

## **Why I am against the new fees & taxes being proposed for ODOT in this special session.**

ODOT's current biennial budget (2025 - 2027) is over 6 BILLION DOLLARS

ODOT employs somewhere between 4700 & 5000 people. A minority of that number actually work on the roads. ODOT should be more focused on its core mission. It does not need 3500 other employees doing other tasks.

ODOT has added 400 new non road maintenance positions since 2000. There is a severe lack of accountability at ODOT. Back in 2023 ODOT lost track of 1 BILLION DOLLARS because it didn't do basic accounting reconciliation. That was kept secret & not made public until the Spring of 2025.

These tax & fee increases are exorbitant and beyond the means of many Oregonians to pay.

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	INCREASE %
Gas Tax	\$0.40/gal	\$0.46/gal	15%
Registration fee	\$42	\$85	102%
Title Fee	\$77	\$216	280%
Payroll tax	0.01%	0.02%	100%

ODOT should stop using PLAs these actively cut out hard working blue collar workers, small businesses and sole proprietorships from the opportunity to bid and work on public projects in favor of giving all the work to union supporters.

The Oregon legislature should think about ALL OREGONIANS and not just what's best for their union supporters.

**Please do the right thing and JUST SAY NO to these proposed tax & fee increases.**

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