



\$11 BILLION RELIEF PACKAGE FOR CALIFORNIANS FACING HIGHER GAS PRICES

Governor Newsom proposal will get \$400 checks in the hands of millions of Californians, provide free public transportation, and fast-track \$10 billion ZEV package

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- \$9 billion tax refund proposal would send \$400 checks to Californians per vehicle, exceeding the average amount of state excise taxes drivers pay over a year
 - Provide 3 months of free transit for upwards of 3 million Californians per day, new funding for biking and walking projects in local communities
 - Fast-track historic \$10 billion ZEV package to accelerate the transition to clean transportation while building more charging stations
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As people throughout the country face high gas prices, a direct result of Putin's war, Governor Newsom is proposing a nation-leading \$11 billion relief package to get money directly into the pockets of Californians and reduce the costs of gas.

Instead of relying on gas and oil companies – which continue to make record profits – to pass down the savings they'd get from lifting the gas tax, the Governor's proposal will provide direct relief to Californians while also fast-tracking programs to help Californians transition to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), building the necessary infrastructure to allow for this transition, provide free public transportation options, and invest in biking and walking projects throughout the state.

DIRECT PAYMENTS TO CALIFORNIANS, RELIEF FOR GAS PRICES

- **EVERY CALIFORNIA CAR OWNER GETS AT LEAST \$400, EXCEEDING AN AVERAGE YEAR'S COST OF STATE EXCISE GAS TAXES.** An average California driver spends approximately \$300 in gasoline excise tax over a year. The Governor's proposal exceeds that, providing a \$400 rebate to every eligible registered vehicle owner, capped at two per individual. This means that a household could receive multiple rebates depending on its number of registered car owners. The Governor's proposal covers up to 22 million rebates issued to eligible individuals totaling about \$9 billion.
- **PAUSING THE GAS TAX INCREASE.** In an effort to potentially lower the price of gasoline and provide some relief to consumers, the Governor's \$523 million proposal to forego the annual inflation adjustment to the per gallon fuel excise tax rate scheduled to occur on July 1, 2022 – pausing the gas tax increase.



- **RELIEF FOR DRIVERS OF DIESEL-POWERED VEHICLES.** Pause the General Fund portion of the sales tax rate on diesel, which is estimated at \$500-600 million for 12 months. This proposal will only impact the General Fund portion of the sales tax and will not impact any dedicated funds for transportation or local government.

FAST-TRACKING \$10 BILLION ZEV PACKAGE

- **FUNDING FOR CALIFORNIANS TO TRANSITION TO ZEVs, BUILDING MORE CHARGING STATIONS.** Accelerating a \$1.75 billion portion of Governor Newsom's \$10 billion ZEV proposal to move California toward clean transportation options that reduce our overall dependence on fossil fuels. This accelerated portion includes investments in more zero-emission passenger vehicles and charging infrastructure across the state.

FREE PUBLIC TRANSIT & ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- **PROVIDING \$750 MILLION IN INCENTIVE GRANTS TO LOCAL AGENCIES FOR FREE PUBLIC TRANSIT.** Incentive grants to transit and rail agencies to provide free transit for Californians for 3 months. To incent agency participation, grants totaling \$750 million will be provided to agencies. This proposed transit relief is intended to cover the equivalent of farebox revenues for at least 3 months. As a result, roughly 3 million Californians per day who take the bus, subway, and light rail won't have to pay a fare every time they ride.
- **INVESTING \$500 MILLION IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.** Allocate an additional \$500 million to local communities for Active Transportation Program projects that provide safer, more effective ways to increase the use of active transportation modes such as walking and biking.