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I'm not opposed to raising taxes to pay for improving the transportation system, however, the taxes in LC 2 appear to indirectly fund the bloated megaprojects from the 2017 transportation system that will only reinforce the car-dependency of the existing transportation system in Oregon. Instead of LC 2, right now the legislature should pass only the transit tax increase and a statutory change that would allow ODOT to shift funds from the megaprojects to maintenance. Then come back in a year or two with a more comprehensive transportation package with real accountability measures and a funded strategy for quickly transforming Oregon's transportation system to achieve the state's climate, safety, and social justice goals.