

Submitter: Kelly Mayes

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation  
Funding

Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: LC 2

I am writing to you today as a concerned constituent from Milwaukie to ask that you oppose any new tax and fee increases proposed for the ODOT. I believe that raising taxes on Oregonians is not the right solution.

The proposed increases will place an unnecessary financial burden on families and businesses in our state. Many of us are already facing economic challenges, and these new costs will make it even harder to make ends meet.

I am particularly concerned that these new taxes will not be used to address the core issues of our transportation system, such as basic road maintenance and pothole repair. Instead, I fear the money will be mismanaged and diverted to expensive, large-scale "megaprojects" that do not benefit the everyday Oregonian. Reports on ODOT's past spending practices raise concerns about accountability and project cost overruns. It is essential that we address these issues before we ask taxpayers to contribute more.

I urge you to work with your colleagues to identify ways to increase efficiency and accountability within ODOT. This could include reallocating existing funds, prioritizing maintenance over new construction, and ensuring strict oversight of all projects. The state should prove that it can effectively manage the revenue it already has before it asks for more.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important issue.