## Invest in Illinois!

Are we supporting the infrastructure that supports us?

An Infrastructure Investment Quiz


How much does the average motorist pay in state and federal taxes and fees to support Illinois roads and bridges each year?

- A. $\$ 600$ C. $\$ 750$
- B. \$372
D. $\$ 400$
- E. \$1,120

How much does the average motorist pay in state and federal taxes and fees to support Illinois roads and bridges each year?

- B. $\$ 372$ a year or \$31 per month or just over \$1 per day.


# What does it cost to repair one tire and rim after you hit a pothole? 

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\text { - A. } \$ 375 \quad \text { C. } \$ 245
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- B. $\$ 550$
D. $\$ 600$
- E. \$400


## How much does repair of one tire rim cost after you hit a pothole?

- B. $\$ 550$


Annual state and federal vs. repair of

## ONE tire and rim

- \$372 in annual state and federal taxes vs. \$550 in one-time repair costs.
- Plus the loss of personal time and the aggravation and discomfort of driving on bad roads


## What is the condition of our roads in 2014? ... In 2019?

- Today approximately $\underline{85 \%}$ of state roads are in good repair. Said differently, 8.5 out of every 10 miles of roads you drive are in acceptable condition today.
- In 2019, if no additional dollars are available than what is currently estimated the percentage of roads in acceptable condition falls to 65\%.
- More than 1 in every 3 miles of road will be in an unacceptable condition


## Why the dramatic decline in road conditions?

- Motor Fuel Tax has not been raised in over 20 years
- Motor Fuel Tax is "weight-based" tax -- as fuel consumption falls so does revenue.
- Costs of repairing and updating roads continue to climb with 2012 costs exceeding $240 \%$ of what they were in 2000.
- Illinois Jobs Now! bonds nearly exhausted
- Higher costs, fewer funds to pay for it = declining road conditions


## Cost Increases, Lagging Revenues



Average Salary


Data from the Social Security Administration's Average Wage Index and TrueCar.com cost report

## Review of Costs

- Drivers pay an average of $\$ 31$ a month, just $\$ \mathbf{1}$ a day, in gas tax and registration and license fees to pay for maintenance and improvement of roads, bridges and transit systems in Illinois.
- Most drivers pay more for cell phones, cable TV, electricity, natural gas



## Cost comparison

- Transportation fees: $\$ 31 /$ month
- Cable TV: average $\$ 74 /$ month
- Electricity: average of $\$ 75$ a month
- Natural Gas: average of \$70 a month
- Cell phone: average $\$ 99$ a month

- We all rely on these services to get us where we need to go and keep us connected to family, friends, employment, etc.

How much more would increased gas tax cost the average driver?

- 10 cent a gallon increase: $\$ 6$ a month
- 15 cent a gallon increase: $\$ 8.50$ a month
- 19 cent a gallon increase: $\$ 10.80$ a month
- Even if we doubled the current gas tax, the average driver would only be paying $\mathbf{\$ 4 1 . 8 0}$ a month for transportation


## Invest in Illinois! <br> A Lot of Gain for Very Little Pain

- Safe and efficient transportation networks drive economic growth and decaying transportation networks stifle it
- A small investment pays big dividends for each of us - keeping costs of goods lower, allowing us comfortable and safe travel, demonstrating to the world that Illinois is a good place to invest, grow and live.
- Consider your investment in the future. Is it enough to support the community where you live?

