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We currently are struggling with transportation budgets, a road safety epidemic, and a climate emergency. It is not clear to me how any of our current actions on transportation policy are addressing these problems. I encourage our legislators and transportation administrators to utilize an evidence based method to build a transportation package that addresses the problems with budgets, safety, and emissions. I believe this type of analysis of data will lead us to developing a budget that charges road users a cost that is actually reflective of the impact on the infrastructure. Additionally the revenue needs to be applied to solving the safety epidemic and reducing transportation emissions. I also believe an analysis of data will show the most cost effective way to reach these goals will be substantial increase in transit spending for both inter-city and regional transportation systems. Transportation funding should have the goal of decreasing vehicle miles travelled and increasing transit, walking, and biking. This will simultaneously support our housing goals by creating a transportation system that can support increased housing.