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Senate Republicans Respond to Preliminary Transportation Framework

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Transportation released a [preliminary transportation framework](#). While the framework marks a starting point, **Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles)** and **Senator Bruce Starr (R-Dundee)** stress that it requires significant revisions before it can serve the best interests of Oregonians.

“While it’s good to finally see a framework take shape, it’s far from the solution Oregonians need. This proposal represents multi-billion-dollar tax increases that will burden hardworking families, many of whom are already struggling with the rising costs of living,” said **Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles)**. “If this package had been introduced during last year’s transportation road show, we would have heard loud and clear from Oregonians across the state that they cannot afford these types of hikes. We need to be cautious and ensure any solution is not only practical but affordable for all Oregonians.”

“This is just the beginning, and there's much work to do. Republicans are committed to being part of the conversation and finding common ground to solve the state’s transportation problems,” said **Senator Starr**, co-vice chair of the committee. “The Majority has made it clear that we will have a seat at the table, and we anticipate the final product will look a lot different than what was released today.”

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