

# Fessler seeks gas tax hike to aid roads

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State Sen. Richard Fessler will hold public hearings this summer on his two bills to raise the state fuel tax by two cents a gallon and use the revenue to pay for \$900 million in highway bonds.

"The state is headed for a transportation disaster," said Fessler, R-Union Lake, "that threatens to curtail the growth and development in the (Oakland) County. Those problems are also prevalent throughout the state."

His Senate Bills 488 and 489 will send \$548 million to counties, cities and villages and \$352 million to specified state highway projects. They were introduced last week.

Big winners of state projects will be Oakland and Kent counties and the Davison Freeway in the middle of Detroit.

A spokesman for the Oakland County Road Commission said his agency hadn't seen the bill and couldn't analyze its local impact.

IF ADOPTED, the bills would raise Michigan's fuel tax from the current 15 cents to 17 cents effective next Jan. 1.

Fessler chairs the Senate State Affairs and Transportation Committee, which will schedule public hearings shortly, an aide said.

Calling road needs "overwhelming," Fessler said, "Local governments are no longer able to keep up with aging streets and the demand for improvements."

Although Fessler guided a package of bills raising licenses and fees through the Legislature in the past two years, the Legislature hasn't tackled a big money proposal such as fuel taxes since 1982, when it hiked them two cents.

Gov. James J. Blanchard has resisted a fuel tax, but pressure from legislators for road money has been mounting.

HERE ARE the state projects in southeastern Michigan that would be paid for under the new bills:

- M-59 from I-96 in Livingston County to its terminus in Macomb County — \$95 million.

- M-9 (the Haggerty Road corridor in western Oakland County) north of I-96 — \$70 million.

- M-275 between I-75 and M-59 in northern Oakland County — \$32 million.

- M-15 in northern Oakland County — \$1.5 million for capacity improvements.

- Davison Freeway in Wayne County — \$15 million for reconstruction.

Outstate projects include:

- M-6 South Beltway in Grand Rapids — \$120 million.

- US-131 north of Cadillac — \$15 million for completion.

IN A STATEMENT, Fessler said those projects had been listed by Blanchard and the state Transportation Commission as priorities.

One bill specifies the new money "shall not replace other state money committed to these projects. The state Transportation Department shall continue to pursue federal funds for these projects."

Another section requires federal funds not already allocated to an economic development fund to be used on this list of projects.



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