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Letter of the day: Two views on transportation amendment

The Twin Cities metropolitan area is clogged with traffic congestion, and outstate Minnesota needs better and safer ways to get its goods to market. To achieve these goals, we need an influx of transportation revenue.

Minnesota AAA believes that an appropriate way to increase transportation funding is to use the current motor vehicle sales tax, and urges voters to support the transportation constitutional amendment on Nov. 7.

While these funds would be a significant investment in transportation, they total less than 1 percent of the general fund. The current four-year budget forecast shows that transferring this money can be absorbed without leaving a hole in the General Fund.

Voting "yes" for this amendment will not increase taxes, but it will provide the entire state with more money for roadways and transit.

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By voting for the transportation amendment, I would feel as if I'm enabling a failed Legislature and governor. So rather than vote for it, I'm going to vote against it and also vote for someone besides Gov. Tim Pawlenty and my legislators.

I'll continue to vote for a challenger until we get the Legislature and governor that we deserve.

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