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As we move into the special session relating to the funding of transportation, please retain the increase in the employee payroll tax from one-tenth of one percent to two-tenths of one percent, effective January 1, 2026, for distribution through the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund. I am deeply concerned about our funding for local transit—in Corvallis, that means free city busses—in the face of threats from the Federal government to slash grants to Oregon and other sanctuary states. This increase would provide a bit of a buffer from the impacts of those cuts. In the face of climate change, we must support our public transit and reduce the number of single occupancy vehicles on the road.

Thank you.