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I would like to submit my testimony regarding the transportation funding currently under consideration. I object to all areas at this time. The reasons are that the funding proposals presented effect the retirees of the state of Oregon especially hard. We already have to pay out income taxes and property taxes from our retirement income. If the transportation proposals go into effect this will increase our burden by quite a bit. As it is most of us retirees have to travel for our medical care up to two hours driving time. With the increase in gasoline taxes of .06 cents per gallon, this has increased the cost of a single trip and with the specialists congregated near I-5, this is cost prohibitive to so many of us. Also, when you include the annual increase of property taxes, it is very hard to continue to live here. There seems to be no relief in the increases. Now we have to pay such an increase just to use our vehicles without any noticeable improvement in the roadways except for in Portland. I for one am increasingly frustrated with our important roadways along the coast. They have not been improved and what about the issue of not having functioning tidal wave sirens. I think that there are many ways to work on the improvement of receipts without taxing the retirees as much as you all seem to want to. Please be responsible with our tax dollars, soon there won't be as many of us living here if you don't.