. Just one Missouri manufacturer on I-70 estimates their yearly losses to be as much as \$150,000.
- Transportation department bureaucrats claim they can't fund a new I-70 project, but they waste countless dollars on unused engineering surveys and wasteful building projects like swimming pools.

Join the Coalition Today:

These are our roads. Now it's time to make our voice heard. Join A Better Road Forward today! We are actively encouraging participants to make this issue known in their communities. If interested, please consider:

- Having your business endorse A Better Road Forward
- Donating to the coalition
- Contacting your legislators and elected officials to speak with them about tolling
- Distributing information and materials for A Better Road Forward
- Writing an Op Ed or Letter to the Editor to your local paper
- Arranging a local meeting or town hall event on behalf of A Better Road Forward
- Speaking on behalf of A Better Road Forward

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