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I am a member of the Clackamas County Community Action Board, but the following are my personal comments: The "Asset Limited-Income Constrained-Employed" Alice, that represent the name applied to the low and middle income, individuals and families that struggle to have roofs over heads and food on the table, and bounce from job to job and having a car that works most of the time, is all that they can afford. Auto maintenance is a strain and often what is done is less perfect, but it is what they can afford.

This proposed new Tax or Fee on tires, will have a major impact on the ability of the low and middle Income individuals and families, don't need another barrier in their struggle to take fund out their needs, with limited financial resources.

They can't use public transit in 95% of their incidents of travel, they generate as it does not get them to where they need to go and transit takes 3 to 4 times the amount of time out of their lives to use use compared to a car. This un-needed Tax or Fee on tires, makes it more difficult and costly for the low and middle income to earn money.

Transportation Funding, options and opportunities would be better served to look at the General Fund, as a place and means, that does not hurt those who struggle to fund the basic's of life. I would recommend looking to the Kicker Dollars, to fund State-Wide; road, highways, bridges, and tunnels maintenance. Using the General Fund Dollars, has less negative impacts, on people of need with limited financial means. The cost of administering nickel and dime Taxes and Fees, taken from people who can't afford the loss of that money, and compromising their safety, when logically tires should be replaced, makes no sense.

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