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San Antonio **Toll Party**

A Taxpayer Revolt Like the Boston Tea Party

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The Truth About Tolls

- 1** The toll plan gives an unelected bureaucracy the authority to tax us without limit and with no accountability to the voters. That's taxation without representation.
- 2** Tolling Texans has been mandated STATEWIDE by the Governor-appointed Texas Transportation Commission and our Legislature. ALL new roads even new lanes will be TOLLED! We're going to be suffocated by tolls no matter where we drive with no end in sight. Transportation Commission Chair Ric Williamson said, "In your lifetime, most existing roads will have tolls." That's a tax increase the size of Texas!
- 3** Tolls on existing roads amounts to DOUBLE TAXATION. State and federal tax dollars were used to build Hwy 281 and now they're taxing us again to drive on it. US 281, Loop 1604, and I-35, is only the "starter system". At a minimum cost of \$1,000 more a year per commuter - nearly double what TxDOT gets for an average family of four in Texas per year!
- 4** A gross mismanagement of funds—a horrible fraud is being committed against taxpayers. TxDOT's figures just for the road improvements on 281 have gone from \$48 million up to nearly \$83 million. They had an already funded project that was to start construction in 2004 and BE NEAR COMPLETION TODAY!
- 5** The State is handing control of our freeways over to a private company to craft a SECRET 50 year deal that's not open for the taxpayers to see. The Attorney General ordered them to reveal it, but TxDOT is using YOUR tax money to sue to keep it sealed!
- 6** TWICE the voters of San Antonio voted to protect the aquifer from this type of excessive plan, and yet they're going to build an excessively larger toll project at a cost of tens of millions more. We just passed a sales tax dedicated for State highway projects in November 2004, and San Antonio is now the only Texas city to have a sales tax dedicated for highways. Now tolls, too?
- 7** TxDOT says it's a choice between a 25 cent gas tax hike or tolls. THAT'S NOT TRUE! Some transportation folks in Austin reveal it would only take a 2 cent regional or statewide gas tax increase to make needed road improvements. Meanwhile, 25% of the gas tax goes to fund public schools.
- 8** We stand to be priced off the freeway due to these tolls, especially commuters. No one told us our main arteries into San Antonio would become tollways before we bought homes. We face congestion problems not due to a lack of roads, but due to mismanagement of road funds and projects.
- 9** Texans NEED a referendum or initiative process in order to redress the government for our grievances such as this. The Governor, TxDOT, and our legislators are NOT listening to the public!

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