

We attended your roadshow meeting in Tillamook today and want to add the following points to your record and for your consideration as you move forward:

1. ODOT as a public agency must be brought under control by reporting to the Governor and accountable to legislative oversight committees.
2. If what was reported is true - that ODOT diverted billions of dollars to three mega projects in the Portland metro area without authorization - there should be an investigation as to why this was possible.
 - No matter the source of funding all monies available to ODOT should be appropriated by the legislature
 - Their funding should be subject to strict reprogramming rules to prevent what has been described in the future.
 - ODOT funding for Operations and Maintenance and Capital Project funding should be kept separate.
 - All Capital Projects should be specifically authorized by the legislature and their costs should be appropriated no matter the revenue source.
3. The ODOT Safety on the 6 study sponsored by Senator Weber should be given a high priority in this budget cycle - OR 6 Wilson River Highway Corridor Study (HB 4053).
4. Under no circumstances should the gas tax be increased to support ODOT. This would be a tax that would hit the working class and the middle class very hard. We advocate for shifting the costs of ODOT capital projects to the general fund so that all taxpayers who benefit from our highway system pay their fair share.

Respectfully Submitted;

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