

In the 2025 transportation package, I would request that legislators support measures to price driving in line with its many negative externalities and use those funds to support alternatives to driving such as transit, walking and biking.

I would also encourage legislators to stop subsidizing the purchase of electric cars and instead direct that investment instead towards subsidizing the purchase of electric bicycles, as a vehicle that is far more efficient and does not pose the same acute and chronic dangers to Oregonians that cars under any form of propulsion do. This is also important because subsidies for electric vehicles most often go to well-off households who would likely have bought an electric vehicle anyway.

I would also encourage legislators to not delay measures which would have electric vehicles pay into our transportation system in lieu of the gas tax, for instance using GPS road pricing.

I would also encourage the state to increase registration fees on heavier vehicles, in particular SUVs and oversized pickup trucks, in order to disincentivize their use.

Finally, I would encourage ODOT to focus on maintenance before expanding freeways, in addition to exploring removals of ramps and other ways to knit our communities back together from the harm their construction has caused.