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There are streets in terrible condition across the state. We have gas tax money that should be repairing these. The street in front of my house is full of undesired bumps, holes and other imperfections, and there are many more like it. Instead of spending our money chasing big dreams from the 1900s of highway expansion, let's keep building on our momentum of bike and bus investments so that they are truly respectable high-quality options that everyday Oregonians choose more often.

Small projects that we know how to do are a much higher return than these giant projects that we spend 20+ years planning (I'm thinking of IBR and ISRQ) that we have no reasonable expectation of completing. The money isn't there, the citizens hate the current ideas and are being steamrolled by leadership and communications departments THAT WE ARE PAYING FOR instead of people actually doing the work of keeping our system safe and reliable.

Cut the PR budget, cut down on the engineering and consultant fees and get back to basics. Chasing federal \$\$\$ is not worth the cost to local air quality, or local finances.

We should look to Colorado's lead of no new highway projects and think about what else we should spend our money on. The ideas are out there, if you will just fund them. I have a proposal to redevelop 25 acres of City and ODOT's underutilized land in my neighborhood. Truly a win-win-win project but we can't even get off the ground. More details here: <https://eliotneighborhood.org/kerby>

Thank you for your time serving the great State of Oregon.