

Mobile mayor supports raising gas tax

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A National Transportation Research Group (TRIP) reports



Mobilians are wasting unnecessary money because of bad roads.

"Nearly a third of roads here in the Mobile area are either poor or in mediocre condition, so drivers are hitting extra potholes and having to spend more to repair the damage and drivers also losing more time stuck in traffic congestion," says Associate Director of Communications for TRIP Carolyn Kelly.

(image: WPMI) Mobile mayor supports raising gas tax

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Paying more at the pump might save you money in the end.

Currently, drivers who purchase gas in the city of Mobile pay 24 cents in tax on every gallon of gas.

The 1 cent increase that is proposed would mean roughly \$660,000/year in new money for the city.

It's money that Mayor Sandy Stimpson says would be used to make road improvements.

"We don't know exactly what it is, but we realized the importance of getting something done and whatever the outcome is we will be getting more than what we have today. It is just crucial that we not miss this opportunity to have an infrastructure package," says Mayor Stimpson.

Mobile County Commissioner Merceria Ludgood says without the money surrounding cities would be in trouble.

"The money that comes from Mobile County is spent in our 11 municipalities including city of mobile. Many of our municipalities would not be able to do infrastructure work at all where it not for the county," says Ludgood.

[The governor will be announcing the specifics of this plan Wednesday.](#)