



# CITY OF FLORISSANT

*Honorable Thomas P. Schneider, Mayor*

**REQUEST TO GOVERNOR NIXON TO CALL A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION TO RAISE THE GAS TAX SO AS TO AVOID A CERTAIN  
FORFEITURE OF THE 80% FEDERAL MATCHING HIGHWAY DOLLARS  
THAT MISSOURI DESPERATELY NEEDS IN 2017 AND 2018.**

May 21, 2015

Dear Governor Nixon,

As you may know, I represent the St. Louis County Municipal League on the East West Gateway Council of Governments. At my request, East West Gateway, St. Louis County Municipal League, North County Incorporated, and the Engineers Club of St. Louis have joined many other Missouri organizations in supporting legislation to increase funding for MODOT so as not to forfeit hundreds of millions of federal highway dollars.

On Friday, April 21, I hosted a news conference near the intersection of I-270 and New Florissant Road in Florissant. The purpose was to draw attention to an avoidable crisis and to encourage our Missouri Legislature to support a 2-cent fuel tax increase in order for Missouri to qualify for badly needed federal matching funds for the Missouri Department of Transportation.

**Without this 2-cent tax increase Missouri will forfeit hundreds of millions of dollars in matching federal funds beginning in 2017/2018 and prevent thousands of jobs in our State.**

Right now, Missouri has the seventh-largest highway system in the nation but ranks 46<sup>th</sup> in revenue spent per mile. Funding for MODOT's annual construction budget has fallen from \$1.3 billion in 2009 to \$700 million in 2014 to a projected \$325 million in 2017 for Missouri's 34,000 miles of roads and 10,400 bridges.

At a \$325 million investment, it will take the entire budget to keep Missouri's approximately 8,000 miles of primary roads and bridges (Missouri's 325 System) in their current condition. This will allow only limited routine maintenance on the state's 26,000 miles of supplementary roads and bridges. Their condition will deteriorate.

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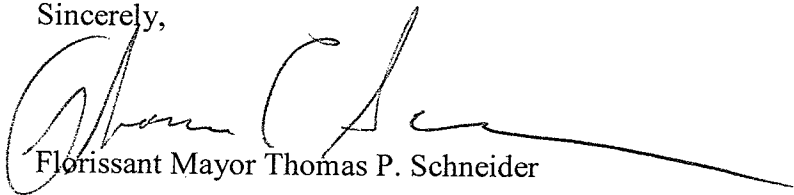
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**Highway and bridge construction investment in Missouri per mile is much less than that of all eight of our adjoining states, by almost 50 percent compared to the NEXT lowest (Nebraska). In 2017, Missouri will not have enough money to match federal funds, meaning Missouri will lose that federal 4-to-1 investment.**

Please join me and other local elected and appointed officials at this timely juncture and demand that the legislature not let us down. **It was important and welcome news that you expressed your support for this critically needed 2-cent fuel tax increase and the work and jobs that come with it. Now we are asking for a special session so that the residents of Missouri will be able to expect that at least our state will not forfeit the Federal Match Missouri deserves and our residents expect.**

Thank you and please let us know if we can offer any other support to your office to ensure funding for Missouri's roads and bridges and the jobs created to maintain them for the next generation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Thomas P. Schneider', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Florissant Mayor Thomas P. Schneider