

Hello,

My name is Mike LaPolla and I am interested in learning what actions or plans have been a laid in addressing the Transportation budget spending? We hear about the need to increase the tax on gasoline but we have not heard about any solutions to eliminate spending or practices within the PENNDOT that would save the tax payers money at the pump.

For instance, the prevailing wage law drives up costs of road construction by an average of 40% or higher. Have you thought about addressing the need to repeal this State Law?

The commonwealth can also save money by not REDIRECTING FUNDING to other projects like stadiums, convention centers, bike trails and new roads. ACT 44 promises \$250 million dollars annually to mass transit systems but there has not been a cost analysis on whether this is prudent use of funding.

The Commonwealth can also consider dissolving the Turnpike Commission with PENNDOT. This will save untold millions in our budget.

In 2006 the Pennsylvania Transportation Funding and Reform Commission claimed that funding should stop until the funding structure and business practices are reformed.

I, as a taxpayer, feel that it is unfair to increase the gasoline tax before the State considers looking at eliminating wasteful spending and reforming its practices. The State needs to reprioritize the projects and spending before coming to the public for help.

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