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In addition to concerns about traffic congestion's economic and environmental impacts, I tend to think of this as a quality of life issue as well. Road congestion means more than the extra time spent in a commute; it also means time away from our families, from our homes, and from those activities that can bring so much more satisfaction and enjoyment to our lives.

I want to commend the Department of Transportation on the success of the Freeway Service Patrol, which has proven itself a very effective approach to reducing congestion and commute times. It is in many ways a relief to see an approach to the problem that doesn't involve years of construction. Instead, they have devised a relatively easy and relatively inexpensive solution that is having a real impact on the lives of many thousands of drivers.

The expansion of the Freeway Service Patrol shows that we are not only able to take creative steps to addressing our state's challenges, but also that we are willing to embrace success. I hope that this commitment to creative problem solving continues, not only with further expansions of the Freeway Service Patrol, but to other areas where we might apply new thinking to existing problems.