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Soon Gas Taxes Won't Pay for Roads. But Amazon Deliveries Might.

As cars become more fuel efficient and EVs become more prominent, states will not be able to rely on gas taxes for much longer. But some states are considering fees on Amazon deliveries as part of their road-funding solution.

For decades, states have relied on gas taxes to provide much of the money to maintain roads and bridges. But as cars become more fuel efficient, and some Americans switch to electric vehicles, state leaders say the gas tax won't pay the bills for much longer.

At the same time, many cities have seen their streets crowded with delivery trucks from Amazon and other companies, as consumers increasingly opt to have products delivered to their homes. In a few states, lawmakers think fees on those deliveries could be part of their road-funding solution.

"If you're going to be creating wear and tear on our roads, you should help pay to maintain them," said Colorado state Rep. Cathy Kipp, a Democrat who chairs the Energy and Environment Committee.

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