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not just no, but HELL NO! A 15% increase in our gas tax puts Oregon 4th highest rate in the nation. We can't afford that. And the unelected bureaucrats in the Dept of Admin Services can raise it every other year. Oregon is already circling the economic drain.

Furthermore, ODOT is far worse under Strickler's "leadership" than it was before the reorganization. And that was pretty bad. He pulls down \$400K a year counting perks, yet somehow managed to lose One BILLION dollars (\$1,000,000,000.00) with an "accounting error". We need to get back to basics and stop focusing on the max train to nowhere. Giving ODOT more money like this is like giving "just one more drink" to an alcoholic.