

# City of Portland

## Measure 26-245

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

#### **Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No vote on 26-245**

No gas tax increase until  
Portland stops wasting our existing tax dollars

Here is how your tax dollars are wasted:

- Over \$175 million of transportation tax dollars were spent studying the Columbia River Crossing Bridge that was never built. (Oregonian 7/4/13)
- Politicians wasted \$134 million on the Tilikum Crossing bridge and \$19 million on the Blumenauer bridge and neither bridge allows cars to use it to relieve traffic congestion.
- Portland uses transportation dollars to remove perfectly good, well-used and paid-for roads and converts them into seldom-used bus/bike-only lanes. (Willamette Week 10/30/19). Removing existing roads only increases traffic congestion.
- Portland wasted tax dollars by erecting countless orange construction barrels across the City to close off an astounding 100 sections of streets during Covid as a completely ludicrous effort to block people from driving during the pandemic. (KGW 4/28/20).
- Millions of extra tax dollars have been spent on graffiti removal of our highways and roads because vandals are arrested and quickly released. Just weeks ago, one of the City's most notorious and prolific graffiti vandals dubbed KASR "has been arrested and released multiple times in the past few years for alleged acts of vandalism." (KGW 2/22/24). Letting repeat vandals off the hook is costing you and I millions in added costs.

As we have just shown you -- the politicians have wasted over \$328 million on transportation projects that have nothing to do with paving roads and fixing potholes. The government waste and abuse won't stop until taxpayers say enough is enough.

VOTE NO ON 26-245

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The road taxes keep Increasing;

- On January 1, 2024 the state gas tax increased 5%
- Portland wants a 10-cent gas tax hike
- In 2026, we could see \$2 to \$5 tolling costs

Here is how to stop the tax-and-toll madness:

#1. Vote NO on the gas tax #26-245

#2. **Sign the statewide petition** (IP#4) to give voters the right to vote on any future Oregon tolling projects. You should have a say and a right to vote on toll and tax increase. Read more on this petition at [OregonWatchdog.com/petition](http://OregonWatchdog.com/petition).

#3. Spread the word on this gas tax and the "right-to-vote" petition with friends.

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