

Oklahoma

STATE QUESTION FOR SPECIAL ELECTION September 13, 2005

STATE QUESTION NO. 723

INITIATIVE PETITION NO. 378

This measure adds Article XVI-A to the Oklahoma Constitution. The measure creates additional funds for building and rebuilding bridges and highways. It also prevents the Legislature from ever decreasing state funding for transportation below current levels.

The provision establishes a Bridge and Highway Trust Fund. The provision levies new gasoline and diesel fuel taxes. The new gasoline tax is capped at five cents per gallon. The new diesel tax is capped at eight cents per gallon. Eighty percent of the new gasoline tax and a portion of existing gasoline and diesel fuel taxes go into the Trust Fund. All new diesel fuel taxes go into the Trust Fund.

Ten percent of the new gasoline tax goes to county highway funds. Another ten percent goes to cities and towns for roads and bridges.

Available Trust Fund money could only fund the Department of Transportation's direct cost of building and rebuilding highways and bridges. No money from the new taxes can be used to incur debt.

The measure creates a committee to oversee both the use of the Trust's funds and the funding of transportation by the Legislature.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

**FOR THE PROPOSAL — YES
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL — NO**