

Hello,

I wanted to submit comment as both a concerned citizen and as an employee of ODOT.

As a citizen, I greatly appreciate the work ODOT Maintenance crews do in our community. They plow snow, help clear accidents and do the sometimes invisible work of fixing small problems before they become serious hazards to the public. They are under-funded as it is. Without an adequate future funding source, our roads, bridges, bike lanes and sidewalks become much less safe.

As an Engineer for ODOT, I care about public service and the safety of our community. That is why I work here. We design and maintain projects with the long term safety and budget of the public in mind. There is so much we do everyday that is "unsexy" and can't be billed to a new project that has dedicated Federal Funds. We need funds to do the everyday work of keeping our infrastructure functioning. Things need to be maintained, not just built. Please fund our transportation network because every single one of us needs it. ODOT should be able to keep good people employed to improve and maintain it.

Thank you,

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