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### **Bad for Our Economy**

- Will continue to raise the price of gas when our citizens and businesses are facing record prices
- Is this the right time to raise taxes when we are facing inflation pressures and a slowing economy?

### **Too Early To Know**

- Because its financial records and business practices are in shambles, GDOT doesn't yet know what our State's actual transportation funding needs are

### **Inequitable Distribution**

- Wealthy areas of the state will be able raise large sums of funds for their transportation needs while rural areas that do not have retail centers will not benefit, even though their citizens pay the tax when they make purchases in urban areas

### **Transportation More Important than Education and Healthcare?**

- Why raise taxes for transportation when our funding for education, public safety, healthcare, and other critical needs are threatened to be reduced by a slowing economy and various tax cut proposals?

### **Not a SPLOST**

- This does not keep the spirit of a SPLOST which is supposed to be a time-limited tax on capital projects – this tax can be spent on maintenance and operations which will make it difficult to actually sunset

### **Mixed Message: Raising Taxes and Cutting Taxes at the Same Time?**

- Should the November ballot have a referendum to raise taxes next to a possible referendum to cut taxes?