

BALLOT TITLE

Caption: Funds traffic, safety, transit improvements, programs through tax on employers.
(10 words or less)

Question: Should Metro fund roads, transit, safety improvements, bridge repair, transportation programs by establishing tax on certain employers (0.75% of payroll)?
(20 words or less)

Summary: Funds traffic, safety, and transit improvements and transportation programs along roadway and transit corridors in Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington counties within district boundary. Revenue to supplement other transportation funding.
(175 words or less)

Improvements and programs funded by tax on certain employers; tax rate not to exceed 0.75% of payroll. Tax exempts employers with 25 or fewer employees, state and local governments. Metro may set tax rate lower than 0.75% of wages and increase not more than once per fiscal year up to 0.75%. Tax effective beginning 2022.

Identifies 17 corridors for transportation improvements with approximately 150 projects that prioritize traffic safety, transit efficiency, mobility, and reliability for all modes on roads and transit corridors. Metro to develop agreements with partner agencies responsible for delivery of projects. Improvements include:

- rapid bus network
- light-rail transit line
- bridge repair, replacement
- sidewalks, pedestrian crossings
- signal upgrades

Identifies 10 programs that prioritize safety, access to transit, racial equity, and community stability. Requirements for public engagement, accountability, and fiscal transparency in implementation.

Establishes independent oversight committee to evaluate progress and implementation. Requires independent financial audits.