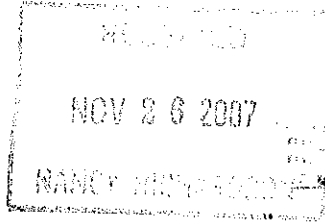


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November 20, 2007

Governor Chet Culver
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1007 East Grand Ave.
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Re: Transportation Investment Moves the Economy in the 21st Century (TIME-21)

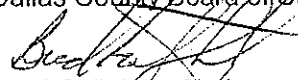
Dear Governor Culver:

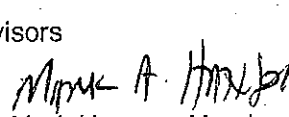
As you are aware, the legislature is considering several alternatives that would increase funding for Iowa's transportation system (2007 Iowa Acts, H.F. 932). The Department of Transportation will receive the majority of funding generated for TIME-21, which is a worthy investment in our primary road system. That increased funding is also crucial at the local level, especially since federal funding will be reduced with the upcoming transportation bill.


Iowa's road infrastructure is chiefly funded through the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF). That fund supplements county secondary road budgets and also provides dedicated monies for the Farm-to-Market system. Most of those fund revenues are generated by the gasoline tax that was set at 20¢ in 1989 when fuel cost \$1/gallon at the pump. That tax has not increased in eighteen years although the cost of asphalt, concrete, structural steel and construction has more than doubled. While other sources may supplement the RUTF, an increase in the gasoline tax is justified and necessary.

Our constituents are concerned about the condition of our roadway infrastructure. We appreciate your consideration and encourage your support of TIME-21.

Sincerely,
Dallas County Board of Supervisors


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