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The 2025 transportation package needs to prioritize road maintenance, safety improvements, and anything that will reduce carbon emissions to meet climate goals.

Our roads are crumbling due to massive increases in EVs and other heavy vehicles. We can't keep expanding roads and freeways if maintenance of current roadways isn't happening at needed levels. Instead there needs to be investment in increased public transit routes and more frequent transit. When transit will take an hour or more but driving takes 20, most who are able will chose to drive. Public transit or alternate modes needs to work better for more people.

The increases in traffic fatalities highlights the need for safer streets. Safer streets mean more people will consider walking or rolling to their destination. As it stands, many only feel safe in a car.

Global warming is happening at an alarming rate. Expanding road ways and vehicle capacity will only hasten it. We also know that marginalized folks have the worst health outcomes when we increase vehicle traffic.