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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Vote No on HB 2025 Here are some of the key findings from the poll:

* Roads and traffic are pretty far down the list of what Oregonians say is the most important problem facing Oregon today. Homelessness (17%), government mismanagement (14%), and housing affordability (10%) ranked far higher on the list than roads and traffic (3%), which ranked behind 12 other categories.

* Voters seem reasonably content with the state's major roads and highways, with 65% rating them "good" and just 34% ranking them "poor." Voters are less happy with local streets, with 55% saying they are "good" and 45% saying they are "poor."

* Voters strongly oppose a 10-cent increase in the gas tax. That tax, currently 40 cents per gallon, would increase to 50 cents beginning January 1, 2026, under HB 2025, and to 55 cents on January 1, 2028. A committee has already formed to refer the measure to voters should HB 2025 pass, as Oregon Public Broadcasting reported. Two-third of voters also oppose a key component of the bill: indexing the gas tax so it increases with inflation starting in 2029. That would effectively mean an automatic increase in the gas tax every year, although that increase is limited to 4% annually.