

I oppose this measure. Firstly, I'd like to state that it is reprehensible that the legislature is trying to hide this hearing from the public by holding it on a Sunday during Labor Day weekend, when many Oregonians are at church or out of town.

Secondly, Oregon has one of the highest gas taxes in the U.S. We are obviously not getting good value for our dollars. Why is Oregon DOT so inefficient? What can be done to improve its efficiency? These questions need to be asked first before the state comes with its hand out yet again.

Are EIS and DEI compliance analyses being paid for with gas tax dollars? If so, that should end. These regulatory costs should come from the general fund.

If the state really wants more revenue for transportation, here is a compromise that would have broad public support:

- 3¢ increase in gas tax
- Increase EV surcharge to \$250 per annum
- Ban tolling in Oregon
- Ban any revenue scheme that includes GPS tracking
- 2 year moratorium on new bike-focused projects

Come back with something like that, and you won't have 95% opposition. The current measure is just too much of a mess. Among other things, it punishes EV drivers by charging them more than the average non-EV driver will pay in gas tax. Whoever drafted this should be ashamed.

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