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As a former Texan, Oregon has nice roads. That is because we continue to fund ODOT and all the expertise that comes from that department. We support active transportation and alternative transportation for everyone. States like Texas fund roads for cars and primarily cars again and again. Even with toll roads, the roads are awful to drive on. Every time we use ODOT funds to improve our roads instead of expand them or put the funds toward transportation beyond personal and commercial vehicles, our roads carry less burden, last longer, and are more pleasant overall. Yes, this tax increase would put a burden on drivers, but that would encourage Oregonians to lean on each other more, to support local businesses more, and be more mindful about when they choose to drive over walk or bike or take a bus. I drive a lot for work and I'm willing to eat this tax if it means we keep improving Oregon roads and making them friendly for everyone.