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I very strongly oppose any additional funding for ODOT or increase in taxes, especially one this massive.

Oregon's budget is already twice per capita that of Washington! We have no jobs! I've been unemployed for a year now, businesses are closing and leaving. Utilities have doubled thanks to taxes. I have no money. Oregonians have no money. We can't afford to live now! I see Uhaul trucks with people fleeing the state by the dozens. 20% of Oregonians can't afford food. Raising the gas tax and these fees will also be passed onto the consumer, raising the costs of goods and services.

If we need more money for maintenance, then someone needs to restructure how funds are disbursed. Allotting only 6% for maintenance for the entire state just seems ridiculous. Three times that much goes to the Rose Quarter in the dying city of Portland where crime is so high no one even wants to go. How do you overbudget by a billion dollars?

People outside of the city are also unfairly targeted because in the metro area about 50% of cars have long ago expired tags. They aren't paying DEQ or registration fees. Start enforcing those laws.

We should be cutting taxes right now and trying to get businesses to stay. This plan is really bad!