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No more taxes until ODOT, the Governor, and the Legislature prove they can deliver!

Oregon's gas tax has notched up, year after year. from 30¢ to 40¢ since 2017 — with promises of “accountability” before each hike.

But look around:

- Rose Quarter still unbuilt, cost ballooning toward \$2B.
- Abernethy Bridge nearly doubled in price.
- ?? Taxpayers keep paying more, with little to show.

Now the Governor wants another hike to 46¢.

This is Lucy and Charlie Brown all over again.

Even odot says that if they could have flexibility to use existing funding in *new ways* they don't need the proposed increases in taxes to cover their current and past mismanagement failures.

What is motivating Oregon legislators and elected officials who want to pass this to blindly saddle their constituents with ever increasing taxes and fees? They certainly don't have the best interests of their constituents in mind, which begs the question again- what is the driving force for them? Greed? Power?

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