

Testimony to Interim Joint Committee on Transportation Funding regarding the September 2025 Special Session Transportation proposal

RE: Support for LC 2 Transportation Package for Special Session

Co-Chair Wagner, Co-Chair Fahey, Co-Vice Chair Bonham, Co-Vice Chair Drazan and Members of the Joint Transportation Committee,

I urge you to fund the LC 2 Transportation Package during this Special Session. This transportation package benefits all Oregonians.

I have no problem with paying the extra 6 cents per gallon of tax, since it won't cost me much every month, and I need to be able to drive on safe roads and bridges. I am sure in the long run NOT paying the extra tax will cost me more in what I will have to pay for new tires or maintenance on my car from driving on roads with potholes and rough surfaces.

I also am glad to pay the extra gas tax because I want to support those who need public transit because they don't own a car or can't drive. A lot of people depend on public transit to get to work and to access health care. It would be terrible to upend all those lives because we don't have the transit funds.

It's important to make sure that ODOT employees are not laid off. This kind of stability is important for maintaining transportation services across the state and supporting our economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.
Sarah Chaney