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As a small business owner that works exclusively with local, regional and state agencies in Oregon and Washington, this transportation bill is critical to the success of my company. Additionally, it is important for the success of hundreds of other small businesses like mine around the state. Without this funding, not only will it affect hundreds of jobs at ODOT but it will also have detrimental implications to small businesses around the state.

As a lifetime Oregonian, I've seen the effects of funding withdrawals on the quality of our roads, schools, mental health/houseless populations, and service providers. If Oregon wants to be competitive with other states, it needs to find reliable and sustainable funding sources for all of these things. Even though I don't want an additional tax on either my business, gas or personal vehicle, I understand this is important for the health of our state. I would rather live in a state that prioritizes all of these quality of life elements than one that doesn't tax and lets our society deteriorate. Please pass this vital infrastructure bill.