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Transportation is the second largest household cost, and investments in public transit and active transportation saves money for households and the state. We can't afford not to invest in public transit.

Investments in public transit and active transportation save money for households and the state because cars can be expensive to own and maintain for low-income and working class Oregonians.

Our transportation system has big gaps that limit some people more than others. People with disabilities, rural families, people of color, and working folks have the greatest need for affordable transportation. If we don't put these communities first in our solutions, they'll fall even further behind.

Oregon lacks sufficient intercity transportation options. By investing in passenger rail, we increase accessibility between cities and give Oregonians more choice in how they move.

Rail travel is one of the safest, most sustainable, and reliable transportation options available across the world and in Oregon. Passengers can easily bring pets, bicycles, mobility devices, and more onto passenger trains.

Tourists who fly into Oregon would benefit from more frequent and reliable travel options to move across the state without needing to rent a car, especially for tourists who cannot drive.

I wouldn't mind paying more in taxes if it means fully funding statewide public transit.