SYMBOL OF A VITAL ARTERY OF LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

This helmeted figure, bronze with gold leaf, symbolizes modern traffic movement. It adorns the signal lights along New York City's Fifth Avenue.

The motor vehicle has expanded the lives of millions of families, adding literally billions of hours of happiness each year.

Since the first Chrysler car was built in 1924, highways have improved greatly — in durability, surfacing, safety design and number of highway miles. Turnpikes and expressways have been added, giving Americans today a highway and byway network never equaled by any other people.

But, in many areas, the universal use of motor transportation has outrun our highways, streets and parking facilities. If motor vehicles are to contribute even more effectually to better living, arteries of travel must be freed of hazards and congestion.

Your dollars and your interest. In many places, American highway builders, the most experienced in the world, are using your tax dollars to better your road and highway system. But at the present rate it would take years just to catch up on the backlog of projects awaiting attention.

Your car or truck is subject to many taxes — among them, depending on the state in which you live, are a general property tax, a state sales tax, a Federal excise tax, a state registration fee, a state gasoline tax, a Federal gasoline tax and others. And direct and indirect taxes equal over 30% of the price of your car.

Farsighted local and state administrative programs, which do not divert your highway tax dollars to other purposes, can provide the steady roadway maintenance and expansion, and the increased traffic safety essential to the growing economic and social worth of your motor vehicle.

It costs less to have good roads than to support poor ones. It is more productive to take advantage of the full usefulness of the motor vehicle than to let inadequate roads limit its use.

But it takes the active interest of each one of us in stimulating and encouraging in our own localities a competent, vigorous approach to roadway improvement.

This is vital if our nation is to have the arteries necessary for its very life, its liberty and the pursuit of its happiness.

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