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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