

Proposition 141 – SCR 1004 (2025) – AGAINST ARGUMENTS

Vote NO on the Arizona Prohibit Taxes or Fees on Miles Traveled in Motor Vehicle Amendment for the following reasons:

1) Arizona's transportation system improvements are funded primarily by a tax assessed per gallon of fuel purchased. Over time, revenues from this fuel tax have eroded due to inflation, fuel-efficient vehicles, and electric vehicles. Arizona's Long Range Transportation Plan identified \$231.4 billion is needed for transportation projects over the next 25 years, but only \$69.1 billion of forecasted revenue using the existing fuel tax, leaving a funding gap of \$162.3 billion. That means only 30% of needed transportation improvements can be funded. Do you want only 30% of road potholes filled? Or only 30% of bridges kept in good condition?

2) To address this huge funding gap, we need more options—not fewer options—for generating the needed revenue to keep Arizona's transportation system in good shape. A tax/fee based on vehicle miles traveled is one potential funding mechanism that would more equitably assess vehicles for their proportional “wear-and-tear” on the transportation system. While a vehicle miles traveled tax/fee is not the only funding option to generate additional revenue, it seems short-sided and premature to prohibit it before even conducting analysis to determine if it could be an effective way to help alleviate Arizona's transportation funding crisis.

If you want funding options for a safe, efficient, and well-maintained transportation system in Arizona, vote NO on this constitutional amendment measure.

Michael Grandy, Traffic Engineer and Road Safety Professional, Gilbert

Prop XXX is a ludicrous, conspiracy-fueled waste of our time — but it would have real-world consequences.

Based on an absurd myth from fringe extremists, this legislative referral would prevent Arizona's ever-increasing number of electric vehicle owners from paying their fair share of the actual costs of road construction and repair.

Anyone who drives a gas-fueled vehicle pays 18 cents in tax on every gallon of gas. Meanwhile, plug-in EVs are getting a free pass, because they don't pay gas taxes. One strategy for leveling the playing field would ask them to contribute based on miles traveled. Prop XXX would change our state Constitution to keep that from ever happening.

Years of deferred maintenance are taking a toll on Arizona's roads. Arizona has the third-worst maintained highways in the nation, with only 35% of our pavement in good condition. Meanwhile, Arizona's gas tax doesn't account for inflation and hasn't gone up in decades. Its buying power is now roughly half what it used to be.

How are we going to fix our roads? The same far-right conspiracy theorists who think the government wants to keep Americans from traveling freely are trying to cement their nonsense into the state Constitution. They've allowed our state's road maintenance to spiral into a crisis, and now they want to make it worse by fooling us into passing Prop XXX? No thanks.

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Voters have better things to do than deal with this type of clutter on our ballots. We hope lawmakers will work harder in the future to find more substantive projects that benefit the Arizona voters they purport to serve. We urge you to vote NO.

Melinda Iyer, Co-Director, Civic Engagement Beyond Voting, Phoenix and Catherine Sigmon, Co-Director, Civic Engagement Beyond Voting, Tempe
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As Chair of the Arizona State Transportation Board and President/CEO of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council, I urge voters to reject Proposition XXX.

Arizona's infrastructure is the backbone of a strong economy. Every day, businesses, workers, and families depend on a safe and reliable transportation system to move goods, access jobs, and keep our economy growing.

At first glance, this proposal may sound like it protects privacy and prevents new taxes. In reality, it would limit Arizona's ability to plan, modernize, and responsibly fund the transportation system we all rely on.

Today, Arizona's roads and highways are funded mainly through gas taxes, vehicle registration fees, and federal dollars. Those revenue sources are struggling to keep pace with our population growth, rising construction costs, and increasingly fuel-efficient vehicles that generate less gas tax revenue. Electric vehicles do not pay fuel taxes, yet contribute to wear and tear on our roads, further straining a system that relies heavily on gas tax revenue. As a result, Arizona already faces significant long-term transportation funding challenges.

Rather than allowing policymakers to explore future solutions, Proposition XXX would permanently prohibit consideration of vehicle-miles-traveled (VMT) funding options, even voluntary or pilot programs designed to evaluate whether such approaches could work for Arizona. It would also restrict state and local governments from studying innovative funding models that may be needed as transportation technology and travel patterns continue to evolve. This measure would lock Arizona into outdated constraints and make it harder to modernize how we fund critical infrastructure. Other states are responsibly studying these tools, and Arizona should be able to do the same.

This measure removes important policy options and limits Arizona's ability to meet the infrastructure demands of a growing state and remain economically competitive.

For these reasons, I urge a NO vote on Proposition XXX.

Ted Maxwell, President/CEO, Southern Arizona Leadership Council, Oro Valley

Communities across Arizona are struggling to afford the cost of building and maintaining roads. With the proliferation of electric vehicles and cars becoming generally more efficient, returns from the fuel tax that funds the bulk of Arizona's highway system have been diminishing even as our needs as a growing state are expanding. Proposition XXX effectively shuts down a potential solution to the problem.

As a transportation planner in rural Arizona and a member of the House Transportation

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Committee, I was involved in discussion about this issue years ago. A tax on vehicle miles travelled (VMT), which would actually reflect how people use the roads, was seen as a potential solution, if it could be made to work. Even now, this remains mostly theoretical, and it seems that this is mostly a boogiemer raised by partisan think-tanks to end any talk of addressing a status quo that simply is not working for Arizonans.

The state currently suffers from an estimated \$68 billion in unmet needs to our transportation system. This is particularly acute in rural areas, where people do more driving, and, therefore, under the current system, are effectively subsidizing road improvements in urban and suburban areas and seeing little return in their own communities. Proposition XXX maintains this inequity and threatens public safety and economic development in rural Arizona.

Proposition XXX is meant to silence any conversation of addressing Arizona's real transportation needs and closes the door on innovation. It deserves a "no" vote.

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SCR 1004 - Prohibits the state from taxing drivers based on the number of miles driven. This is another wackadoodle Hoffman measure that never would have made it past the Governor's veto pen but has been pushed onto the November ballot giving us a two-page, four-sided ballot. Gee thanks Jake! By having to report a driver's miles, he believes that the government could use that information against a driver. I believe that the advent of electric vehicles and all the new modes of transportation available to the consumer requires us to give deep consideration to all forms of data required to make intelligent decisions that will affect so much in the future, not make kneejerk reactions. Vote No on Proposition SCR 1004.

Timothy Everhard, Director, Arizonans for Freedom, Peoria