

## Poll: Should NJ raise the gas tax to improve roads and bridges?



Recent polls show New Jersey voters have little appetite for increasing the gas tax to help pay for road projects. (Saed Hindash/The Star-Ledger)



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**TRENTON** — Should New Jersey lawmakers raise the state's gasoline tax to help improve crumbling roads and bridges?

State Sen. Raymond Lesniak (D-Union) has [proposed hiking the tax](#) by 5 cents per gallon to create an additional \$250 million a year to repair roads and bridges that he said are in "terrible condition."

"The deterioration in our quality of life and long-term detrimental effect on our economy of a collapsing transportation infrastructure need to be fixed," Lesniak said. "There are no other options."

But a recent Rutgers-Eagleton poll found that 65 percent of New Jersey voters oppose the gas tax increase. And a Fairleigh Dickinson University PublicMind [poll released Monday](#) showed that 72 percent of the state's voters are against it.

The state's 14.5-cent-per-gallon gas tax is second lowest in the U.S. — behind Alaska. It has not been raised since 1992.

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