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Aggressive investment in reducing overall maintenance costs by removing the number of travel lanes and reducing speeds across the system (except for highways). Banning triple axle vehicles from city streets where they cause undue stress on roads and cause expensive maintenance. Incentivizing smaller car ownership instead of subsidizing giant pickup trucks or heavy electric cars, incentivize owning PEVs instead. The maintenance costs are through the roof, we can lower the annual costs by reducing the number of travel lanes. Sidewalks and bikeways cost significantly less to maintain than 40 mph roads.

Just fix the potholes, and create more safe crossings, more bike/pedestrian infrastructure so there are less cars on the road which has a ripple effect of less required maintenance.

Public transit needs more frequent service. It's not practical to ask someone to wait 15 minutes for the next train, especially when schedules aren't even close to the real time the bus or train will arrive. Invest in public transit. More trains, more buses, more frequently. Better routes. Subways.

This city has a deficit *because* of the car centric infrastructure, which disproportionately harms communities of color, pedestrians, the houseless, and anyone who can't afford a vehicle. A bike town system that worked via a subscription for all use, rather than a subscription for reduced usage rates, would incentivize more utilization. And residents should get access to a cheaper subscription cost than visitors.

Sell off the public parking downtown, there's almost more parking than there are buildings worth going to. Increase the cost of parking. Enact congestion pricing. All of these things would help with your budget issues. Stop throwing money at an unsolvable problem by continuing to try to maintain an excess of roads designed for ever heavier vehicles.

That's to say nothing of the tire pollution which kills our salmon every year.

Please, listen to the science on this subject and stop building and expanding roads. Build trails instead.