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Senator Lanza Provides Fuel Efficiency Tips

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With gas prices at historically high levels, Senator Lanza urges motorists to take simple steps to save fuel and reduce carbon emissions during the busy summer travel season. The recommendations are part of an Eco-Driving Campaign sponsored by the I-95 Corridor Coalition, of which NYSDOT is a member.

Eco-Driving is one of the most effective ways consumers can conserve fuel and reduce their carbon emissions. By participating in this initiative, motorists can make simple changes while driving, and before they hit the road, that will save money while helping to reduce New York State's carbon footprint by limiting emissions from transportation.

The Eco-Driving program offers drivers seven easy actions they can take to reduce their fuel cost by up to \$80 for a 700 mile round-trip journey. Tips include:

1. Removing unnecessary items from the trunk in order to reduce vehicle weight can save motorists three to six cents per gallon;

2. Fully inflating tires can save motorists up to nine cents per gallon;
3. Changing vehicle oil on a regular basis can save motorists three to six cents per gallon;
4. Tightening the fuel cap to prevent gasoline fumes from escaping can save motorists 30 gallons of gas per year;
5. Reducing speed by five miles-per-hour when driving at more than 60 MPH can save 24 cents per gallon;
6. Using air conditioning instead of opening windows when driving at more than 40 MPH can improve fuel efficiency by ten percent; and
7. Using cruise control can improve fuel economy by seven percent and save 20 cents per gallon.

Travelers can visit NYSDOT's new Web site, www.nysdot.gov/ecodriving, which provides tips on driving more efficiently, properly maintaining vehicles and reducing vehicle trips.