



## DON HUFFINES

STATE SENATOR • DISTRICT 16

Like you, I'm sick of wasting time in traffic when I could be doing more productive things: working, spending time with family, or enjoying those precious few leisure moments. That's one of the reasons I ran to be your state Senator: to fix our roads, meet the booming demand, and move away from toll roads!

The Legislature and Texas voters worked together last year to make great progress on that front. On November 4, 2015, 83.9 percent of Texas voters approved of Proposition 7, an amendment to the Texas Constitution that establishes a dedicated funding stream for roads and transportation. Proposition 7 will allocate as much as \$3 billion of the existing sales tax and motor vehicle sales taxes to road construction and maintenance for free, public roads. This amendment takes existing dollars and spends them on a priority area that has been neglected for too long. Importantly, the amendment specifically prohibits the money from being spent on toll roads.

Now, we must keep the momentum going to get more funding for roads without raising taxes or fees, and without tolls! We are blessed to have a growing state and a strong economy, but our success brings challenges, and our road funding has not kept up with our growth. For decades, Texas has relied on debt and toll roads to keep pace with our growing transportation needs. This is an unsustainable model, and we can do better. Texans deserve a 21st Century system of roads that move our economy and improve our quality of life. In the next legislative session - which begins in January 2017 - we must continue to do more to get ahead of our population growth and inflation. We must keep goods and people moving, both within our communities and across our great state, and we must do so without raising taxes! Transportation finance - and moving away from costly toll roads - remain among my top priorities.

Of course, in addition to reprioritizing existing state revenue to be used on transportation infrastructure, we must also make better use of the transportation dollars we already have. That means making sure projects are forward-thinking to meet the long-term needs of our state and, ensuring that all transportation planners and agencies - federal, state, and local - are transparent and accountable to the taxpayers.

In closing, I do have one important update to share with you. The expansion and redevelopment of 635E is a project of major importance to residents of Lake Highlands, Garland, Rowlett, and all of the greater Dallas area. The project is rapidly coming together. The completed project will feature 2 to 3 lanes of continuous service roads, 5 main lanes, and 4 center lanes with limited access (to be used for freight, HOV, or other purposes). As much as 1/3 of the project might include a tolled managed lane component, but I'm pleased to report that the majority of the road will be free for all drivers! Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in 2017, and I am in constant contact with local officials to get that date set in stone.

I am your employee. It is my job to represent you, so please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach my Dallas office at (214) 239-6131, or my Capitol office at (512) 463-0116.

In Liberty,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Huffines".

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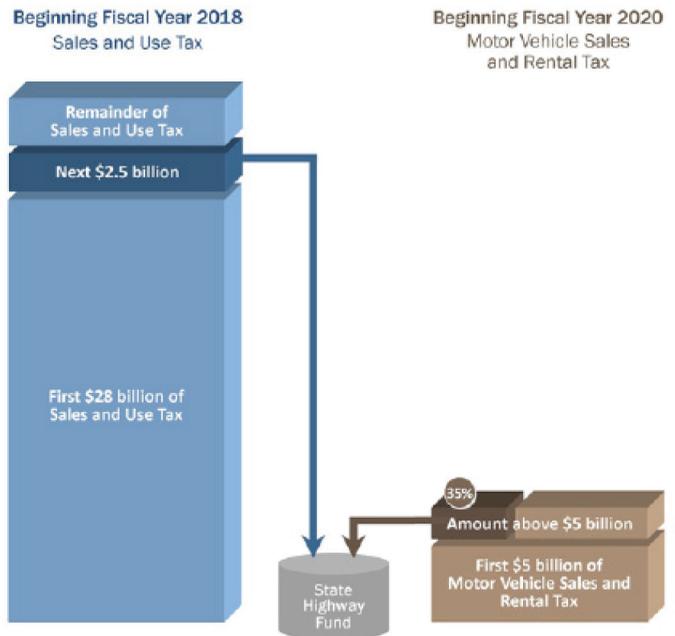
About Don Huffines:

As a fifth generation Texan, my family has a strong legacy of hard work and faith in God. My wife of 28 years, Mary Catherine, and I have raised four sons and one daughter. My family started out in Texas as farmers, working the land by hand. In 1924, my grandfather started an automobile business which he built into a company that my family still owns and operates to this day. My business, Huffines Communities, is one of the largest real-estate land developers in the Dallas/Fort Worth region. My family and I are proud to have rooted ourselves in the Dallas area.



PROPOSITION 7 - NOVEMBER 3, 2015	
IN FAVOR	1,295,248 83.24%
AGAINST	260,810 16.76%
RACE TOTAL	1,556,058

Source: Texas Secretary of State



Source: TXDOT

“To fully experience liberty,  
we must have a virtuous society.”  
– Senator Don Huffines