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Marty Knollenberg: The Problem with Michigan's Roads

Michigan has a \$52 billion budget —up \$3 billion two years ago. We have the 6th highest gas tax in the country. Yet, our roads are among the worst in the country. The problem with our roads isn't because our citizens are taxed *too little*, but because state government spends *too much* on the wrong priorities.

Marty Knollenberg: A Real Plan to Fix Our Roads — Without Raising Taxes.

Marty Knollenberg has been working with other conservative leaders to develop a reform plan to to allocate over **\$1 billion** a year — every year —to fix our roads.

Marty Knollenberg's reform plan is a permanent solution that will fix our roads and keep them fixed. The details of Marty Knollenberg's reform plan can be found on the other side of this flier.





Marty Knollenberg: My Plan to Fix Our Roads — And Keep Them Fixed

Dedicate 1.5% of Gasoline Sales for Roads.

Amount Raised: \$195 Million.

In addition to the state and federal taxes for each gallon of gasoline, you also pay a 6% sales tax. It doesn't go to roads. Dedicating 1.5% of the 6% gasoline sales tax puts money back where it belongs — our roads.

Repeal Michigan's Prevailing Wage Laws.

Amount Raised: \$415 Million

These laws set pay levels for public construction projects — often at levels 25% higher than the private sector. Repeal this giveaway and put the money into roads.

Dedicate 1% of Use Tax Revenue to Roads.

Amount Raised: \$239 Million

This is part of a legislative reform proposal previously introduced in the State House.

Redirect Oil & Gas Royalty Revenue to Roads

Amount Raised: \$35 Million

The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has \$35 million a year in excess funds. This unexpected windfall should be rerouted to maintaining Michigan's roads.

Competitively Bid Certain State Agency Services

Amount Raised: \$122 Million

The Legislature's House Fiscal Agency identified \$2.4 billion in state spending where savings of a mere 3% would result in a \$72 million savings. Additionally, competitively bidding the Corrections Department's Health and Medical Services could save another \$50 million for a total of \$122 million for roads.

Other Reform Ideas:

Marty Knollenberg believes the legislature must innovate and think outside of the box.

Following are several additional ideas to extend the life of our roads or increase that should be researched. Maybe the ideas ultimately prove to be good, maybe not. But we should examine all possibilities:

- (1) Reduce axle load requirement to preserve roads from excessive wear and tear
- (2) Require contractors to adhere to contract specifications
- (3) Insist on better contract warranties
- (4) Allow video poker in Michigan's racetracks and earmark the tax revenue for roads
- (5) Sell advertising space on Michigan Lottery tickets
- (6) Lease access to harvesting and grazing on public land
- (7) Lease the naming rights to public buildings and for concession operations
- (8) Sell advertising on the mi.gov website

Other legislators, reformers and citizens have proposed creative solutions to lower overall transportation costs, provide better value for taxpayers, and identify new sources of revenue that do not include higher taxes. These, too, should be investigated.

The bottom line is this: Our roads are embarrassing if we want to promote tourism, job creation and everyday road use. All the candidates say they will fix our roads, But **only Marty Knollenberg has put forward detailed and out-of-the-box solutions to actually fix our roads and keep them fixed.**

Fix Our Roads. Vote Knollenberg on August 5th