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Is this about the craziest taxation Portland is putting out there so far this year? I'm on fixed income (retired) and certainly can't afford this taxation. I question the purpose of this latest tax proposal... Portland can't seem to keep track of the funds they're currently receiving; why would I want to give them more tax dollars to be unaccounted for? Perhaps a full audit should be performed on Oregon taxes paid of the past several years to determine if there are unnecessary programs being funded and which could be eliminated used to possibly help subsidize the needs of the Oregon state's highway trust fund -- Tri-Met being one of those failing efforts.

I most definitely oppose any additional funding plans for the I-5 Bridge replacement until such time as a full audit is performed on the funds spent thus far for purposes of the bridge replacement. The current proposed bridge replacement does not meet the needs of either Washington or Oregon. And I question why there has not been an alternate proposal to replace the bridge with a significantly less expensive immersed tube tunnel, and which would set the stage for additional lanes in the future (something the existing proposal does not provide).

It's difficult for me to ever approve of additional taxes until there is full auditing of existing taxes and for governing agencies to always cut "fat" before adding more fat.