

Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor

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Dear Madam:

The following Criteria for upgrading our roads and bridges is presented for your Consideration:

1. Do not raise the gas tax. (detrimental to economic growth.)
2. Strictly enforce the existing traffic laws, i.e. speeding, illegal lane changes, no use of turn signals, etc. Use the fines as road/bridge repair funds.
3. Raise the maximum sales tax on vehicles. The \$300⁰⁰ max. should be increased on vehicles. (Those that can afford a \$50,000⁰⁰ auto can pay the tax of 6%, for example)
4. Place a license fee on the trailers used by building/Corporate business to transport materials and equipment to job sites. (They are usually wider and loaded heavier than trailers used by households and weekly/monthly users) Fees applied to the highway/bridge fund.
5. Road/Bridge contractors should be held to the Contract specifications and meet the design/build schedule dates. If dates not met, fine the Contractor.
6. Increase maintenance of existing structures and roads. (Paint the support, steel beams, remove the salt/brine mixture on bridges after icing requirements are terminated, Clean out bridge scuppers to allow water and small debris to wash off the bridge.
7. Pothole repairs improved from repair now used.
8. Minimize use of highway funds to aid real estate developed road entrances to these developments.

8. (Cont'd.) (The practice of widening standard road widths to enhance entry to these developments)
9. Do not allow eighteen wheelers to make city / town deliveries to stores. They are not able to navigate the right angle turns without getting onto curbs / sidewalks and shoulders of the road w/o damaging them. (Use 6 wheel vehicles).
10. Increase load inspections on eighteen wheel vehicles. Insure no vehicle overload on our highways. (Preventative measure.)
11. Stop those (and there are many) who "run" amber and red lights. They cause accidents that impair life and limbs as well as property damage. Use fines for funding repairs.
12. Be very selective where to build / resurface roads and interchanges.

I have experience designing bridges and road approaches on the National Interstate Highway system as well as designing the same systems for several states and local counties.

I would be willing to meet with you (at my own expense) to further discuss this issue.

I await your response.

Sincerely,

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