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For the price of the freeway expansions currently in progress, we could probably rebuild most of the overbuilt highways (like Powell, Lombard, 82nd, and MLK/Grand in Portland) to improve safety and transit throughput and have money left over to raise transit operator pay and buy new buses. It's unconscionable that instead of investing in assets for the people of Oregon, legislators want to saddle our children with the responsibility to repave even more freeways every couple years. They won't even have less traffic! We know from history and from academic research that any spare road capacity will be filled up. (Why wouldn't you use an empty road that goes where you want to go?) The only way to enable more people to live without a car is to invest in amenities for pedestrians, bike riders, and transit riders.