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### **SAFERMO.COM LAUNCHES PROPOSITION D CAMPAIGN WEBSITE**

The SaferMO.com committee on Tuesday launched a website – [www.SaferMO.com](http://www.SaferMO.com) – to help Missourians learn about Proposition D, the statutory ballot measure for funding safe roads and bridges.

“[SaferMO.com](http://www.SaferMO.com) wants to make it as convenient as possible for Missourians to learn more about Proposition D. The new website will be a handy resource for information at a click about the critical needs, costs and solutions for safer roads and bridges in Missouri,” said Colonel Ron Replogle, Honorary Chairman of SaferMO.com and retired Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. SaferMO.com is also launching Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SaferMOcom/> and Twitter @SaferMOcom accounts to promote Prop D.

Proposition D appears on Missouri’s November 6, 2018, general election ballot. It was referred to state voters by the Legislature. Prop D phases in a 2.5 cents annual motor fuels tax increase over four years.

When fully implemented, Prop D is estimated to bring in \$412 million annually in new money for safe road and bridge projects statewide. That includes \$288 million in new annual state-level funding for safer highways and bridges, plus about \$124 million annually divided evenly between counties and cities for local projects.

### **BACKGROUND ON PROPOSITION D**

Prop D improves safety OF highways and bridges by providing funding for construction and maintenance - and it improves safety ON highways and bridges by separating and stabilizing funding for the Missouri State Highway Patrol to protect and respond to motorists and their families.

Prop D is a statutory change allowing a 2.5-cents-per-gallon tax increase on gas and diesel annually for four years, resulting in an overall 10-cent increase in 2022 (revenues from the phase-in start coming in next year). The new funding will allow money now used by the Highway Patrol for road safety and enforcement to be spent on construction and maintaining safe



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highways and bridges. Every 2.5-cent increase in the motor fuels tax will cost the average driver an estimated \$2.04 per month.

Our current 17 cents per gallon fuel tax is the fourth lowest in the country - Missouri ranks 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation, and 46<sup>th</sup> in the nation in revenue per mile of highway. Most states with lower fuel taxes – Oklahoma is an example - make extensive use of toll roads, which Missouri does not allow.

In passing House Bill 1460 and sending it to the statewide ballot, Missouri lawmakers are giving voters the final say about providing new funding for safer roads and bridges in our state.

That's why SaferMO.com is building our coalition to urge a YES vote on Prop D for safer roads. Prop D is supported by a broad and diverse statewide coalition that includes farmers, business people, labor, local governments, and law enforcement. Check out SaferMO.com to learn more about how Prop D benefits safer roads and bridges in your local community and statewide.

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