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I highly encourage the legislature to reconsider increased tax burden on Oregon citizens. ODOT has not shown that it can manage money properly and I think that needs to be a first priority. Rather than taking more money from the voters they need to tighten their belt like we have to when costs go up. Instead of laying off blue collar workers - as has been threatened, they need to take a look at trimming management. Continuing to increase taxes and fees on the citizens is only going to force more people out of the state - which will then cause the revenue issue to be much worse. Not only do you lose the fees and fuel taxes that you want to add now, you will also lose income tax as well.

Respectfully,

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