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It would appear ODOT is being used as an excuse to raise taxes and or fees on the premise that if they don't get more funds our winter travel will become dangerous since ODOT won't be able to take care of the hazardous roads. This is of course a knee jerk fear tactic.

ODOT's crisis is not a revenue problem, it is a spending problem. Or mismanagement at the least. We demand there be an independent audit of ODOT and they should not get any more money until this is done. Where is the accountability?

If a private corporation were caught in a shortfall as ODOT claims, there would be a shake up in the management, but not in ODOT! This is unconscionable and our governor and the democrats are part of the problem. You should not raise gas tax or increase auto license and registration fees of Oregonians to pay for this debacle. No increase on taxes or fees is needed!

Basically the legislature can reallocate other monies and emergency funds to ensure this doesn't happen. If, as ODOT claims, money set aside for construction projects can't be used for regular maintenance then this special session could fix the problem by giving them flexibility with those dollars that were earmarked for construction. None of this requires raising taxes or fees which will affect every aspect of our economy. Hard working Oregonians deserve better than this! We cannot afford more increases.

Our Phoenix Sewer fees increased \$4/month in July; this may not seem like much but add up all the increases and it becomes a behemoth. These increases not only make it difficult for hard working Oregonians, but who wants to move here or keep their business here? Oregon has lost several great businesses in the last few years and that means jobs lost , but if politicians keep doing the same things they have done for the last 20 years we will continue to suffer.

No more highway expansion projects until they get their "house in order"! ODOT needs to reprioritize how it spends its money.

Please VOTE NO on this transportation package which makes hard working Oregonians pay for ODOT's mismanagement of funds without any accountability.

Please VOTE NO on this transportation package being presented in the Special

Session. No on higher taxes and fees! Don't put more burdens on the backs of hard-working Oregonians!