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On Behalf Of:

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I support the 0.2% increase over the next five years in the employee payroll tax that funds transit. The costs of public transit have increased dramatically (50%) over the past five years. Public transit benefits every Oregonian. Traffic congestion is reduced; reduced CO2 emissions improve air quality; Oregonians are employed and/or can reach their jobs; and each dollar invested in transit generates \$5 in our local economy.