



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

CRASH TEST...

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Well, here we go again, a transportation bill that needs to "Crash & Burn". On February 5, 2009 the Colorado Senate passed a transportation bill that would create new registration fees and increase existing fees. According to the January 26, 2009 Fiscal Note, SB09-108 sponsored by Senator Gibbs (D) of Boulder County, and Rep. Rice (D) of Arapahoe County would create and increase the following fees, fines and surcharges:

Type of Fee	Current Fee	New Fee	Fee Change	Number Vehicles Affected	Total Fee Increase
Road Safety Surcharge	\$0.00	\$23.13	\$23.13	5,580,862	\$129,079,385
Bridge Safety Surcharge	\$0.00	\$9.15	\$9.15	5,580,862	\$51,050,525
Daily Rental Car Fee	\$0.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	12,138,750	\$24,277,500
Oversize Vehicle Surcharge	\$79.60	\$159.20	\$79.60	54,847	\$4,366,046
Late Registration Fee	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$15.00		
TOTAL INCREASES:					\$208,773,456

SB09-108 not only increases and creates new fees it includes numerous provisions for toll roads and toll highways. An amendment was added to the bill that would allow existing public roads to convert to toll roads.

In summary, in its current form, SB09-108 creates a new "Road Safety Surcharge", "Bridge Safety Surcharge", "Daily Rental Car Fee" and increases the fees on oversized vehicles and late registration fees. This transportation bill creates several new governmental entities within the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT); Statewide Bridge Enterprise, High Performance Transportation Enterprise, Mileage Based Revenue Commission, and Efficiency and Accountability Committee.

The combination of higher fees combined with additional government regulation in SB09-108 sets up a collision course between the fiscal minded legislators and the unrealistic tax and spends policymakers. As a fiscal hawk, I strongly oppose SB09-108 and am hopeful you will lend your support in defeating this legislation.

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