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I am writing in support of transportation funding that includes a modest gas tax increase. Why? Oregon's current tax is 40 cents per gallon while neighboring state Washington's is 50.4 cents per gallon. The bill that failed during the regular session had a 6 cents increase which is reasonable compared to Washington state.

We need employees to maintain and repair our roads. Many bridges are need of repair or replacement. When roadways are unsafe, causing vehicle damage will cost more than any gas tax increase.

I support funding to add safety to pedestrians and bike riders. With the increase use of e-bikes (pedal assist) as an alternative to automobile for commuting, more safe deicated lanes separating them from auto traffic are needed. Cities need funding to help people with mobility issues able move about on our sidewalks and streets.

Doing nothing as some legislators have proposed in not a wise option.