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Speeds Towing provides roadside service and vehicle rescue to the greater Portland area, and has since 1958. In addition, we work with 31 charities and non profits, with thier auto donation program, where we pickup donated vehicles, and sell them at a weekly auction. Those donations come from all over northwest Oregon and southwest Washington. So you can imagine that we go through a lot of fuel. We suggest that instead of a fuel tax increase, that the legislature consider a complete overhaul of the Oregon department of Transportation. Put together a committee of business owners, experienced in daily cost control and sensitive to what the consumer is able to pay and willing to pay. The committee could also take a hard look at the cost verses the return on several transit programs. I see so often a completely empty train, both MAX and WES. Why do we hear threats of "we won't be able to fill pot holes" and "we won't be able to plow snow"? but we never hear about "we will have to shut down MAX".

The impact on fleets will be huge, but that cost must be passed on, which adds to gross sales which adds to the CAT tax. Vicious circus.

Please reject our Governor's tax increases, and consider an outside evaluation and overhaul of ODOT.

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