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## Joint ways and means subcommittee on transportation

The transportation committee needs to find a way for dedicated funding for the cascades from the budget. This is critical to maintaining and expanding service to more communities in Oregon to increase access to job centers. It is much cheaper to increase passenger rail services than to add lanes to I-5. Why don't you think about adding a special tax on rental cars and or car registration fees to give passenger rail a dedicated income stream?

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