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Please vote no on the ODOT transportation tax, said to cost Oregon families \$1 billion in new taxes. Personally, I don't trust what the money is spent on. And I do not agree with the transportation approach to force people to use public transit. I have watched as roads have been narrowed, lanes reduced, and dividers installed in areas facing horrible congestion. Bike lanes are installed on streets which are overcrowded with cars (not bikes). I'm watching Oregon control how people commute by making streets smaller, pushing people to use public transit to avoid congestion. ODOT is forcing public transit on us while not maintaining public transit; they have allowed the homeless to populate TriMet vehicles, making public transit neither safe nor a desirable form of transportation. ODOT proposes to increase the gas tax, while Oregon pushes other bills to prioritize electric vehicles, that seems like conflicting agendas? This is penalizing citizens who choose a gas powered vehicle (because they are more affordable and reliable). Quit controlling how we choose to get around. Work with the money ODOT is already receiving in revenue. Waste less.