WHO PAYS FOR **OUR ROADS?**

People who regularly ride bicycles actually pay more than their share of road construction and repair costs. This is how:

Most bicycle riders pay road user fees.

of Oregon residents with bikes also own cars and

pay license and registration fees and gas taxes.

Still not convinced that bicycle riders pay their share? **Remember:**

Bicycles cause almost no road damage.

If bicycle riders paid a fee proportional to the damage they cause on roads, it would amount to a few cents a year.4

So when people ride bikes, they save everyone money.



...but user fees alone don't cover road costs.

The rest comes from general funds that everyone contributes to regardless of car or bike use.²



At the national level, user fees from motor vehicles account for less than half of road spending.³



pay about as much as those who always drive, yet they damage roads much less.

Considering the other benefits bicycling brings...

- less congestion
- less pollution
- more parking spaces and much more...⁵

It pays to create safe space for bicycle traffic.

People who ride

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