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- SUPPORT for increase of gasoline per gallon tax to \$0.46
- SUPPORT for increase in vehicle registration fees, including the extra for EV's
- SUPPORT for increase to the vehicle title fee, as proposed.
- SUPPORT for increase in payroll taxes
- SUPPORT for requiring drivers of EV and Hybrids to enroll in Oregon's OReGO program. Note, my wife and I have been enrolled for over a year. It was bumpy getting started but essential (at this point) for Oregon's drivers of EV's to pay towards the road system. Yes, EV's are a positive for the State in many ways, but our roads maintenance needs are urgent and real. So, this is good.
- SUPPORT for the change to allow the Governor to directly hire and fire the ODOT Director.
- SUPPORT for limited TOLLING. Historically Oregonians paid a toll - for a limited time - for both of the North and South bound I-5 bridges. Granted that the "technology" for collecting tolls has changed tremendously. This said, it has a genuine political component that makes this a hot-potato for any politician. Public education, carefully done, could go a long way to move the needle towards limited tolling. Put some really good minds to work on this issue.

The ODOT funding crisis/issue has not happened overnight. This said, I SUPPORT this effort to improve the funding scenario.