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Prioritize getting more cars off the roads and improving public transit and bike infrastructure. I have lived in Portland for about 10 years now and traffic and the number of cars on the road is worse than it has even been in my time here even with the recent population decline. On top of that the infrastructure we do have is either bad or falling apart. Countless pot holes on the roads and a poorly set up traffic light grid are just the tip of the iceberg. The only bus line I live right on is the 10 and it runs every 45 minutes or so at peak times. On the weekend it isn't even worth checking it runs so infrequently. If I had a bus coming every ten minutes or less I doubt I would drive at all. At the very least we should be moving towards public transit being the most efficient and effective way to traverse the city. The waits between some of these buses or trains (if they show up) is so long that it makes running a few errands a gigantic chore. Take the money for the incredibly unnecessarily and proven ineffective highway expansion and give it back to the community for housing, social services, education, and public transport infrastructure. Adding more lanes will fix nothing and only make the situation that much worse.