Americans who drive gasoline-powered cars spend an average of **$274.69 annually on gas taxes**, the primary funding source for maintaining and building U.S. roads and bridges.

Federal and state gas taxes are critical to funding repairs and improvements to our transportation networks, which are vital to the mobility that underpins economic prosperity, strong communities and high quality of life. An increase in the federal gas tax, which hasn't been raised since 1993, can make a meaningful, short-term difference. New thinking also is needed for the long term. Better engines, the growth of electric vehicles and concerns about carbon-based fuels will continue to diminish gas taxes' ability to meet the nation's transportation needs.

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