

Notice of Measure Election**County****Notice****Date of Notice**

8 March 2016

Name of County or Counties

Clackamas County

Date of Election

May 17, 2016

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Advisory Vote on Voter Approved Funding of County Road Maintenance

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall the county pursue voter-approved funding, for a limited number of years, for deferred road maintenance?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

Clackamas County is considering remedies to procure funds to maintain the current road system. Over 50 percent of Clackamas County's 1,400 road miles are in 'fair' or 'poor' condition, rather than 'good' or 'excellent' condition.

Road maintenance funds come primarily from gas tax, weight-mile tax and vehicle registration fee revenues; state law forbids using ad valorem (property) taxes for roads. The county does not have enough qualifying funding to keep pace with maintenance needs. There is a need for a total of more than \$265 million to bring all roads up to good or excellent condition.

Every year, the condition of a greater percentage of roads deteriorates, and the county doesn't have the revenue to keep up. The cost to reconstruct a road in the future is more than 10 times greater than the cost of providing ongoing preventive maintenance today.

This advisory vote is intended to gauge voter interest in the issue, and does not preclude any future action by the County.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

→ any measure referred by the county governing body; or

→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached?

Yes

No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and

→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature Redacted

Signature

8 March 2016

Date Signed

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CLACKAMAS COUNTY EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

[THIS INTERACTIVE FORM CAN BE FILLED IN ON-LINE]

ELECTION DATE May 17, 2016	MEASURE NUMBER 3-478
BALLOT TITLE CAPTION Advisory Vote on Voter Approved Funding of County Road Maintenance	
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See attached.

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The total word / number count may not exceed 500 words / numbers. Word / number count total: _____

Signature Redacted

SIGNATURE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT OF STATEMENT

8 March 2016

DATE

3-478

This advisory measure is designed to help the County gauge the level of voter interest in the idea of a vehicle registration fee, gas tax or other user fee. Any of these strategies could be proposed to voters for their consideration on a future ballot measure. That future ballot measure, if proposed, would give voters the option to approve a vehicle registration fee, gas tax, or other fee for a limited period of time to pay for clearly-identified road maintenance projects.

The results of this measure will be informative for the County, but will not result in requiring any future action by the County. Regardless of the outcome of this advisory vote, the Board of County Commissioners will continue to have the authority to ask for a future vote on a specific funding measure or to take action on their own (as allowed by law).

Clackamas County relies on three primary sources of revenue for road maintenance — state gas taxes, state heavy-weight mile taxes (from trucks) and state vehicle registration/title fees (VRFs). Oregon law prohibits using property taxes — the County's largest source of funds — for road maintenance. Similar restrictions apply to other sources of funds the County receives.

The Board has been considering several options for providing local funds to help maintain the county's 1,400-mile road system, including a countywide vehicle registration fee. All options would be for a limited period of time (for example, five years or seven years) and would include a list of specific projects that would be completed with the revenue generated.

One option under consideration is a seven-year, countywide vehicle registration fee of \$25 per year per vehicle. (Since in Oregon people pay their vehicle registration fee every two years, this would be an additional \$50 every two years, or \$175 for the seven-year period for each vehicle.) Another option is for a VRF of \$5 per vehicle per year for five years (\$10 per vehicle every two years or a total of \$25 per vehicle over five years), along with a three-cent gas tax, also for five years.

What is a Vehicle Registration Fee? It is a fee charged by the State to support administration of vehicle requirements. Counties may pass an ordinance to add a local portion to the state fee already charged. Some vehicles are exempt from the vehicle registration fee, including those registered with the state as: antique or special interest vehicles; farm vehicles; snowmobiles or Class I all-terrain vehicles; fixed load vehicles; vehicles registered to disabled veterans; and travel trailers, campers and motor homes.

In accordance with state law, 40% of revenue generated by a local VRF would be distributed to Clackamas County cities based on population and the remaining 60% would be available for the county to use.

What is a Gas Tax? It is an amount of money per gallon that is charged to the purchaser of the gasoline. The tax per gallon stays the same regardless of the price of the gas.