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Public transit and the environment need financial support, here as everywhere.

Driving cars, especially gas and diesel cars, is a major environmental pollutant in Oregon.

Gas tax revenues are diminishing, because of improved engines, use of hybrids and especially all-electric cars.

Thus, the funds needed to maintain our transportation infrastructure are shrinking, even as the cost increases due to inflation.

To broaden the base and make it all more fair, vehicle taxes should be levied on ALL passenger vehicles, not just the fossil-fueled ones.

Thus, taxing something like tires makes great economic and environmental sense.

Most of us only buy a set of tires every few years, and (at 4%) this tax would be very affordable -- it would have cost less than \$15 for my last set of 4 tires.

I strongly support this new tax.

And thank you for your service. It is necessary to our democracy, although too many voters fail to appreciate that fact.