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On Behalf Of: People who drive
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I'm now a senior citizen on a fixed income. When I was young, and employed, I could've afforded these cost and tax increases, since there were no other increases in life costs. Afterall, my annual raises of 0-2% kept up just fine with 3-8% inflation. Now on Social Security I'm sure the COLA increases will cover the annual increases of property taxes, natural gas, electricity, water/sewer, garbage and food. Go ahead, add on your increased costs to driving registering my vehicles. I'll just stop going out and supporting local businesses. Shopping all done on Amazon. I'll brew my own plain coffee and mow my own yard. Well, maybe not mow. Can't afford the gas or electricity to power it up.

Please stop with the increases. Hold contractors to their bid amounts, and refuse to work with them on future projects if they can't keep on budget or timeframe. Fire the engineers than can't design it right for the builders. Grow up and act like a business. There is not unlimited funds for you.

Sincerely,
Pat Carlman