



A letter from Jim Manion,
President, AAA Idaho

Idahoans deserve better roads and fair funding.

Dear Fellow Idahoans,

Whether you drive a passenger car or a big rig, good roads and bridges are essential. We all have a stake in maintaining Idaho's roads – and we all should pay our fair share.

For years, our investment in roadway maintenance hasn't kept pace with the need. Meanwhile, our system of roads and bridges has grown larger and is showing its age. We're now reaching a crisis point. Falling behind is bad for public safety and bad for our economy.

Soon legislators will decide whether to support up to \$262 million annually in additional funding for Idaho's roads. We believe support for new funding

will be greater if the proposed solution guarantees that everyone contributes fairly.

For more than a decade, that hasn't been the case. In fact, according to a recent study,¹ cars currently pay 26 percent more than their fair

share, while smaller trucks that operate within the state pay 36 percent more. Meanwhile, big rig trucks are underpaying their share by 27 percent.

On behalf of 120,000 AAA members in the state, AAA Idaho advocates for road safety and quality. We support a collaborative, sensible approach to address this problem fairly. The details are spelled out at BetterRoadsforIdaho.com.

As lawmakers consider solutions, they should be guided by three important principles:

- Make the process transparent
- Make it accountable
- Make it fair

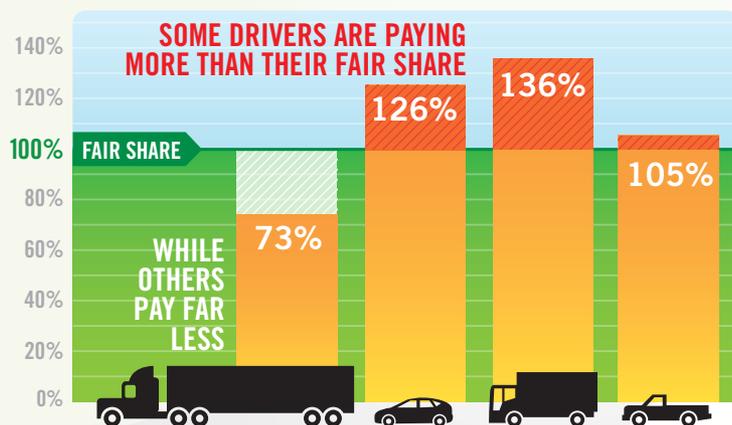
Funding our roads and bridges is good for Idaho, good for jobs and good for safety. Whatever path we take to get there, it must be fair for all Idahoans.

You don't have to be a AAA member to join us. To see what you can do, or to share your opinions, visit www.BetterRoadsforIdaho.com or write me at jim.manion@AAAIdaho.com.

Sincerely,



Jim Manion
AAA Idaho President



SOURCE: 2010 IDAHO HIGHWAY COST ALLOCATION STUDY, BATTELLE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE, OCT. 2010
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Find out more and add your voice for Idaho's roads at www.BetterRoadsforIdaho.com

1. 2010 Idaho Highway Cost Allocation Study, Battelle Memorial Institute, Oct. 2010

