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NO NEW TRANSPORTATION TAXES
NO INCREASES IN EXISTING TRANSPORTATION TAXES

While some state governments are decreasing their taxes, Oregon continues to push forward with tax increases. These increases hurt the poor and disadvantaged the most but ultimately put a drag on the entire Oregon economy. Oregon does not lack adequate revenue, it lacks wisdom to use its existing revenue by prioritizing core services over nice-to-have services. Then there is the absence of strict accountability with use of funds. This is especially true for ODOT.

No new funds [taxes] should be approved for ODOT this year. The legislature [and governor] need to require ODOT to immediately use existing funding only for critical core services. I believe the ODOT funding "crisis" is a self-inflicted problem with ODOT, the governor, OPEU, and some members of the legislature, as co-conspirators.

Vote NO for unsustainable transportation tax increases.