We should not go into debt now against possible but unproven future toll income. We should not spend money on highway improvements that may not be necessary with congestion tolling. We should fund transportation improvements that help the climate instead of supporting more pollution-generating car usage.

The right order is (1) tolls to get some income and understand the impact on traffic; (2) more support for transit and other multimodal transportation projects to help the climate; (3) *then* consider highway expansions. Not start with bonding and mortgage our future to a plan that may not turn out to be what we need.

ODOT has not shown good judgement when planning highway projects, so ODOT should be kept on a short leash rather than being given lots of money to proceed with plans that do not have mixed public support at best.