

Major House District 20 Issues

For our district, I believe that the most pressing issue is the expansion of I-25, from Colorado Springs to Denver. Many of you commute to Denver, Castle Rock or places in between. Even if you don't, you still probably go North for appointments or sporting events. If you hit rush hour, either coming or going, it can add 50% to the time it takes you to get to where you are going. Add snow or even rain, add another 50% in your travel time.

Sure, a train or other mass transit system would be great, but really expensive. Consequently, I believe that adding a new lane going both North and South would greatly help solve the problem.

How do we pay for this? I believe that a combination of public and private funds would work here. The new lanes could have tolls, similar to what are up in Denver on 470, where an electronic device can be purchased that the driver deposits an amount onto their device and drives in the "express lane," insuring faster driving time. The other two lanes would remain free. Each of us chooses which lane to take. And if you don't have one of those devices, but decide to drive on the express lane, the tollway captures your license and sends you a bill. It's that easy. The technology is already there and it works seamlessly.