

excessively because as you speed you use more fuel and in fact by speeding you're taxing yourself and it would be a lot easier if you'd drive the speed limit. You don't have near the tax to pay.

SENATOR ROBINSON: You're saying that the increase goes for the expressways, right?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, that's not true.

SENATOR ROBINSON: I thought that was said, I'm sorry.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: No, the expressways are part of the 20-year plan, Senator Robinson, but there is no way to say that this penny is going to go for this particular project or that project. You put those in obviously into the construction fund and that's where, you know, you do projects as they come up and what's available. Obviously things like weather come into play about which project gets done. There is not a penny set aside to do solely the expressways. The projects that I listed here were the goals that we established in 1988 and they're basically designed to have the entire state brought up to standards. Obviously the Omaha interstate construction project was the one that had the most urgent need and we put the shorter timetable on that.

SENATOR ROBINSON: The priorities are determined by the Department of Roads and then they're passed on by the Highway Commission, is that correct?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yeah, the priorities were basically established here about what basic areas we wanted to fund. In terms of an individual project, that's right, there's the regional meetings that you have, there's public input about what needs to be done. The department develops the short plan and the longer ranged plans so that you have some idea of timetable when an individual road is done. We also do an inventory so we know what condition roads are and if one goes out of condition faster, we have a way of rating that and determining what roads need to be constructed quicker or so on.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Would trucks be charged the same amount as cars on this? I mean...how would that relation? I'm just curious because I know up in Blair we've got these rock trucks and they just beat everything out of our roads and...