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It is about 40 years past time to start expanding public transit, and bike and pedestrian infrastructure. This state was doing fairly well in that regard but over the last 10-15 years, the ruling class has appeared to be under the influence of some kind of neoliberal electric cool-aid. Even as the climate crisis worsens, they seek to expand freeways because that is what benefits their wealthy donors.

I wish that legislators would prioritize the welfare of human beings and the natural world on which we all depend. The private automobile and the consumerist lifestyle that goes with it is ultimately a machine of mass death. Stop subsidizing it! Stop acting as if we can keep doing this forever! We are up against the Limits to Growth so elegantly documented by Meadows et al in 1972. How many heat domes, massive wildfires, torrential rains, hurricanes, tornados, and coastal areas flooded by sea level rise will it take before you all get it?