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The gas tax has not been sufficiently funding our transportation system for years. This bill is a small step towards ensuring our transportation system does not collapse under us in the coming years. It should do more to decrease vehicle miles traveled so we can meet our climate and safety goals but let's not let perfect be the enemy of progress.

I appreciate that this bill increases funding for our public transportation system. Ensuring access to affordable, reliable, and safe public transit benefits all Oregonians, not just those who directly use the system. Every person using transit or active transportation is one fewer car on the road contributing to congestion.