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This is not an emergency and there should be no funds appropriated to this so called emergency from the general fund. This is mismanagement of funds already received.

Vehicle fees are at an all-time high (up 168% since 1995) - Fuel tax revenue is up 21% since 1995

ODOT has shown that the core issue is not a budgetary shortage, but a misplacement of priorities.

ODOT should be using its budget to effectively build, upgrade, and maintain state transportation systems.

Instead, ODOT has increasingly pulled state resources toward projects that do not align with ODOT's core mission.

The legislature should be focused on realigning ODOT's work with its mission, not on taking more money out of my pocket.

Oregon already has some of the highest tax rates in the nation. The last thing we Oregonians need is for our taxes to go up because an agency that is supposed to serve us has lost focus.

Please stand up for me and my fellow Oregonians. Do not raise my taxes.

An audit of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) by the Secretary of State office is not enough. There needs to be a CPA audit using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) when there is a \$1.1 BILLION "accounting error", aka mismanagement.

Thank you