

There's **A BETTER
ROAD FORWARD.**



Who is A Better Road Forward?

- 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.
- We believe tolling fees on Missourians constitutes double taxation and will cost jobs and increase transportation costs.
- We are a grassroots advocacy organization committed to stopping an unfair tolling scheme.

Why Now?

- MoDOT has been granted a federal waiver allowing them to toll on existing Interstate – with legislative approval.
- House Bill 155 (Rep. Kevin Corlew) would authorize tolling on I-70 and other existing Missouri Interstates.
- Supporters of toll roads have until the end of the legislative session (Mid-May) to authorize this measure.
- Pro-tolling forces have hired lobbyists and have garnered support amongst some members of the legislature to push for legislative authorization.

What Kind of Tolls?

- MoDOT is seeking authorization for a Public-Private Partnership (PPP or P3).
- In a PPP, a private company will assume responsibility for the road project in return for receiving the proceeds of the tolling fees for a set number of years (up to 99).
- In many states, such as Indiana and Texas, these companies are foreign owned.
- Macquarie Atlas Roads (Australia) currently has lobbyists hired to put pressure on the MO legislature.

Problems With PPPs?

- Virginia, Indiana, California, and Texas have all had significant problems with PPP operators.
- Many states have seen tolling fees rise due to an over-estimation of traffic volume. Some at up to 6% a year on average.
- Toll roads in Texas and Indiana have gone bankrupt – putting taxpayers in a precarious position.
- There is minimal accountability or taxpayer protections placed on these large corporate entities.

What Does This Mean for Missouri?

- Pro-Tolling forces are circumventing the public by trying to toll Missourians who use our interstates WITHOUT a vote of the people.
- Residents and small businesses in the I-70 corridor will incur most of the cost of rebuilding I-70 while MoDOT transfers funds to other state roads.
- Increased traffic on county and auxiliary roads poses threat to safety and long-term sustainability of these roads.
- Missouri will leverage it's largest asset (I-70) to a foreign owned company with minimal controls.

Economic Impact of Tolling

- A study in North Carolina found that diversion would cost businesses along I-95 \$1.1 Billion over a 36 year period.
- A study in Pennsylvania showed that shippers, truckers, and consumers would suffer an annual deadweight loss of between \$8 - \$15 Million / year.
- Just one local business estimated that tolling could cost them over \$150,000 / year in additional transportation costs.

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- Help us stop this misguided attempt by big government bureaucrats.
- A Better Road Forward formed because we believe that toll roads are NOT a viable solution to MO's transportation crisis.
- We are on the side of the voters, and stand against efforts by bureaucrats and the media telling us that tolling is the only option for Missouri.

We Can't Do It Without You:

- Join our coalition today!
- We are actively looking for advocates to speak on our groups behalf and to help recruit supporters from across Missouri.
- **Website:** www.BetterRoadMO.com
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