

Whatever the environmental merits of this proposed Tire Tax, sales tax and excise taxes hit poorer working people harder. If you want a program, use money from the income tax. Rich people lease their Mercedes and Range Rovers and turn them in before they need tires; working people buy cars and shop at Discount Tires.

People drive cars to get to work because they have no other realistic choice. I live right in the middle of Portland and the LAST bus run in the morning is at 8 am, and then NO service until 3 pm. Even if I use the bus to get to work it will take over an hour each way (a car takes 15 minutes). TriMet ridership is in decline I'm often the ONLY person on the bus when I take it. Citizens in the rest of the state DON'T EVEN HAVE A BUS OR A TRAIN to take. Don't pile on another tax and make life harder on working people.