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I oppose the gasoline tax and fee increases at this time. Oregonians are paying today on average over 25% more for gasoline than the national average, \$3.97 versus \$3.15. Adding this proposed 6 cent state gasoline tax increase will put Oregon at over \$4 per gallon while the rest of the country pays closer to \$3.

Oregonians have already spoken in opposition to these proposed increases. The Governor is being tone deaf. The Oregon Department of Transportation suffers from mission creep, and is too heavy in administrative staff trying to massage equity and climate change into the more straight forward task of simply maintaining existing roads and highways.

Redirect the monies in the Clean Fuels Program, some hundred million dollars and growing, to cities and counties to build dedicated bicycle lanes. Take this function away from ODOT.

End ODOT Rose Garden and Interstate highway projects. Instead, look to build a privately owned, managed but regulated toll highway bypass of the city of Portland's core, relieving traffic congestion on I-5 and I-205.

I do think that electric vehicles should pay a road fee, as currently EV drivers are not paying anywhere near as much as drivers of conventional gasoline fueled vehicles to maintain roads.