

Not Enough (175 words)

Some argue against Proposal 1 – the safe roads proposal on the May 5 statewide ballot – by claiming there is enough money in the state budget to fix our crumbling roads and bridges. The state budget is \$52 billion – a huge number. But the vast majority of those funds are federal dollars that can't, by law, be used for essential state purposes such as keeping our roads and bridges safe. The fact is, Michigan now spends less per resident on roads than any other state. We are dead last in per-capita funding for roads. And we've let the politicians send gas taxes away from roads and transportation. Proposal 1 solves the problem: it guarantees every penny we pay at the pump in state gas taxes goes to transportation. This proposal is not perfect ... nothing from Lansing ever is. We must vote YES for Proposal 1 in May because it's our last chance to fix Michigan's roads for years – if not decades – and to end the road tax shell game in Lansing.