

Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation – June 4, 2024  
Transportation Safety and Sustainability Outreach Tour



Co-Chairs and members of the committee, my name is Terrell Garrett and I am the proud owner of GreenWay Recycling which this year received the National Recycler of the Year award from the Construction and Demolition Recycling Association. As a part of our business, I have been involved in Oregon shingle recycling since 2010.

A high percentage of our roads are at the critical juncture of deferred maintenance that will necessitate their complete replacement rather than continuing the much less expensive grind and overlay program.

Revamping the fee system and acquiring more revenues has to be done but takes time. Today, ODOT can take advantage of cost control opportunities already available. Using roofing shingles in asphalt has been proven over the last 14 years with projects statewide performing admirably. It is a fact that usage of shingles can save ODOT 6-8% on its asphalt costs.

Unfortunately, ODOT policies were written in a manner that effectively crushed what should have been a successful program.

Each year, local shingle plants throw away 700,000 gallons of recoverable fresh asphalt oil in their scrap bins because of these policies. Add the oil from roof tear-offs, and over 2.3 million gallons of recyclable oil is available annually to use in rebuilding Oregon's roads. Rather, today 450,000 gallons of recycled fresh shingle oil a year is being sent from Portland as far North as Tacoma to improve the roads in Washington State, saving them money. Usage in Oregon: Zero.

Not taking advantage of proven performance, cost savings, and environmentally responsible roads is unnecessarily wasteful. I ask that you direct ODOT to revamp its policy and keep our dollars at home.

Thank you

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