

Road report gets bumpy response

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Farmington Hills City Council members listened to both state Legislators provide details on the state's transportation package Monday.

The package would fuel \$481 million new money into transportation — \$200 million of which will be raised from a 4-cent increase in the gasoline tax. The state House and Senate have approved the proposal.

The major difference is state Sen. Willis Bullard, R-Milford, voted for the 4-cent gas tax increase; state Rep. Andrew Raczkowski did not.

"What we haven't done is squeezed the juice out of the apple," Raczkowski said. "We just seem to do is raise taxes willy-nilly."

Another \$400 million could've been raised from growth in government, which doesn't recede even in recessionary times, Raczkowski said. The freshman

rep also believes privatization of state rest stops could raise between \$14-\$25 million and suggested a rainy day fund for roads be established.

Farmington Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi wanted to know if Raczkowski's plan was so sound, why didn't other lawmakers jump on it?

Long-term politicians tend to have a narrow perspective what it comes to such issues, Raczkowski said. Besides, added the freshman state rep, it's easi-

er to raise taxes in a non-election year.

"Look for tax cuts next year," Raczkowski said.

Councilman Terry Sever urged Raczkowski to take up the cause in the House to add at least \$200 million more to the road package next year.

"If you could do that, it would be great because we know \$400 million is not going to take us there," Sever said.

Consider it done, Raczkowski said.

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