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Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

HB 2025 adds over \$1B in new taxes! Most Oregonians, including me, want good, well maintained, efficient roads, and where practical transit. But we have to do all of this efficiently and we have to be able to afford it.

ODOT's budget has DOUBLED over the past 10 years. Over the last 10 years the CPI (Consumer Price Index) is up 16%, the cost of steel is up 30-40% depending on the type, and the cost of concrete is up 18%. ODOT spending is up over 100%, yet our roads are still congested and the infrastructure is suffering from lack of proactive maintenance.

HB3982 adds no new taxes, but it does provide for rural service and accountability. It is a better alternative than HB 2025.

We will remember how you treat the citizens with regard to passing billions of dollars in new transportation taxes without accountability when the 2026 elections arrive.

And also remember, next year when IP-31 the Vote Before Tolls initiative passes, the citizens will forced accountability on ODOT and the state legislature with regard to excessive new taxes (tolls) without accountability.