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I live in Hillsboro in Senator Janeen Sollman's and Representative Nathan Sosa's districts and have spent years as a project manager and program manager. Passing new or increased taxes and fees would reinforce insufficient project planning and management in ODOT. Instead, let ODOT rebalance funding to core functions as it says it could if unleashed by the legislature to do so, cut and scale back pet programs. We need to have confidence core state responsibilities for roads and transport are being prioritized first and have the staff and resources in place and supported until the next cycle.

This state reportedly has -half- the population and -twice- the budget of Washington state so Oregon should have enough money to support its people. They are hurting, losing jobs, seeing hours cut back. Prospects look bleak with businesses shuttering while others leave the state, and higher revenue demands from the state would not serve Oregonians. We are worried already-high fuel costs will increase as we travel for work or will restrict our connecting with family and friends. There is no reason that benefits the people of Oregon to increase fees or taxes. We are watching what happens even on a Sunday of a holiday weekend.

You can find a better way to use the funding the state has. Please do better. Do not pass an increase in taxes and fees.

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