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To whom this concerns: I ask that you do not pass this version of the transportation tax bill. Although it is somewhat slimmed down from the previous version HB 2025, it will have a heavy impact on many Oregonians. Maybe \$300 does not seem like a lot to you, it is to many. That includes my disabled sister and brother; they both barely make it by as it is and without help from family members (help with medical costs and other expenses that arise) would not be making it. Oregon is one of the most expensive places to live. We do not need it to become the #1 most expensive place. I think ODOT has more of a spending issue than a funding issue. Return your focus to your primary goal: Ensuring Oregonians have safe roads and infrastructure. Your mission statement states: Today, we DEVELOP programs related to Oregon's system of

highways, roads, and bridges;

railways;

public transportation services;

transportation safety programs;

driver and vehicle licensing;

and motor carrier regulation. It appears a lot of money is spent on developing. I have not seen a lot go into action; primarily in the Tri County area of Portland. When I look at the ODOT budgets I see a lot of personnel funds. I see a lot of Equity funds. My thoughts are that administrative personnel and Equity funds can be trimmed down and/or cut. I thorough audit should be done by outside parties. Focus on the core issues of building where needed, keeping the rest up to par. There is a lot of cuts that could be made. And that does not mean where ODOT seems to be focusing the soon to be cuts. We need the worker bees. We don't need administrative and/or departments for Equity. Grow up; do your actual jobs. Quit spending on things that should not be your focus. Spend our money responsibly. This House Bill will not achieve that. Thank you for your time.