

Brown lobbying for taxes, fees to fix Calif. roads

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When Gov. Jerry Brown campaigned for his sales and income tax increase five years ago, he appealed to statewide voters by arguing it would cost them just "one penny more" for their cappuccinos.

In the Bay Area trying to build support for his \$5.2 billion road-funding package, Brown acknowledged Thursday that convincing the Legislature to raise fees and taxes on motorists was more akin to feeding them green vegetables than sweet confections.

Brown and the leaders announced the deal Wednesday in Sacramento, setting off a political struggle to pass it in the Legislature. The plan would raise gas taxes and user fees on motorists, costing California drivers about \$10 more per month, depending on the value of their cars and the miles they travel.

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