

# Eco-friendly California looks beyond gas tax to fix roads

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SACRAMENTO, Calif.

In their search for new transportation funding, California lawmakers are confronting the unintended consequences of policies aimed at reducing emissions.

Gov. Jerry Brown has called on lawmakers to address a \$59 billion backlog in state infrastructure repairs while also slashing gasoline consumption.

California depends on taxes paid at the pump to fix roads. Gas tax revenues are falling as more fuel-efficient and electric cars hit aging roads.

Lawmakers in other states facing similar transportation shortfalls are proposing gas tax increases or flat fees for electric car drivers.

Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins is proposing an annual \$52-a-year fee for drivers in addition to gas taxes.

GOP leaders in the Legislature say the state should look for infrastructure repair money elsewhere in the budget before asking Californians to pay more.

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