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If you've ever been on California or Louisiana roads, you know how bad some of the highways are. You can consider yourself lucky if you can play a CD and keep your soda in the cup holder. Of course, there are many roads like these and one of the cause they ended up like this because fuel prices are a bit low...

Sounds confusing a bit, but gas and diesel taxes haven't been increased since 1993. Traffic changed a lot since 20 years ago, but insufficient collected funds in the government's treasury meant roads had to remain at the bottom of the priorities list.

Nonetheless, it seems that US citizens won't have that much of a problem if fuel prices will rise up a bit if they'll get to drive on better roads and bridges as a result.

A new survey from AAA showed that **52 percent** of Americans are willing to **pay higher gasoline and diesel taxes** for better roads, bridges and mass transit systems. **42 percent** believe the country's **road network has declined** in quality over the previous three years **67% agree that taxes on fuel are appropriate** for transportation funding.

Unchanged since 1993, the federal Highway Trust Fund is supported by the 18.4 cents/gallon of gas and 24.4 cents/gallon of diesel taxes, but due to inflation and increased fuel economy of modern vehicles, the purchasing power of the current tax has been cut by a half.

Even worse, the Department of Transportation expects the federal Highway Trust Fund will run out of money this

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summer without Congressional action, further delaying transportation maintenance and improvements. As a result, 51 percent of Americans are more likely to vote for a member of Congress who supports increased federal spending on transportation.

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On 11 June 2014 at 15:27 UTC, MitchIguzin said:

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On 11 June 2014 at 15:33 UTC, MitchIguzin said:

What American's want is a government that doesn't waste billion's and billions and billion's and billion's of dollars on stupid crap, lining the pockets of defense contractors on vehicle systems that will never be used or implemented ie: <https://medium.com/war-is-boring/heres-how-the-military-wasted-your-money-in-2013-ec86786aae30>

How about the government stops asking or proposing more taxes until they learn how to manage and not grotesquely mismanaging it before they have the balls to ask for more???

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