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This voter is disappointed by the deceptive tactics being used by the legislature to meet the long neglected highway infrastructure for the following reasons:

- This expenditure should have been addressed during the regular session as a higher priority than many other expenditures that are not core functions of state government
- Putting this core function outside the current revenue sources is the oldest budgetary trick in the book; holding the essential services hostage to leverage more revenue.
- This so called Road Tax revenue isn't even mostly about roads; a significant portion of the revenue goes to mass transit, a grossly over expensive way to move a small portion of Oregonians in prescribed ways.
- In addition, I understand that some of the proposed revenue is for functions unrelated to transportation. That would be dishonest.

In short, this act should fail the credibility test and be tabled. Instead the legislature should cancel the Columbia Crossing project and redirect the remaining funds to highway maintenance Also postpone further investment in mass transit. I should also reassess the extent to which current revenue is used for non-core functions